

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
November 17, 2014**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Carla McWilliams

Also present: Jerry Collins

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA

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

Discussed matters pertaining to meeting with Nate Arave with BLM.

MINUTES

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson, to approve November 10, 2014 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

ROD COULTER

Met with Commissioners to discuss road issues.

CANVASS GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

Commissioners Coldwell and Robertson left meeting to canvass general election results.

LEEANN MERCER – COA

Discussed applications for head cook.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to hire Kerri Wright on a six-month probationary period. Motion carried unanimously.

Recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

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

County Attorney Gary Ryder joined the afternoon session.

NATE ARAVE – BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Nate Arave and Todd Yeager with BLM met with Commissioners to discuss ground that was disturbed on the Wilderness Study Area. Yeager said the BLM understands it was an innocent mistake. The County will need to pay \$2500 for damages since prior approval was not obtained.

CLAIMS

Claim Nos. 31882 through 31929 in the amount of \$46,827.62 were approved and paid.

LIBRARY BOARD

Discussed library board's recommendations for library director and new board member to replace B.G. FitzGerald who has resigned.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to approve the appointment of Lee Shell to the Library Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to approve appointing Brittany Weigand as the Library Director. Motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH CENTER ISSUES

Dan Muniak, PA, met with Commissioners to respond to letter from the Commissioners. Hanz Arnston, Administrator and Sarah Nordlund, DON joined the meeting. Muniak said he does not have time to enter the Electronic Medical Records. Also discussed when nursing home rounds can be made. Muniak left meeting to return to clinic. Discussed donation being made to the Health Center. Nell Phipps put in her resignation effective December 1, 2014. Discussed cross-training employees for different departments.

DAVE AWBERY – ROAD SUPERVISOR

The patrol has been repaired and will be delivered this week.

Bridget Nielson, CMR and Awbery have worked on documentation for grant application. The time frame for the project is fiscal years 2015, 2016 and 2017. Nielson said agreements between the federal and county agencies need to be prepared. Rick Potts's position has been filled by Paul Santavy who will begin work on January 1st. Garfield County & McCone County Soil Conservation Districts met with CMR officials and it was successful. CMR land acquisitions are almost complete. Discussed issues arising at Hell Creek. Nielson said CMR, BLM and the County all worked well together during fire season. Nielson said BLM is making major changes and everyone needs to be informed. Discussed sage grouse listings. Nielson asked Commissioners to attend CMR meeting on December 4. Awbery said in his absence the road crew was volunteering their time at the ambulance barn.

CLAIMS

Claim Nos. 31930 through 31932 in the amount of \$27,253.89 were approved and paid.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 10, 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