The Town of Preston met on Monday, March 8, 2021 at the town hall.

The meeting was called to order by Darrel at 5:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Certification of Open Meeting Law Requirements was met. Roll call was held with Ron, Philip, Darrel, Mary and Cathy present.

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Darrel, second by Ron. Motion carried.

The minutes of the February 10, 2021 regular meeting were approved with a motion by Ron second by Philip. Motion carried.

The treasurer’s report for February was approved with a motion by Ron, second by Philip. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron, second by Philip to approve the disbursements for March. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

Patrolman’s report: a couple of gravel roads need attention

Fire Chief Travis Armitage presented information on the request from the fire department for an air compressor to fill air packs. Approximate cost is $52,000 to be split with the City of Blair by equalized value percentage. Motion by Philip, second by Ron to complete the fire departments request to purchase an air compressor with the City at equalized value. Motion carried.

A conditional use permit (CUP) is requested by Matthew Dunn on Rat Road to build a shed to house his horses. The permit is needed because the property is in R8 zoning district. Motion by Ron, second by Philip to support the conditional use request by Matthew Dunn on Rat Road, and that the clerk send a letter to the County Land Use committee stating the towns position.

Downtown building bids were opened. Mark Gacek-$31,000, Shawn Ekern- $60,000, Jeremy Tranberg- $35,862.50 and Justin Dolcey- $32,500.

Motion by Ron, second by Philip to move into closed session Pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the sale of public properties. Roll call vote, Ron-yes, Philip-yes and Darrel-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Philip, second by Ron to return to open session. Roll call vote, Ron-yes, Philip-yes and Darrel-yes. Motion carried. Motion by Philip, second by Darrel to accept the bid from Shawn Ekern for $60,000, with a 30day time frame for payment. Motion carried.

Discussion on the rental of the community room. Motion by Philip, second by Ron to rent the community room for a 1year trial period to anyone for $200 with a$100 returnable deposit if room is left in good condition. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron, second by Philip to do a road ride along on April 7, 2021 at 9 AM. Motion carried.

No action on roadwork until after ride along.

Announcements: nominations for Land Use Committee member April 1, 2021 and Universal open house on April 12, 2021 from 8 AM to 3 PM.

Suggestions for the next regular board meeting on April 12, 2021 at 5:30 PM: Chenoweth Lane

Motion to adjourn at 6:32 PM by Ron, second by Philip. Motion carried.