

RESOLUTION 2017-20

RESOLUTION CREATING A FUNDING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO INVESTIGATE, REPORT AND ASSIST THE COUNTY TO OBTAIN THE VARIOUS FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PILOT PEAK PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissions for Albany County, Wyoming (County) has entered a purchase and sale agreement with Pilot Peak, LLC, Lodgepole Ranch, LLC, JHD Ranch, LLC and DSS Holder, LLC for the purchase of the Pilot Peak property, commonly known as Pilot Hill or Pilot Knob, totaling 5,528 acres of land for \$14 million. The contract provides that the County has one (1) year to secure the funding.

WHEREAS, the County desires to purchase the Pilot Peak property for the following reasons:

- a.** The Property overlays a valuable water resource, including the Casper Aquifer, which is the source of underground water for the University of Wyoming, Albany County Residents, and the City of Laramie;
- b.** The Property is a significant, attractive viewscape to the University of Wyoming, City of Laramie and Albany County residents;
- c.** The Property will provide direct public access from the City of Laramie to public lands east of Laramie;
- d.** The Property has significant value for public recreation and site based education for Albany County students which will enhance the livability and experience for students and faculty affiliated with the University of Wyoming as well as all other Albany County Residents;
- e.** The Property provides a significant buffer between Albany County residents and the corporate limits of the City of Laramie;
- f.** The Property provides access to the public for recreational activities and reduces trespassing on surrounding private properties;
- g.** The Property provides significant tourism opportunities to the community by providing added open space and recreational activities as well as increases in sale tax, lodging tax revenues and revenues to local business; and
- h.** The Property offers significant wildlife habitat.

WHEREAS, the County does not have the available funds needed to purchase the Pilot Peak property and needs to seek other funding sources to pay for the property.

WHEREAS, the County finds that a Funding Oversight committee of community leaders would assist in investigating, reporting and assisting the County to obtain the various funding opportunities from foundations or nonprofits, private businesses, organizations or individuals and public agencies for the County to purchase the Pilot Peak property.

WHEREAS, to assist the Funding Oversight Committee in coordinating their efforts and addressing issues raised by the community for funding the purchase of the Pilot Peak Property, the County desires that there be three (3) subcommittees of the Funding Oversight Committee: 1: economic development; 2. recreation activities; and 3. Aquifer and wildlife protection and public access and that the Funding Oversight Committee shall appoint community members to these subcommittees. The subcommittees would provide the Funding Oversight Committee a written report or information addressing issues as determined by the Funding Oversight Committee relating to the type of subcommittee and to assist with securing funding from foundations or nonprofits, private businesses, organizations or individuals and public agencies for the purchase of the Pilot Peak property as directed by the Funding Oversight Committee.

WHEREAS, the County finds it to be in the best interest of the community to create a Funding Oversight Committee and subcommittees for the purposes recited below.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, WYOMING RESOLVES:

Section 1. That the foregoing recitals are incorporated in and made a part of this resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Committee Creation. That there is hereby established the Funding Oversight Committee.

Section 3. Subcommittee Creation. That there is hereby established three (3) subcommittees of the Funding Oversight Committee:

1. Economic Development Subcommittee;
2. Recreation Activities Subcommittee; and
3. Aquifer and Wildlife Protection and Public Access Subcommittee.

Section 4. Members Appointed to Committee. That County Commissioners shall appoint seven (7) members to the Funding Oversight Committee. Those seven (7) members shall consist of:

1. One (1) Trustee from the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees;
2. One (1) City Council member;
3. One (1) County Commissioner;
4. One (1) representative from Albany County House of Representatives;
5. One (1) representative from Albany County Senate representative;
6. One (1) member from the Laramie Rivers Conservation District; and
7. One (1) community member.

Section 5. Members of the Subcommittees. The Funding Oversight Committee shall appoint community members to these subcommittees and shall determine who and how many shall serve on each subcommittee.

Section 6. Term of Appointment. That the members of the Funding Oversight Committee and subcommittees shall serve for one (1) year from the date of their appointment and shall serve without compensation.

Section 7. Vacancies. That vacancies on the Funding Oversight Committee, should they occur shall be filled for the unexpired term of the member whose place has become vacant and shall be made by the County Commissioners.

Section 8. Conduct of Meetings/Quorum. That the Funding Oversight Committee will select a member from the Committee to serve as the Chairperson of the Funding Oversight Committee with the assistance of another member as determined by the Committee. Meetings of the Funding Oversight Committee shall be set and held at the call of the Chairperson. All meetings shall be open to the public and duly noticed and conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. The presence of five (5) members shall constitute a quorum for the conducting of business and the holding of any meeting. The Funding Oversight Committee shall act only with the concurring vote of five (5) members. The Chairperson shall have the power to vote. The Funding Oversight Committee shall keep motion minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member on every question. Each subcommittee shall select a member from the subcommittee to serve as the Chairperson of the subcommittee. The Funding Oversight Committee shall assign a committee member to serve as a co-chairperson for each subcommittee.

Section 9. Charge of Funding Oversight Committee. That the role and responsibilities of the Funding Oversight Committee shall be as follows:

9.01. Identify financial sources to secure funding for the purchase of the Pilot Peak property including but not limited to grants, gifts, sale, conservation easement, or appropriations from foundations or nonprofits, private businesses, organizations or individuals and public agencies.

9.02. To appoint community members to the three (3) subcommittees and oversee the subcommittees to provide the Committee written report(s) or information addressing issues as determined by the Committee and to direct subcommittee(s) or its members to assist with securing funding as determined by the Committee. The Committee shall assign a committee member to serve as a co-chairperson for each subcommittee.

9.03. At minimum, the Committee will report on a monthly basis at the second County Commissioners regular meeting the status of efforts to securing funding for the purchase of Pilot Peak property and to any action or approval needed by the County to assist with secure funding.

subcommittees shall be as follows:

10.01. The subcommittees would provide the Funding Oversight Committee a written report or information addressing issues as determined by the Funding Oversight Committee relating to the type of subcommittee. Any report shall be considered a public document;

10.02. To assist with securing funding from foundations or nonprofits, private businesses, organizations or individuals and public agencies for the purchase of the Pilot Peak property as directed by the Funding Oversight Committee.

Section 11. Timeline for Contemplated Work. That the Funding Oversight Committee shall complete its work no later than September 18, 2018.

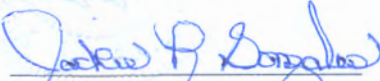
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, this 19th day of September, 2017.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALBANY COUNTY, WYOMING**



Tim Chesnut, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Jackie R. Gonzales,
Albany County Clerk