

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
March 10, 2014**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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 the agenda as posted 48 hours ago. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Reviewed County Boards.

JILL CLARK

Clark reported she had looked at the room downstairs and it will work well for commodities but it appears the room is already being used. Commissioners said Clark should talk to Hanz Arnston. Commissioners also suggested that Clark talk to Rex Phipps about possibly using the new ambulance barn.

JO ANN STANTON – DEPUTY CLERK & RECORDER

Stanton met with Commissioners to discuss the mill levy that will need to be run. Stanton said she kept the \$240,000 in reserve. Stanton indicated the mill levy needs to be for \$310,000 and the last mill levy was for \$304,000. Stanton said the only way for it to work is for the Health Center is buy only the bare necessities. Cosgriff asked if the Health Center could survive with a mill levy of \$300,000. Stanton said with the increase in groceries, wages, etc., it may be difficult.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson to pass Resolution 2014-7, authorizing the Garfield County Bank to remove Frank Edwards from the existing accounts in the name of the Garfield County Sheriff's Department to Clay Lammers and to replace credit card. Motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Claim Check Nos. 30989 through 30996 in the amount of \$282,950.15 were approved and paid.

Recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

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

Jerry Collins joined the meeting.

#### LORI RYAN – DES

Ryan presented a Notice of Intent for a grant application through Homeland Security for 3 multi-sensor detection monitors.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to authorize Chairman to sign application.

#### JILL CLARK

Clark said she had talked to Rex Phipps and he indicated after the ambulance service meets he would contact her but felt it would work for her commodities.

#### CATHY BYRON – GRANT WRITER

Byron will meet with the Commissioners next Monday.

#### HEALTH CENTER

Discussed mill levy to be run for the Health Center. Collins said he would do everything he could to get the levy to pass. Cosgriff said there is some reserve that has been built up and if the resident numbers fall it could be used in emergencies. Cosgriff also stated he feels the mill levy should be set at \$301,000 and the Health Center will need to cut back on their expenses. Coldwell said he feels the mill levy should be \$310,000. Cosgriff asked JoAnn Stanton to join in the discussion. Cosgriff asked Stanton if the levy was set at \$301,000 and the resident numbers remained the same would the Health Center survive. Stanton said she did not think it would. Most department budgets are fine but the dietary is going to go over budget approximately \$20,000. Groceries has used 72% of its budget. Stanton said groceries are purchased almost everyday at Ryan's. Janet Guptill joined the meeting. Guptill asked why respite care is no longer available at the Health Center. Cosgriff said the Commissioners asked Hanz Arnston why the Health Center can no longer do this and it appears that someone complained to the State. Guptill said a license needs to be obtained as soon as possible. Stanton said she feels the mill levy should be set at \$310,000. Hanz Arnston, Administrator, joined the meeting. Cosgriff asked Arnston if he thought the budgets could be cut. Arnston said he feels it could be done. Discussed the dietary budget. Nell Phipps does the purchasing for the kitchen. Robertson said the personal items for the residents should not be purchased by the Health Center. Coldwell asked Arnston if he had heard anything about providing adult daycare. Arnston said he called today and someone will call him tomorrow.

Arnston reported that Nell Phipps obtained her dietary managers certification. Arnston said Phipps has been mainly in an administrative role. Another ad will be run for the maintenance position and possibly add more hours. Cosgriff suggested advertising the position to include the old grade school. Arnston said he was hoping that Cathy Byron could work on a grant for a new phone system. Discussed the shut-off valves that need to be installed and the copper pipes that may need to be replaced.

Further discussion on mill levy. Cosgriff asked Arnston if he thought \$5,000 could be cut from the entire budget. Arnston said he felt it could be done quite easily as it is well staffed and there hasn't been any need for traveling nurses. Cosgriff asked Arnston if he had spoken with anyone from Montana Health Network about a supervising doctor and if Dr. Drivdahl was

interested in coming again. Arnston said she was not interested. Robertson asked if Arnston had heard from St. Vincent's and he indicated he had not.

Further discussion on mill levy. Robertson said there has to be something that can be trimmed. Commissioners and Arnston reviewed the Health Care budget line by line and it was determined that 4 line items could be reduced by \$10,000 to get the requested mill levy to the same as last time.

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson to request an additional mill levy for a \$301,557.67 or 57.18 mills. Motion carried unanimously.

#### DAVE AWBERY – ROAD SUPERVISOR

Reviewed grant case statement data collection requested by Cathy Byron. Awbery said for recaps at the Cenex the cost is \$300/tire and for \$358/tire you can buy new ones in Forsyth. Cosgriff instructed Awbery to discuss this with the rest of the road crew. Cosgriff asked Awbery to talk with Bob Wilson at the Cenex to see if he could match the price. Awbery asked if the approach at the Airport is the County's responsibility because it is a mess. Brandon Dalton needs a load of gravel. Commissioners would like to set up a date to go look at roads. Awbery said they need to let him know when they would like to do this.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2014.8

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson to pass Resolution No. 2014-8 requesting an additional mill levy for a \$301,557.67 or 57.18 mills. Motion carried unanimously.

#### MINUTES

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell, to approve February 27, 2014, March 3, 2014 and March 7, 2014 minutes with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.

#### GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

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Robert P. Cosgriff – Chairman

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Teddy R. Robertson – Vice-Chairman

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Jerry L. Coldwell – Member

ATTEST:

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Janet Sherer, Clerk & Recorder

7-2014 – RESOLUTION  
GARFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S BANK ACCOUNT

WHEREAS; Frank Edwards, Garfield County Sheriff, is the person authorized to sign checks and make deposits on behalf of Garfield County on bank accounts #400254 and 400300; and

WHEREAS; Frank Edwards, Garfield County Sheriff, has a credit card under the name of Garfield County Sheriff, with the Garfield County; and

WHEREAS, Clay Lammers is the newly appointed Garfield Sheriff and needs access to these bank accounts; and

WHEREAS, Frank Edwards needs to be removed from said accounts and credit card;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Garfield County Commissioners authorize the Garfield County Bank to replace the name on the credit card from Frank Edwards to Clay Lammers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Clay Lammers, Garfield County Sheriff, is the only person authorized to sign checks and make deposits on behalf of Garfield County to bank accounts #400254 and #400300.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of March, 2014.

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Robert P. Cosgriff, Chairman

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Teddy R. Robertson, Vice-Chairman

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Jerry L. Coldwell, Member

ATTEST:

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Clerk & Recorder

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RESOLUTION  
ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY FOR GARFIELD COUNTY HEALTH CENTER

WHEREAS; the Garfield County Health Center is showing an operating loss due to the occupancy rate of 67% of the nursing home capacity of 24 beds; and:

WHEREAS; due to low use of ER and CAH, labor cost increases, utility cost increases, and continued operating loss, the Garfield County Commissioners have requested an additional mill levy for \$301,557.67 per year for the next two years commencing July 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS; the Garfield County Commissioners desire to levy an additional mill levy solely for the support of the Garfield County Health Center to replace the expiring mill levy of \$301,557.67; and

WHEREAS; the additional mill levy of \$301,557.67 is approximately 57.18 mills;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Garfield County Commissioners do hereby call for a Special Election to be conducted in conjunction with the Primary Election to be held on June 3, 2014, to ask the voters to consider an additional mill levy for the support of the Garfield County Health Center to read as follows:

**“Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Garfield County be authorized to make a levy of approximately 57.18 mills to generate \$301,557.67 per year for a period of two years for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Garfield County Health Center.**

**FOR mill levy**

**AGAINST mill levy”**

The impact of this election on a home valued at \$100,000 would be an increase in taxes of approximately \$143.26 per year, and the impact on a home valued at \$200,000 would be an increase in taxes of approximately \$286.52 per year.

RESOLVED, PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day March, 2014.

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Robert P. Cosgriff, Chairman

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Teddy R. Robertson, Vice-Chairman

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Jerry L. Coldwell, Member

ATTEST:

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Clerk & Recorder