

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
April 20, 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 9:07 a.m.

AGENDA

Motion by Coldwell and seconded by Collins to approve the agenda as posted 48 hours ago.
Motion carried unanimously.

Reviewed completed grant applications prepared by Cathy Byron.

HEALTH CENTER – Quality Assurance Meeting
Commissioner Collins attended Quality Assurance Meeting at the Health Center.

Cathy Byron joined the meeting.

ROSS CHILDERS – Petition to Abandon Road
Childers presented a Petition to Abandon Road with the Commissioners. Attorney Ryder reviewed the Petition. A public hearing may need to be held.

MINUTES

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Collins to approve April 13, 2015 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

SALE OF FIREHALL

Motion by Collins, seconded Coldwell to sign Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Real Property between Garfield County and Opatriel Properties, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH CENTER ISSUES

Attorney Ryder and Commissioners discussed Health Center issues. Amari Black, Garfield County Undersheriff joined the meeting with concerns about coverage for the ER. Ryder said the revised by-laws should be approved by June 30, 2015. Contract between Dr. Rauh and Dan Muniak needs to be signed and forwarded to the Medical Board as soon as possible.

MID-RIVERS TELEPHONE

Reviewed request to use Williams Coulee Tower.

CATHY BYRON – Grant Writer

Byron went through the completed grant application with Commissioners. Discussed meeting with the coal board.

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Collins to authorize Byron to proceed with the grant application to the Coal Board.

Recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

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

HEALTH CENTER – Review revised by-laws

Present were J. Randall Rauh, MD, Sarah Nordlund, Dan Muniak, PAC, Hanz Arnston, Administrator, Amari Black, Undersheriff, Cathy Byron, Grant Writer, and Gary Ryder, County Attorney. Robertson asked about the by-laws. Attorney Ryder recommended the Medical Staff review them prior to Commissioner approval. Robertson asked if the supervision agreement between Rauh and Muniak had been signed. Ryder said Black was here due to her concerns over the ER being covered. Rauh & Muniak signed supervision agreement. Rauh and Muniak will review by-laws. Nordlund asked if the by-laws were going to be looked at today. Ryder suggested Rauh & Muniak work on by-laws and then meet with Nordlund, Arnston and Collins. Black asked if an EMT can contact air transport for the ER to make things move faster. Muniak will contact Billings Clinic and St. Vincent's to see if this can be done. Discussed Frontier Status and whether there are any new regulations. Muniak had to leave to attend to patients. Discussed the use of the Red Button. Janet Guptill, with the Jordan Tribune joined the meeting.

EMMA HIGGINS – BIG DRY TRANSIT

Higgins updated Commissioners on transit vehicles and will price new tires for the van. She informed Commissioners she will be on vacation from May 22 - 30. Also discussed policies.

RAY HAGEMAN

Hageman told Commissioners he will be upgrading the 4-wheeler and picking up a trackhoe.

Further discussion on grant application. Collins asked Byron if Stevenson Design will need paid prior to receiving any grant. Byron said we won't know if we get the grants until August. Byron said CDBG will pay for the sidewalks. Byron said we should hear on some of the applications within a month or so. If an application is sent to the Coal Board we would hear in June.

CLAIMS

Claim Nos. 32452 through 32466 in the amount of \$9,039.51 were approved and paid.

HEALTH CENTER

Hanz Arnston, Administrator, and Sarah Nordlund, DON met with Commissioners for weekly report. There are currently 19 residents. Nordlund report she and Deidre FitzGerald are going to the Emergency Nurses Association training in Billings on May 1-2, 2015. CNA classes have started with three attending. Reviewed AVERA charges. Stevenson Design will be here on April 27, 2015 between 9:30 and 10:00. Discussed by-laws and policies. Discussed Frontier status and Muniak being unavailable for on-call from April 3, 2015. Dr. Rauh joined the meeting. Further discussion on Muniak not being available for on-call. Rauh said he has nothing to do with Badlands Medical. Guptill voiced her concerns over open meeting law. Discussed contract between Garfield County and Muniak. Rauh presented policies for Commissioners review.

Motion by Collins, seconded by Coldwell to approve Policy for AVERA. Motion carried unanimously.

DAVE AWBERY – ROAD SUPERVISOR

Awbery updated Commissioners on road department. Awbery said the entire crew is going to a gravel roads workshop in Baker on May 26, 2015 at a cost of \$50 per person. Collins said Trevor Smith had contacted him about a car gate.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m., to attend LEPC meeting. The next meeting will be held April 29, 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