

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
October 30, 2013**

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 convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Cosgriff to approve agenda as posted 48 hours ago.
Motion carried.

TIM FOGLE – ROAD DEPARTMENT

Fogle said the mowing is going well. Cosgriff asked if the West Little Dry road had been mowed and Fogle said if the road was mowed someone else did it. Snow Creek and Pierson projects are completed. The crew is currently blading roads. Coldwell said he had told Rock Creek cabin owners that the County would pay for the fuel if they would mow their own roads. The gravel on the Hell Creek Road has been windrowed because of all the trucks traveling it. Several cattle guard needs to be installed and the Old Stage road will be the first one worked on. Green loader is still not operational. Singleton's have picked up the grader. Discussed the replacement for Fogle's position as road supervisor.

LORI RYAN – DES

Ryan indicated she received a request from Tom Spillum for two handheld radios for the road department to be used by the mowers or where ever they are needed. Steve Mothershead also requested a radio for search and research. Commissioners said this would be a good idea.

Corrective action plan for FY2011 & 2012 audit deficiencies and/or recommendations have been accepted by the Department of Administration, State Accounting Division.

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson, to authorize Cosgriff to sign Action for Eastern Montana's work plan for the housing and urban development emergency solution grants program. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Janet Guptill met with Commissioners to get clarification on Hanz Arnston's Contract. Guptill said she has a copy of Arnston's contract and it appears he is getting paid \$84,000

a year for one or two days a week. Guptill said she is working on an article about the Health Center and would like to print a copy of Arnston's contract. Guptill would like to do something to pull the county together because the mill levy will always need to be run regardless of how many residents are in the nursing home. Discussed various contracts and why they use so much of the Health Center's budget. Guptill asked if a separate board could be formed as an advisory board. Cosgriff said the old board is still acting in a limited capacity but the Health Center cannot be turned over to them and still have a handle on the financial issues. Guptill said she would like her article to minimize any potential disagreements. Robertson stated the Commissioners have had very few complaints and this is because the Administrator is doing his job. Coldwell said the cost of the administrator may be excessive but things are going very well and it appears to be worth it. Robertson said the nursing home cannot fund the entire facility and the CAH needs to generate revenue also.

Recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

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

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT SANITARIAN

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to sign Interlocal Agreement with Central Montana Health District. Motion carried unanimously.

GARY RYDER – COUNTY ATTORNEY

Ryder called to discuss contract with Catherine Byron. Any grants being applied for have to be authorized by the Commissioners. Ryder said there should be a limit set on what the grant is going to cost. Ryder will review the proposed contract and make any necessary changes for the Commissioner's next meeting. Commissioners indicated Byron was born and raised in Garfield County and has a personal interest in helping Garfield County.

MINUTES

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell, to approve October 21, 2013 minutes with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

SANITARIAN ISSUES

Robertson contacted Deen Pomeroy, sanitarian with Central Montana Health District, who is currently doing inspections at Hell Creek, regarding an inspection request for the Mosby area. General discussion on duties of the new sanitarian and who is responsible for the costs. The Commissioners main concern is that the County does not have a signed Contract with Central Montana Health District and they have made several trips to the Rock Creek and Hell Creek Cabins.

Telephone conference with Tim Mcnew with the Corps of Engineers. Mcnew was with Deen Pomeroy at Hell Creek. Mcnew indicated Pomeroy was not doing any inspections but rather going over what inspections will need to be done in the future and wanted the Commissioner's to know that Pomeroy had contacted him. Commissioners asked who

owns the cabin sites. Mcnew said most of the sites have been transferred. Mcnew said Pomeroy would not need to come back until the project is completed.

CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

Electronic payroll Check Nos. 87527 through 87574 in amount of \$64,638.06 were approved and paid. Non-electronic payroll Check Nos. 20748 through 20789 in the amount of \$108,588.74 were approved and paid. Claim Check Nos. 30482 through 30556 in the amount of \$38,590.77 were approved and paid.

Motion to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is November 4, 2013, at 9:00 a.m.

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Robert P. Cosgriff – Chairman

Jerry L. Coldwell – Vice-Chairman

Teddy R. Robertson - Member

ATTEST:

Janet Sherer, Clerk & Recorder