

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
November 27, 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 8:45 a.m.

AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS

Cathy Byron met with the Commissioners about applying for a grant from the Nefsy Foundation. Pat Murnion was also in attendance. She contacted the foundation and drafted a letter to be submitted from the Commissioners to them for help with the wandering prevention alarm system for the Health Center. Byron read the letter to the Commissioners for their approval. Byron said the Nefsy Foundation usually requires matching funds of 10%. Byron said she was unaware that the system had already been ordered. Byron said it is important that all three Commissioners agree and sign the application.

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson to sign grant application. Motion carried unanimously.

JILL CLARK – COUNTY ON AGING

Clark met with Commissioners for approval of appointment of Carol Hellyer and Anne Downs to the Council on Aging Board if they would agree to serve.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to appoint Carol Hellyer and Anne Downs to fill the two vacancies on the board.

JANET SHERER – CLERK & RECORDER

Sherer asked what the Commissioner's schedule of meeting dates was going to be next year as the Commissioner's book needs updated and submitted for printing. Sherer also asked if the County employees need to use vacation time being off premises when the electricity was off. Commissioners said they would discuss it and get back to her.

PAT MURNION – MAINTENANCE

Murnion said the wander guard alarm system has been installed and is working well. Cosgriff asked Murnion if the company would come to inspect and repair the system.

Murnion said he asked but didn't really get an answer. General discussion on heating system. Robertson said she felt the whole situation with the alarm system as well as the generator should be discussed at the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### TIM FOGLE – ROAD SUPERVISOR

Fogle said cattle guards have been changed out. Crew is working on blow-outs and washouts. Also doing some mechanical work. Cosgriff said winter is coming and they should probably be getting ready for it. Fogle said Dave Kappel forgot to mow 8 miles on the Crow Rock. Fogle said he plans to review the roads to make sure they are all mowed. Discussed which areas still need mowed. Front-end loader is still not running. Attorney Ryder joined the meeting and discussed the road supervisor position vacancy. Commissioners were notified a year in advance of Fogle's intention to retire. Discussed the application process. Coldwell said it would be good to hire someone in the County. Robertson asked what the road crews' hours are. Fogle said they are 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### GARY RYDER – COUNTY ATTORNEY

Janet Sherer asked if the Commissioners had made a decision about the pay for the employees who took the afternoon off due to the electricity being shut off. After briefly discussing the matter with Ryder the Commissioners agreed to pay the employees because they had no control over the situation. Cosgriff asked if Ryder could work with Mid-Rivers and/or Verizon about the radio tower.

Ryder reported on the felony case. Ryder informed the Commissioners that he will be out of the State from December 20<sup>th</sup> to December 25<sup>th</sup> and he has talked to Nick Murnion about filling in for him if something needs to be done in Ryder's absence.

Discussed general law enforcement issues. Ryder said he works well with Sheriff Edwards. The Public Safety Committee and the Commissioners will meet at the next Commissioner's meeting. Ryder said Garfield County is a large county and if a grant can be obtained a third officer could be hired but if a grant isn't available one can't be hired. Ryder said a special levy could be run and the public can make the decision. Robertson said our grant writer may be able to obtain a grant. Ryder said either would be fine.

Also discussed MACo claims, possible lawsuits and sale of old fire hall.

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson to sign grant application to Nefsy Foundation. Motion carried unanimously.

Recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

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

#### SARA NORDLUND

Nordlund requested a closed session to discuss nursing home issues.

Chairman Cosgriff then closed the meeting at 1:17 p.m. under the provisions of §2-3-203 to discuss matters of confidentially with Sara Nordlund. Meeting opened at 1:32 p.m. No action was taken.

GARY RYDER – COUNTY ATTORNEY

Ryder met with the Commissioners to discuss the set of Montana Codes that was ordered for the Courthouse.

MINUTES

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell, to approve November 18, 2013 minutes with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

FRANK EDWARDS – COUNTY SHERIFF

Edwards asked if any insurance money had been received for the Sheriff's pickup or for Cosgriff's cattle. Commissioners informed him that they had not. Edwards asked if the pickup was going to be repaired or purchase a new one. Cosgriff said due to budget constraints the vehicle should be repaired. Cosgriff informed Edwards the Commissioners would be meeting with the Public Safety Committee to discuss the requests that were submitted to Cathy Byron, Grant Writer. Also discussed the transport to Billings that Edwards handled the previous night.

Discussed changing the meeting dates for the Commissioners.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to change meeting dates from the first Monday of the first full working week, the third and fourth Mondays and the second to the last working day of the month to the first three Monday's of the month unless a Monday falls on a legal holiday in which case the meeting will be held the following day, and the next to the last working day of the month. Motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

Electronic payroll Check Nos. 87481 through 87526 in amount of \$62,775.37 were approved and paid. Non-electronic payroll Check Nos. 20790 through 20826 in the amount of \$104,918.09 were approved and paid. Claim Check Nos. 30577 through 30662 in the amount of \$97,826.37 were approved and paid.

Motion to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is December 2, 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