

The Wright Town Council met with the County Commissioners for the semi-annual dinner meeting on November 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Open Range Steakhouse in Wright, WY.

The following were present for the meeting:

Councilman Nelson Litaba, Councilwoman Lori Gilbertson, Mayor Tim Albin and Clerk/Treasurer Chrissy Herrera. Absent was Councilman Glenn Holt and Councilman Danny Preston. County Commissioners present include, Chairman Dan Coolidge, Matt Avery, Mickey Shober, Garry Becker and Mark Christensen. Also present was Maxine Lieber and Bob Palmer.

Items of discussion include:

Southern Campbell County Agricultural Complex Update- Mayor Albin stated that the dirt work is ready to be moved this week and the outdoor pens will be the first phase of the project. CTA Architects, Inc. was hired for the project. The town may apply for a grant to assist in funding the indoor arena, which will be included in the budget for next year.

New Town Hall Update- Mayor Albin stated that the new facility is coming along, although he would have liked the project to have started sooner. The amount of the new building will be approximately 4 million, which the town is utilizing Consensus funding to assist with those expenses. The Wright Town Council is in the process of discussing the remodel of the current Town Hall, which will include a senior citizen area. The building will retain the auditorium area. The town is seeking grants to assist with the funding of the facility. Originally, the town was looking into including a dental section, however, the private sector had taken interest in that area, so it will not be part of the facility. The basic footprint of the building will stay the same with renovations in the interior of the building.

Optional One Percent- The Penny Power tax, or 5th penny, will be on the ballot for next year's election. The county requested a list of projects and pictures of what the funds were used for and how the town anticipates spending the funds in the future. Mr. Palmer emphasized how important it is for City of Gillette, Campbell County and the Town of Wright to educate the community about how the funds are spent. It was decided to not make the tax permanent but to keep it optional, so the community has input on that topic. The funds from this tax make up approximately 8% of Campbell County's budget, 20-25% of the City of Gillette's budget and 20-25% of the Town of Wright's budget. Chairman Coolidge stated that there is approximately 19-20 months left on the Madison Water Project and it was too early to say what the next project would be, although they are considering using the funds towards Gillette College.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 2014, hosted by the Campbell County Board of Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

TOWN OF WRIGHT, a Municipal Corporation

Tim Albin, Town of Wright Mayor

ATTEST:

Chrissy Herrera, Clerk/Treasurer