

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
February 23, 2015**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN: Teddy R. Robertson

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Jerry L. Coldwell

MEMBER: Jerry Collins

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Carla McWilliams

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA

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

Discussed matching funds for the Hell Creek road project. Past and future work completed by the County will be used for matching funds.

Brian Hopkins, Chief legal counsel for MACo was present by phone to discuss health care issues.

Collins reported he attended the CMR Conservation workshop in Fort Peck last week. Collins was chosen to represent the County. They meet every two months with the next meeting in Winnett. Also discussed 6-County committee.

PAT MURNION - MAINTENANCE

Kim with ATS Inland Northwest is here working on the air handler

PAM WALLING – MACo HEALTHCARE TRUST

Present were Pam Walling with MACo, Janet Sherer, Clerk & Recorder, Charlotte Herbold. Walling said preliminary premium increases were set last week and it appears Garfield County's increase will be .06%. Final rates will be set March 17, 2015. County can offer up to five plans. Discussed wellness screenings. Discussed flex plans. Walling offered to review documentation for County's current flex plan. Discussed insurance for part-time employees.

BRIAN STEFFEN – ACTION FOR EASTERN MONTANA

Steffen, CEO of Action for Eastern Montana met with Commissioners to discuss a Montana Department of Commerce project known as CHDO (certified housing development organization). One of the new projects the Department of Commerce in Helena allows Action for Eastern Montana to grant money for single dwelling homes. This is a non-competitive community development funding. Environmental issues and contractors are taken care of by Action for Eastern Montana. Steffen said he was referred here for a Garfield County resident that needs assistance. County's only involvement would be to handle the funds. Increased insurance costs and additional taxes on the property were also discussed.

Recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

Motion by Collins, seconded by Coldwell, to approve February 2, 2015 and February 17, 2015 minutes with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

JANET SHERER – CLERK & RECORDER

Sherer discussed insulating the Clerk & Recorder’s Office with Commissioners.

Janet Guptill with the Jordan Tribune joined the meeting.

HEALTH CENTER

Hanz Arnston, Administrator, reported on the Helena Foundation funds. Grants are still being worked on. Dr. Rauh has privileges for 90 days. Arnston said One Health needs a letter requesting that One Health be our contracted service for J. Randall Rauh, M.D., to cover our Nursing home & CAH and duties associated with the Garfield County Health Center. An e-mail was sent to One Health stating this. Lab survey will be held on Wednesday. Discussed ER protocol and Medial Staff Policy. Arnston will set up meeting with Commissioners, Dr. Drivdahl, Dr. Rauh, Dan Muniak, P.A.C., and Sarah Nordlund, DON. There are currently 20 residents.

DAVE AWBERY – ROAD SUPERVISOR

Awbery met with Commissioners for weekly meeting. Awbery presented written request from Awbery, Darrell Higgins and Steve Mothershead to extend time to use vacation time. Awbery presented job description for mowing/spraying job. Dave Kappal is a seasonal full time employee. Discussed Hell Creek Road Project. Awbery said he talked with Bridgett Nielson and no matching funds will be needed.

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Collins to authorize Robertson to sign the Match Agreement for the Federal Lands Access Program Funds. Motion carried unanimously. Match Agreement was returned to Western Federal Lands Highway Division.

Mike McKeever was contacted to discuss funding for local government review committee. County Attorney Ryder will prepare a notice of public meeting & resolution.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held February 26, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Teddy R. Robertson – Chairman

Jerry L. Coldwell – Vice-Chairman

Jerry Collins – Member

ATTEST:

Janet Sherer, Clerk & Recorder