

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
March 28, 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 convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson to approve agenda as posted 48 hours ago.
Motion carried.

Reviewed correspondence and e-mails.

Cosgriff reported Ray Hageman had found a pickup for Clay Lammers but Lammers does not want a surplus vehicle for the Sheriff's Department. Dave Awbery had asked if he could purchase a pickup from Bill Sinks for the road department. Awbery would like use the old Sheriff's pickup as a trade-in. The recycled steel from the county yards brought in \$2,626.80. Cosgriff said Awbery has requested a rolling tool box. Will discuss these matters more fully when Awbery meets with the Commissioners.

ROAD DEPARTMENT – EXTENSION OF VACATION

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to extend unused accrued vacation time for Dave Awbery and Steve Mothershead for one year. Motion carried unanimously.

CLAY LAMMERS – COUNTY SHERIFF

Lammers said he does not feel military surplus vehicles should not be used in the Sheriff's Department. Lammers said he received a bid of \$27,000 from Deluxe and \$28,000 from Heberlee for half ton pickup that is police rated. Discussed the 150 hours of on-call time that Undersheriff Wood has written on her timecard. Lammers said he told her to put her on-call time down. General discussion of salaried positions. Lammers said to have 24/7 coverage he needs a 5.1 person department. Lammers asked why the road department has such a large department and still hires part-time help in the summer and the sheriff's department only has two people. The road department did not replace a person a few years ago so they could hire part-time help in the summer. Lammers said Wood could be leaving this fall or two years from now and a third deputy needs to be available. Robertson said Cathy Byron is still working on finding funding for a third deputy. Discussed budget concerns and the possible purchasing of vehicles, video equipment and stun guns. There should be funds from hail damage that could be used towards the purchase of a new

vehicle. Lammers would like to purchase stun guns. It was suggested that Lammers go to the town council meeting to ask if they could possibly help with purchasing stun guns.

Began reviewing payroll.

CATHY McKEEVER – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to authorize Cosgriff to sign Amendment Number One, Contract Number 14-07-6-11-022-0 between the Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services and Garfield County for \$3,000 of additional funding. Motion carried unanimously.

AIRPORT

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to authorize Cosgriff to sign Sponsor Certification of Plans & Specifications for the Airport improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

Recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

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

Continued reviewing claims.

RAY HAGEMAN

Hageman stopped by to visit with the Commissioners about the military surplus equipment. Also discussed the fire truck that was wrecked. Cosgriff asked if there was a truck that Hageman could borrow until we can get another one. Hageman said Randy Sanders would like to meet with the Commissioners to discuss this.

PAM WALLING – MACo HEALTHCARE TRUST

Pam Walling, with MACo and the Health Insurance Committee consisting of Janet Sherer, Jessica McWilliams, Jen Crawford, Peggy Pierson and Darrell Higgins met to discuss health insurance options. The Board has increased the premium by 3% overall and Garfield County's premium will increase 2.7%. Walling said Garfield County's equity in the Trust is between \$3,600-\$4,000 per employee. Walling said she doesn't feel ObamaCare will have any affect on the Trust. Cosgriff asked if there were any groups that have left the group. Walling said there were ten groups looking elsewhere and there was only one group that left and they had to leave because they weren't meeting the requirements. Walling said there are Counties that cannot join the Trust because of their claim experience. Discussed the different plans that are available. Walling asked the Committee meet to decide what plans to offer and then meet with the Commissioners on April 7, 2014 to make a final decision.

MINUTES

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson to approve March 17, 2014 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussed website and whether to let other entities such as the museum use our website. Robertson will contact Anne Miller and let her know that she can add the museum.

DAVE AWBERY – ROAD SUPERVISOR

Awbery met with Commissioners and discussed the pickup that may be purchased from Bill Sinks. Also discussed the possibility of trading in the old Sheriff's pickup. Discussed military surplus equipment. Awbery was told to see if there is enough in the budget to purchase the pickup from Bill Sinks. Cosgriff asked Awbery who would be doing the spraying this year. Awbery said Dave Kappel is already certified and should do the spraying. Awbery presented updated agreement for the use of county equipment. Awbery will contact Attorney Ryder to review it.

Awbery asked if the Commissioners would be interested in purchasing a road packer as he felt it would help a lot with the Hell Creek Road. Awbery said he had visited with Wayne Noem at the MACRs convention concerning the Federal Lands Access Program and he indicated the County would have to invest quite a bit and Awbery said he didn't feel he had the manpower to do it. Wayne Noem, with the Montana Department of Transportation said they plan to come down in the near future and look at the Hell Creek Road. Noem said MDT is willing to help the County with planning and helping with the funding. Cosgriff said he had talked with Philip Murnion about the millings the County hopes to put on the Hell Creek Road. Awbery said he had talked with Tyler Murnion and their concern is the speed of the traffic. The speed sign will be posted on the Hell Creek Road as soon as the frost goes out. Awbery said there is a class available in Miles City he plans to have the road crew attend. Awbery said he would like to have \$20.00 to \$22.00 per hour.

CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

Electronic payroll Check Nos. 87304 through 87348 in amount of \$55,922.61 were approved and paid. Non-electronic payroll Check Nos. 20976 through 21011 in the amount of \$99,290.66 were approved and paid. Claim Check Nos. 31018 through 31085 in the amount of \$106,851.24 were approved and paid.

Motion to adjourn at 5:10 p.m. The next regular meeting is April 7, 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