

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL SESSION
March 7, 2014**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN: Robert P. Cosgriff

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Jerry L. Coldwell

MEMBER: Teddy R. Robertson

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 the agenda as posted 48 hours ago.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Public Safety Committee consisting of Rocky Nelson, Dave Awbery and Colin Murnion met with Commissioners to discuss vacancy in the Sheriff's Department due to the resignation of Garfield County Sheriff Frank Edwards. Commissioners asked if Edwards had turned in his equipment. Will go over the inventory with Undersheriff Wood. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Rocky Nelson and seconded by Colin Murnion to recommended that Clay Lammers be appointed as Garfield County Sheriff.

Motion by Coldwell and seconded by Robertson to go with the board's recommendation to appoint Clay Lammers as Garfield County Sheriff. Motion carried unanimously.

Cosgriff wanted Lammers to know that one of the major complaints of the taxpayers is the Sheriff's department patrolling the highway. Commissioners also wanted to let Lammers know there will be a State posted speed limit posted on the Hell Creek Road. Brand inspections is another area that the Sheriff's Office should not be doing except in emergencies. Robertson said in the past time management has been an issue. Commissioners suggested Lammers meet with the Public Safety Committee on a regular basis. Lammers said they should meet monthly. Nelson said he felt that would be a good idea to meet monthly and meet with the Commissioners quarterly. Reviewed budget as of the end of February. Preliminary budgets will be sent out in May for next years budget. Nelson said he suggested to the Town Council that they increase their funding and suggested Lammers go to a Town Council meeting. Commissioners also let Lammers know that surplus equipment is now being obtained through the Sheriff's Department. Lammers will check with the State to see about the Coroner license.

Cosgriff wanted Lammers to be aware that there may be some flooding concerns on the Musselshell River in the near future.

Commissioners wanted Lammers to feel free to discuss any problems with the Public Safety Committee and the Commissioners.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 10, 2014.

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Robert P. Cosgriff – Chairman

Teddy R. Robertson – Vice-Chairman

Jerry L. Coldwell – Member

ATTEST:

Janet Sherer, Clerk & Recorder