

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
November 4, 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 with addition of Health Center issues. Motion carried unanimously.

TIM FOGLE – ROAD SUPERVISOR

Mowers should get moved to West Cohagen area. Still working on getting cattle guards cleaned out. Some roads are getting bladed but there isn't enough moisture to do a very good job. Gravel has been windrowed on the Hell Creek road as far as Skip Olson's. Fogle asked if he will get paid for his unused vacation and sick leave when he retires. Commissioners said he should talk to Janet Sherer. Discussed the need for a building to build cattle guards.

FIRE HALL

There has been some interest in purchasing the old fire hall and it was agreed that if it were sold the proceeds could be used for a new building on the road department lot. An appraisal will need to be obtained prior to selling the building.

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson to contact Joe Herbold about getting an appraisal. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussed the position of road supervisor.

PAM WALLING – MACo HEALTH CARE

Pam Walling, with MACo as well as the insurance committee consisting of Janet Sherer, Jennifer Crawford, Jessica McWilliams, Peggy Pierson, Steve Mothershead and Charlotte Herbold met with Commissioners to discuss changes in health care due to ObamaCare. Discussed Medicare benefits. Walling said the Trust has been in business for about 7 years and the Trust has 3.5 million in equity and is stable. Claims are increasing 9-10% per year. Some plans are being terminated because they don't meet the federal requirements. The Trust has a Medicare group plan and the rates have not gone up in the past year. If you want to participate there is a program to get generic medications paid for chronic illnesses. MACo is going to continue meeting federal requirements for health care reform. Walling said MACo started implementing the changes before they were required. In 2014 the flex plans may roll

over up to \$500.00. Health exchange will not be beneficial to anyone that currently has insurance through MACo.

Walling said the County has been with MACo for several years and she would like to visit with the employees to update their life insurance beneficiaries. Discussed the wellness program.

Recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

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

#### RAY HAGEMAN

Telephone conference with person who will be delivering the Gators on Thursday for rural fire.

#### CLAIMS

Claim Check No. 30557 in the amount of \$12,836.89 was approved and paid.

Briefly discussed the possibility of hiring New Light to assist in administration at the Health Center.

#### LORI RYAN – DES COORDINATOR

Ryan informed Commissioners that Tim Wittman, with TWE representative would like to do a walk through tomorrow with regards to installing a generator and wanted to know if one of the Commissioners would like to be present. Commissioners said Pat Murnion should do it. Ryan also wanted to know if the generator should be run on propane or diesel and if they want the tank to be buried. Commissioners said the tank would need to be buried and the new generator could replace the current generator.

#### SERVICE CONTRACT – GRANT WRITER

Cathy Byron met with Commissioners to review Grant Writer Service Contract. Discussed the military surplus equipment program and the possibility of a grant writer assisting in obtaining equipment. The department heads will be asked to submit their requests to the Commissioners and the Commissioners will review them and those that are most needed will be forwarded to Byron.

#### MINUTES

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to approve October 30, 2013 minutes with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

#### HEALTH CENTER ISSUES

Hanz Arnston, Administrator, and Sara Nordlund, DON gave Commissioners their weekly report on the Health Center. Nordlund presented new policies for the Commissioners to review. Discussed the grant Nordlund is working on for digital x-ray machine. Nordlund was told she could contact the County's new grant writer. There are currently 20 residents and 1 CAH patient. The CAH licensure survey came back perfect. Commissioners suggested this information be published in the local paper so the community can see the progress being made. Discussion held on bid submitted by Judd Gibson for an intercom system as well as the security cameras. Arnston said Judd would do the wiring and Greg Wolfe will hook up the cameras. Charlotte Herbold received notice from Medicare concerning EHR. Arnston presented fire life survey results for the Commissioners' review. November 14, 2013 is the deadline for submitting

plan of corrections for the fire safety survey. Health Center was written up for the Clinic door being locked as it should remain unlocked as an emergency exit. The door needs to remain locked because the residents should not have access to the ER so a key has been left accessible to the public. Nursing home survey has been accepted. Pat Murnion will be conducting a required test on the generators on Wednesday since the power will be out anyway. The surveys have been completed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 18, 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