

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
March 16, 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.

DAVE AWBERY – ROAD SUPERVISOR

Discussed gravel pits that need to be closed.

Robertson requested an executive meeting to discuss matters of confidentiality.

Chairman Robertson then closed the meeting at 9:00 a.m. under the provisions of §2-3-203 to discuss personnel issues with Dave Awbery. Meeting opened at 9:10 p.m.

Motion by Collins, seconded by Coldwell to approve FMLA papers. Motion carried unanimously.

JESSICA McWILLIAMS – SUPERINTEND OF SCHOOLS

McWilliams presented an Application for Classification as an Isolated School for the Sand Springs School.

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Collins to authorize Robertson to sign Application. Motion carried unanimously.

PAT MURNION – MAINTENANCE

Discussed what to do with furniture that was brought from Columbus Nursing Home. Discussed the need to have a surplus auction his summer.

KERRI WRIGHT – EMMA HIGGINS – SENIOR CENTER

Kerri Wright was not able to attend due to prior plans. Higgins reported she has inventoried the commodities.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Present were Leah Buffington, Rose Lehner, Jan Brown, Jane Wille, Mimi Gallinger. Robertson informed the board that Kerri Wright and Emma Higgins have been appointed as Co-COA directors. Brown asked the Commissioners if they had received a letter from the State saying the COA director needed assistance. Buffington said the Council on Aging was never

advised of any of the problems and had no say in the hiring. Buffington said the Council would like to have a say in who gets hired as the COA director. Higgins said the Senior Van has some noise that she thinks needs to be looked into. Commissioners let the Council know they would be involved in hiring the new COA director. Higgins said both vehicles needs to be serviced. Commissioners said the Council on Aging Board would be able to be present during the interview process when a new COA director is hired. Discussed the difference in the Senior Van and Big Dry Transit.

Recessed to attend funeral at 11:00 a.m.

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

GRANTS ADVISORY TEAM

Present were Cathy Byron, Hanz Arnston, Rex Phipps, Rod Weeding. Byron discussed various grants that may be available including technology grants. CDGC requires a 1:1 match. Letters of support need to be submitted with the Nibs & Edna Allen, Nefsy and Sample Foundation applications. Byron asked Commissioners which PAR they would be in favor of. Decisions will be made at the March 30, 2015 meeting. Phipps said the bank also make small grants which can be used for matching funds.

MINUTES

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Collins, to approve March 9, 2015 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS

Claim Nos. 32333 through 32349 in the amount of \$15,998.54 were approved and paid.

EMMA HIGGINS

Discussed job description for the COA Director. Jo Ann Stanton joined the meeting to discuss wages. Kerri Wright joined the meeting. Further discussion on the duties of the Head Cook and the COA director. Robertson contacted the Council on Aging and a meeting will be scheduled to discuss policies. Wright said someone was wanting to donate money towards a new van. County Attorney Gary Ryder joined the meeting. Robertson asked if Higgins could use her personal vehicle in the event the Big Dry Transit vehicles were not in working order. Ryder said as long as it is only for a limited time it is okay.

Janet Guptill, Jordan Tribune, joined the meeting.

HEALTH CENTER

Hanz Arnston, Administrator and Sarah Nordlund, DON met for weekly update on Health Center. There are currently 19 residents. Arnston said the Chiropractor contacted him and asked if he could come to the Health Center as an employee. Attorney Ryder said the Chiropractor should present a proposal and have Dr. Rauh and Muniak review it.

Arnston reported on the convention he attended in Bozeman. Discussed March 23, 2015, special meeting with Medical Staff. Discussed the furniture from nursing home in Columbus. Nordlund said there is required training for the RN's on Electronic Health Records tomorrow.

CONGRESSMAN RYAN ZINKE REPRESENTATIVE

Alex Sterhan, District Director for Congressman Ryan Zinke's met with Commissioners. Zinke has been in Billings this last week. He said he would be available to the Commissioners and the entire community to answer questions for them. Randy Vogel is in the State office in Billings. Discussed various issues pertaining to Eastern Montana.

Attorney Ryder asked about the personal property in the fire hall.

DAVE AWBERY – ROAD SUPERVISOR

Awbery updated the Commissioners on the road department. Collins informed Awbery he had received a call from J.D. Hirsch who asked if he could haul gravel on his road. Awbery said he had no problem with it.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. A special meeting will be held March 23, 2015. The next regular meeting will be held March 30, 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