

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
January 13, 2014**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN: Robert P. Cosgriff
VICE-CHAIRMAN: Jerry L. Coldwell
MEMBER: Teddy R. Robertson

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Carla McWilliams

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Chairman Cosgriff called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

Motion by Robertson and seconded by Coldwell to approve the agenda as posted 48 hours ago. Motion carried unanimously.

BILL BURKLAND – AIRPORT

Commissioners spoke with Burkland via conference call. The local FAA office has changed the way funds are going to be used. FAA has \$20 million set aside to help with airports in Montana and FAA feels the money should either be used or given to someone who will use it. Jordan has \$948,000 in their entitlement account and FAA is now going to require the monies to be used either by Jordan or given to another airport. Burkland said the reason this is being done is there are several small airports that are sitting on this \$20 million and it is not being used, Discussed the letter received from Carter County requesting \$34,000 of airport funds from Garfield County. Cosgriff asked Burkland if Garfield County was to give the funds to Carter County would there still be enough to re-seal the runway at the Jordan Airport. Burkland indicated there were enough funds. Burkland said he felt confident that Carter County would return the favor if Garfield County was ever in need of funds. Burkland also stated that he was pretty sure FAA would come up with funds when they are needed. Cosgriff said Garfield County is always very limited on matching funds. Burkland said the Jordan airport is essential because of its location. Discussed long term capital improvement plan.

Motion by Robertson seconded by Coldwell to approve Bill Burkland's long term capital improvement plan for the Jordan Airport.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to transfer \$30,883 from the Jordan Airport to the Carter County Airport.

JANET SHERER – CLERK & RECORDER

Sherer indicated she has received an email requesting the number of acres in Garfield County that are considered open range. Sherer will contact the County Attorney and ask him to respond.

GARY RYDER – COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Ryder met with the Commissioners via conference call.

Ryder requested a closed session to discuss potential litigation and personnel issues.

Chairman Cosgriff then closed the meeting at 10:00 a.m. under the provisions of §2-3-203 to discuss matters of confidentiality with Attorney Ryder. Meeting opened at 10:15 p.m. No action was taken.

FRANK EDWARDS – GARFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF

Edwards met with the Commissioners to request a copy of the meeting with the Public Safety Committee held on January 6, 2014. Robertson said she had talked with Attorney Ryder and was told to wait. Edwards said he was the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee and he is the one who is to call meetings.

JENNIFER CRAWFORD – GARFIELD COUNTY TREASURER

Crawford presented a letter with the 5-year personal property write-off list. Crawford also indicated the Soil Conservation District has requested to use the Courtroom for a meeting. Crawford said Judge Day ordered that the Courtroom be locked at all times and not to be used for anything other than Court proceedings. Commissioners instructed Crawford to contact the Soil Conservation District and ask if they could use the County meeting room at the Old Grade School.

CLAIMS

Claim Check Nos. 30762 through 30781 in the amount of \$40,407.26 were approved and paid.

Recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Reconvened by Chairman Cosgriff at 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Motion by Robertson and seconded by Coldwell to approve January 6, 2014 and January 8, 2014 minutes with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Charlotte Herbold presented forms for Commissioners to sign for revalidation with Noridian for Medicare.

HEALTH CENTER ISSUES

Hanz Arnston, Administrator and Sarah Nordlund, DON met with Commissioners for weekly meeting. Dan Muniak was also present. There are currently 17 residents and 1 CAH patient. Arnston said Glendive has a used digital x-ray system that they might be willing to give to the Health Center. Arnston said someone is willing to come down and see if there is room in the x-ray room. Arnston said the radiologist will be here within a couple of weeks. No results have been received on the Complaint survey. Arnston said Elsie Helm has been researching a new MDS submission company. In case Dr. Kidder resigns as Medical Director, Muniak has been trying to get Dr. Drivdahl to do it again. Muniak said he could possibly get someone from St. Vincent's. Muniak said he doesn't have a problem with Dr. Kidder or Dr. Drivdahl. Dr.

Kidder's contract is opened ended. Arnston said the more the Health Center works with Montana Health Network the better. Robertson asked what kind of credentials a supervising doctor has to have. Muniak said all they have to have is be licensed by the State. Muniak said the supervising doctor for the Health Center is also Muniak's supervising doctor. Nordlund said the EHR (Electronic Health Records) are going much better.

The State Highway Department came and put sand in the parking lot that should help with the ice.

Muniak asked if there was any way to get grant money to be used for training. Nordlund said Montana Health Network provides all the money for training. Muniak would like to go to a 2-day training for trauma that is available in Bismarck or Calgary. Arnston said he would check with Montana Health Network to see if they would help with the training. The teacher for the ACL classes is from Glasgow and she said they would be willing to come here. Muniak said they have been used in the past.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Robert P. Cosgriff – Chairman

Teddy R. Robertson– Vice-Chairman

Jerry L. Coldwell – Member

ATTEST:

Janet Sherer, Clerk & Recorder