

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
November 18, 2013**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Also present: Jerry Collins

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jill Clark stated she has boxes of old records for COA and fair board in her office and wanted to know if she could store them in the old BLM building since her office is so small. Also discussed an alternative location for commodities.

TIM FOGLE – ROAD SUPERVISOR

Mowers are in the Haxby area. The road into Harbaugh's needs to be mowed before the road can be bladed. Fogle said they have changed and/or cleaned out several cattle guards. Discussed new road on the Terry Todd ranch. Windrow on Hell Creek road has been laid down.

Jim Helm and Jim McWilliams stopped by to see if they could use the County's loader to haul gravel to the Assembly of God Church. Permission was granted.

Fogle ordered a ratchet from NAPA to replace the one borrowed from Bruce Edwards. Discussed the two graders that are positioned around the county primarily for rural fire.

DES – LORI RYAN

One mobile radio is left and Ryan would like to keep it for a backup for DES. Darrell Higgins is now the head of Search & Rescue and Ryan is hoping he will attend the LEPC meetings. Search & Rescue would like to have four radio's. Ryan said she had contacted Paul with EastMont and he indicated the radio's can be left plugged in all the time.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to approve search & rescue receiving four radios.  
Motion carried unanimously.

JANET SHERER

Sherer met with Commissioners to discuss claim filed by Shelley Fogle. Sherer said Ray Hageman is to provide her with a current rural fire and mitigation roster at the beginning of each month.

Lon Ruekoff, Prairie County Commissioner, contacted the Commissioners and requested that Garfield County be represented at the BLM meeting in Miles City on Thursday, November 21, 2013.

Reviewed correspondence.

#### PAT MURNION – MAINTENANCE

Murnion met with the Commissioners concerning the issue with the door locks. Commissioners asked Murnion to attend the 4:00 meeting to discuss this with Hanz Arnston.

Coldwell stated the County may be liable for vehicles being stored at the fairgrounds. Carol & Virgil Hellyer will be contacted to see if a waiver is being signed.

#### CLAIMS

Claim Check Nos. 30558 through 30575 in the amount of \$14,876.79 were approved and paid.

Recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

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

Jerry Collins came to sit in on the afternoon session.

#### HANZ ARNSTON – ADMINISTRATOR

Arnston presented an estimate to repair the door. Commissioners indicated they would like to wait until the 4:00 meeting to discuss this matter.

#### CATHY BYRON – GRANT WRITER

Byron met with the Commissioners to see if they had received any requests from the various departments. Byron reviewed the requests. Byron asked about the old grade school. Cosgriff said the work was done by grants, CTEP, Central Montana Foundation, fundraising and the county. Also discussed the airport improvements. Collins asked if the changes taking place in Glasgow would affect the air ambulance service. Byron said she would review the requests and submit them to the Commissioners to determine which requests she should work on. Discussed funding that Yellowstone County is receiving due to the rising drug activity in the Bakken and Byron said some of this funding may be available for local law enforcement. Cosgriff asked if this should be available for the highway patrol. Byron said she has had success working with the coal board and informed the Commissioners of what was accomplished at the Forsyth Hospital through the coal board. A printout of zip codes that have used the health center would be beneficial for obtaining grants. Sara Nordlund was contacted to submit a wish list for the Health Center.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to sign Grant Writing Service Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

#### AIRPORT

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson to authorize Cosgriff to sign airport application. Motion carried unanimously.

#### BLM

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to authorize Cosgriff to sign right of way grant for the Snow Creek crossing on the Hubbard Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners inspected the gators that have arrived from Washington. Collins asked what they were going to be used for. Cosgriff said they are to be used for search and rescue. Collins said essentially they won't be used much.

#### JORDAN JENSEN – NEW LIGHT HEALTH CARE

Jenson called in to reschedule for December 2, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. Collins asked what NewLight Health Care is about. Cosgriff said they help smaller health care facilities.

#### CLAIM

Claim Check No. 30576 in the amount of \$229.70 were approved and paid.

#### MINUTES

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to approve November 4, 2013 minutes with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

#### HEALTH CENTER ISSUES

Hanz Arnston, Administrator, Sara Nordlund, DON, Pat Murnion, Maintenance, Cathy Byron, grant writer and Jerry Collins were present. There are currently 18 residents. \$1,333.01 per door is the cost of fixing the doors plus \$5200 for labor. Murnion said the Health Center is under fire watch now and when the doors are repaired the system cannot be messed with or the alarm system will become disabled again. Murnion said he is not able to work on it. Robertson asked why the system was been tampered with to begin with. Arnston said when a resident walked by the alarm would go off and it wouldn't shut off. Nordlund said one of the nurses call tech support and they talked her through how to shut the alarm off and when she was done it didn't work at all. Cosgriff said Arnston needs to contact other facilities to see where they got their system. Arnston said he has called but has not received any response. Nordlund said this has been an ongoing problem. Robertson asked why this had not been brought up before. Byron said Wanderguard was installed in Forsyth which was very expensive but it has worked very well. Byron said if Nordlund had not submitted the application for the Murdoch grant for the digital x-ray yet she should include the alarm system in the same application. Nordlund indicated application has been submitted. Cosgriff asked if the application could be amended. Byron said she has never tried but would look into it. Nordlund said the system needs to be fixed as soon as possible and they can't really wait for a grant to come in. Byron suggested Arnston contact the maintenance person at the facility in Forsyth about the system. Byron said grant money cannot be used for what is already spent. Murnion said payment for whatever is being purchased is 30 days out.

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson to authorize Arnston and Murnion to explore available options and authorization to order an alarm system. Motion carried unanimously.

Nordlund presented Byron with a list for possible grant applications. Byron said she worked on the preliminary plan for landscaping at the health center.

Arnston said since the CAH license survey was perfect he wrote a letter to be placed in the Jordan Tribune. Arnston showed documentation received from the foundation in Helena. Byron said the fund was set up before the Central Montana Foundation was set up. Arnston said there will be a call for an independent community health assessment. Discussed the grant for the red button. Arnston said an agreement needs to be signed by Chairman of the Commissioners, Arnston, Dr. Kidder and Dan Muniak for the Leona Helmsly Foundation grant for the red button. Discussed why this agreement needs to be signed. Byron said the agreements are entered into to make sure everyone is on board with applying for the grant.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to authorize Cosgriff to sign the agreement to apply for grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Arnston said according to the cost report the CAH is costing more than it brings in. Many supplies in the ER have expiration dates and most of the supplies are never used prior to expiring. Cosgriff asked if a larger facility could exchange some of the supplies because they could use them before the expiration date. Byron said larger facilities are always upgrading and willing to give their old equipment to smaller facilities. Discussed the door to the ER. Upcoming Elk's grant. Arnston said the Health Center has received \$9,462 from Montana Health Network.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. to attend LEPC meeting. The next regular scheduled meeting is November 25, 2013 but it was agreed to wait and meet on November 27, 2013, at 9:00 a.m.

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

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Robert P. Cosgriff – Chairman

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Jerry L. Coldwell – Vice-Chairman

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Teddy R. Robertson – Member

ATTEST:

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Janet Sherer, Clerk & Recorder

