

County doles out grant funds

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WORLAND — Washakie County passed out more than \$5.7 million in state consensus grants for the year 2008 during Tuesday's county commissioners meeting.

The grants are distributed by the state through the legislature budget session. The funds are required to be used for infrastructure needs.

The Town of Ten Sleep has requested funds for their water/sewer project that will replace many old and corroded water lines that have stopped providing adequate service to the users. Also, a couple of projects the Town of Ten Sleep is requesting funds for are an addition to the Ten Sleep Senior/Community Center and street paving for 5th Street and Willow Street.

The City of Worland has requested funds for water, sewer, streets project to replace cast iron water pipe and replace asphalt, paving and concrete where water and sewer lines are replaced.

The Big Horn Regional Joint Powers Board requested funds for the extension of the northern supply pipeline to Kirby and Lucerne.

Washakie County requested funds to purchase two-freightliner snowplow vehicles and two 2007 F150 pick-ups for the Sheriff's Departments for emergency vehicles.

Commissioner Ron Harvey said the current snowplows are old.

"They are a definite need," said Chairman Terry Wolf.

Washakie County Joint Powers Board Community Center Complex requested funds for expansion of the Northwest parking lot.

Wolf said funds were also requested for canal covering conceptual design. They would like to look at the cost of covering the canal behind the WCCC through a conceptual design.

Ten Sleep council member Jack Haggerty said their water/sewer project is moving along and is slated for completion by July 4.

According to documents given by Mary Grace Strauch, Washakie County Clerk, the summary of funds requested is \$555,000 for the Town of Ten Sleep, \$896,400 for the City of Worland, Big Horn Regional Joint Powers Board requested a total of \$536,547.33, \$320,715 for Washakie County and \$214,400 for the Worland Community Center Complex.

A motion was made to pass the consensus resolution with \$5,782,724.63 being disbursed, leaving \$3,239,662.30 remaining for next year. The motion passes.