

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
March 17, 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.

MAINTENANCE

Pat Murnion informed the Commissioners that the Health Center has changed his job description again. Murnion also said Hanz Arnston authorized Murnion to hire Stevens Brothers to work on the bathrooms and shut-off valves.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Cassidy, Ron Opp, and Gary Kunick, representatives for the Rock Creek Cabin Area and Darrin McMurray with the Corps of Engineers met with the Commissioners to discuss the Rock Creek Road. Dave Awbery was also present. Cassidy said McCone County applied for funds through the Federal Lands Access Program and was awarded \$1.2 million for road improvements. Cassidy said there are two applications. Cassidy said Connie Eisinger said McCone County is working on their side. McCone County is subcontracting the project out. Surface restoration is what Cassidy said needs to be done. Cassidy said \$9 million is available and the cost of the project would be approximately \$300,000. Cassidy said Awbery should come to Rock Creek and decide what needs to be done. Discussed whether the roads were public or private. McMurray said the main road belongs to the Corps of Engineers. McMurray said the County would have to take the lead on the project but could designate anyone they want to represent them. McMurray said McCone County did this to decrease the amount of time they would have to work on the road. Awbery will contact Wayne Noem to discuss the project. It was agreed the Commissioners and Awbery would meet with the Corps to see exactly what needs to be done. Awbery said he would be at MACRS next week and will discuss this with those in attendance. April 18th is the deadline for one of the applications. The second application for major reconstruction has a deadline in May. Awbery will meet with the cabin owners and the Corps on Wednesday to look over the proposed project. Briefly discussed sanitarian services.

CLAY LAMMERS – GARFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF

Lammers asked Commissioners what they wanted to do with the Sheriff's pickup. Commissioners asked if the vehicle would be good enough for the road department. Lammers said it would probably work for that but didn't think it would work for an emergency vehicle.

OLD BUSINESS

Ray Hageman/Shelley Fogle – Workman's comp issues

Terrie Coldwell, Jordan Insurance, and Greg Jackson, MACo Insurance met with Commissioners to discuss claim filed by Shelley Fogle. Jackson said a letter was sent out explaining the new premiums workers comp for volunteer firemen which is \$130 per year. #5 explains that an accurate roster needs to be submitted to MACO. If they are not rostered there is no coverage. The roster is updated on a quarterly basis. DNRC is now requiring that anyone riding in one of their vehicles has to be on the roster. Jackson said the injury occurred before the individual was rostered. Janet Sherer asked if she was to be contacted that someone was going to a fire would they be covered and Jackson said they would be. Hageman asked if he was to go to a fire at 4:00 a.m., is he supposed to call Sherer or Coldwell at 4:00 a.m. Jackson said as long as Hageman contacts one of them they are covered. Coldwell asked if they get a call in the middle of night are they covered from when she or Sherer is contacted. Jackson said they are covered from the time that Sherer or Coldwell are contacted. Hageman said if he has to roster all of the volunteers he will not have a budget to work on the trucks. Sherer said the budget cannot afford to roster everyone. Jackson said if they are not on the roster the county's liability insurance will have to come into play. Hageman said the State of Montana says he can pick anyone to go with him. Jackson said as long as he puts them on the roster and a premium is paid they are covered. Hageman said he talked to Randy Sanders with DNRC last week and DNRC will take their trucks if the volunteers are not rostered. Jackson said the volunteers do not need to keep track of hours anymore. Jackson said when Harold Blattie gets back they will discuss the matter and work on a letter to send to the Commissioners with a detailed explanation and guidelines to follow. Shelley Fogle joined the meeting. Hageman said he was submitting a new roster on a quarterly basis but now he is submitting it monthly. Conference call was ended at 10:15 a.m.

Hageman said he may need to get a waiver for people who are not currently on the roster. Hageman asked what he should do with the bill at the Health Center. Terrie Coldwell said she wanted the bill and she would submit it to med-pay.

BRIAN SCHWEND

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson to sign Lease Agreement with Brian Schwend for old BLM building. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Collins joined the meeting.

HEALTH CENTER

Hanz Arnston, Administrator, met with the Commissioners for weekly meeting. Coldwell asked if Arnston had heard anything about daycare services. Arnston said he contacted the State and there are numerous requirements. Nordlund was told they cannot stay overnight. Robertson asked how much the Health Center charged for this in the past. Nordlund said the charge was \$80.00 for 24 hours. There are currently 17 residents but one resident is going home today so the total will be 16. Charlotte Herbold attended a coding boot camp last week. Cosgriff asked if this was for health care. Arnston said this was different than the navigator training. Arnston said the coding was a difficult course and she did well. Arnston said he hasn't had much interest in the maintenance position and it appears that Pat Murnion will continue. Arnston said he is looking into locating a cheaper vendor for groceries. Cysco only comes once every two weeks and there is another vendor that comes twice a week. Arnston said he received a

check in the amount of \$165,677.00 for the Red Button and we can now start paying for equipment. Arnston said he would return at 1:00 when Cathy Byron was meeting with the Commissioners. Discussed which doctors would be working with the Red Button and when it would be activated. Robertson asked Arnston if he had found anyone that would like to be our supervising physician.

Jerry Collins said rumors are circulating that they are suing the County over what happened with his family member and he wanted it made clear that they are not suing the County and never had any intention of doing so.

CLAIMS

Claim Check Nos. 30997 through 31017 in the amount of \$20,053.71 were approved and paid.

Recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

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

CATHY BYRON – GRANT WRITER

Discussed grant application for a deputy sheriff. Byron said the COPS grant pays for 55% of the wages for a second deputy and 45% is the responsibility of the County. Commissioners said they did not feel the County could commit to this. Byron said she could contact the legislature if the Commissioners wished. Commissioners instructed Byron to contact them. Hanz Arnston, Administrator, Health Center joined the meeting. Byron said as soon as the grant case statement data collections are returned to her she will review them and get back with the Commissioners. Byron said money has been set aside to help with additional law enforcement in Billings because of the Bakken. Byron said she will continue to work on the historical data. Discussed whether or not there is any drug activity in Jordan. Cosgriff said Byron should look into vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Byron said there is a dealer in Lewistown that will sell vehicles at cost to law enforcement. Byron will contact Sheriff Lammers to see what he is looking for. Byron asked if she should look into assistance for detaining prisoners since we have no jail. Byron said when she talked to Frank Edwards about applying for federal grants he was overwhelmed with the paperwork that was required.

Discussed grants for Health care. Byron said the Murdoch Foundation is interested in anything relating to technology and doesn't deal with anything less than \$50,000. Arnston said a new telephone system will cost approximately \$45,000. Byron said she would like to meet with the department heads and bundle things. Discussed a digital x-ray machine and the possibility of getting someone to come here to take mammography x-rays. Byron and Arnston will set up a meeting with the Health Center department heads to ascertain what grants should be applied for. Commissioners said she should try to get military surplus equipment. Byron asked how much time she was allowed to put in to applying for the surplus equipment. Commissioners did not know how much time was spent on this and suggested she contact Ray Hageman as he used to apply for equipment.

MINUTES

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson to approve March 10, 2014 minutes, with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners left the meeting to view county roads at 2:00 p.m. and returned at 4:15 p.m.

CLAY LAMMERS

Discussed vehicle for the Sheriff’s Department. Lammers said he just needs a 4-wheel drive. Commissioners indicated Cathy Byron is looking into grants to purchase vehicles. Lammers said grants can take two years to come through. Lammers asked what was going to be done with the old pickups. Cosgriff said the vehicles could be used by the road crew. Lammers said he would like to have three pickups rather than two pickups and a car. Cosgriff said he would suggest purchasing an executive vehicle from one of the dealers. Commissioners also suggested trading in Frank Edwards’ pickup on a newer vehicle. Commissioners instructed Lammers to check with a few dealers for prices.

DAVE AWBERY – ROAD SUPERVISOR

Awbery reported there is ample gravel at Ross Miller’s to open a pit.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to have TetraTech start work on permit application for gravel pit at Ross Miller’s. Motion carried unanimously.

Awbery said he had talked with 6 Robblees about setting up an account for the County and was told that a bead breaker would cost \$1,071.84. Discussed the millings that the County will be getting from the State when they work Highway 59. Awbery said he would like to remove two cargates on the Brusett Road, one by Marvin Loomis’s and the other one is on Solberg’s next to the old Ron Stanton house.

Awbery asked if he should talk to Bill Sinks about a vehicle. Awbery said he had talked to Troy Lammers about leasing a mower.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-9

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to pass Resolution 2014-9, authorizing the Garfield County Bank to issue a credit card in the name of the Garfield County Road Department to Dave Awbery. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussed janitor at the old grade school.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Robert P. Cosgriff – Chairman

Teddy R. Robertson – Vice-Chairman

Jerry L. Coldwell – Member

ATTEST:

Janet Sherer, Clerk & Recorder

9-2014 – RESOLUTION
GARFIELD COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT CREDIT CARD

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY OF GARFIELD, STATE OF MONTANA, that:

The Garfield County Commissioners authorize the Garfield County Bank to issue a credit card in the name of the Garfield County Road Department to Dave Awbery with a credit limit of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of March, 2014.

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Robert P. Cosgriff, Chairman

Teddy R. Robertson, Vice-Chairman

Jerry L. Coldwell, Member

ATTEST:

Clerk & Recorder