

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
May 19, 2014**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN: Robert P. Cosgriff
VICE-CHAIRMAN: Teddy R. Robertson
MEMBER: Jerry L. Coldwell

ALSO PRESENT:

Jerry Collins

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Collins asked to talk about the Special Mill Levy and the Red Button. Coldwell said he thinks people are looking at the Red Button as a walk-in clinic. Collins said he feels the Red Button is for emergencies and should be pushed as soon as the patient arrives.

JESSICA McWILLIAMS – SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

McWilliams presented an application for Isolation Status for Ross School. Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson to authorize Cosgriff to sign application. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Cosgriff said he contacted TetraTech and informed them the Application for the gravel pit on the Old Stage Road should be stopped due to BLM saying they had determined that the proposed pit was in the Wilderness Study Area..

Robertson said she went to the Mental Health Meeting and will go to another meeting on May 22, 2014.

Discussed the lost revenue the County will have to address at budget time. Cosgriff said the Stockyards and PAC will take the biggest hit. Collins asked if Keith Lockie's wages are paid by the State or the County. The County pays his wages. Collins asked if the County has to pay wages if someone comes out from Miles City.

GARY RYDER – COUNTY ATTORNEY

Ryder contacted the Commissioners via telephone and requested a closed meeting to discuss litigation.

Chairman Cosgriff then closed the meeting at 9:05 a.m. under the provisions of §2-3-203 to discuss litigation with Ryder. Meeting opened at 9:15 a.m. No action was taken.

JILL CLARK

Clark said she is looking for a different vehicle because the new van is very uncomfortable for the seniors when they go to Miles City or Billings. Clark asked Commissioners if gravel could be hauled to the Senior Center parking lot. Robertson asked how home chore was working. Clark said it was good. Clark asked for permission to attend training for new directors in Helena. Permission was granted. Clark is going to try to get funding from DAV to transport veterans.

AIRPORT

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell, to authorize Cosgriff to sign Sponsor Certification for Construction Project Final Acceptance for improvements at the Jordan Airport. Motion carried unanimously.

Recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Reconvened by Chairman Cosgriff at 1:04 p.m.

RAY HAGEMAN

Hageman stopped by to let the Commissioners know he has applied for a \$3000 grant. Hageman said the County fire trucks passed inspection today.

CLAIMS

Claim Check Nos. 31192 through 31210 in the amount of \$14,451.25 were approved and paid.

SANITATION FEE SCHEDULE

Reviewed draft of Resolution to set Sanitation fee schedule. Central Montana Health District was contacted to discuss the procedure to obtain permit fees.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2014

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson to pass and approve Resolution No. 12-2014, for a loan in the amount of \$6,000 from the Aeronautics Division of the Department of Transportation for the purpose of runway improvements at the Jordan Airport. Motion carried unanimously.

COPS GRANT

Reviewed e-mail from Cathy Byron. Byron requested there be a grants development team consisting of JoAnn Stanton, Clay Lammers and one of the Commissioners. Also discussed running a special mill levy for law enforcement.

HEALTH CENTER

Hanz Arnston, administrator and Sarah Nordlund, DON, met with Commissioners for weekly report. There are currently 17 residents. Nordlund is doing training on the dangers of street drugs and how patients react and the dangers to everyone involved. Also discussed the e-mail from Cathy Byron. Exterminator is here today spraying for bugs. Robertson asked what kind of bugs. Nordlund said they were clover mites. Arnston said he talked with Mid-Rivers about the connection between Avera and the Health Center and was told the connection has to go to

Billings and then back to Jordan and Ekalaka. The Red Button should be activated the last part of June.

Robertson asked if Nordlund knew what Avera's policies were. Nordlund said they sent four examples. Robertson asked if any of them were similar to what our provider is requesting. Nordlund said none of them are even close. Cosgriff asked if Nordlund has presented the procedures to our medical staff. Dr. Drivdahl is supporting Muniak. Dr. Kidder does not want to be involved. Robertson said the policies written by Muniak tell her that the nurses aren't smart enough to know when to push the red button. Cosgriff said the red button is to be used solely for emergencies. Nordlund said the ER could bring in a lot more revenue. Collins asked if the red button could help the CAH. Cosgriff said to be admitted to the CAH the provider must be present. Robertson asked if Avera's examples are not used will Avera say we can't have the red button. Arnston said the medical staff can make up their own policy. Nordlund asked why the nurses can't use the red button. Cosgriff said Nordlund needs to talk with Muniak. Nordlund said she has talked to him and it did not go well. Arnston said if anyone goes against Muniak they will lose. Discussed the ambulance drivers. Coldwell asked if the red button would help the EMT's. Nordlund said it would help the drivers immensely and cut the time in half of getting the patient medical help. Coldwell said Muniak needs to be contacted first. Collins asked to give the red button a chance the ER needs to be used and the CAH bed and ER are the only income. Robertson said Muniak has stated emergencies happen in seconds. Coldwell said he isn't saying the red button shouldn't be pushed but Muniak needs to be contacted. This is in reference to Muniak being checked out at the time. Nordlund said Muniak is trying to have total control over the red button. Nordlund said if Muniak is checked out he still wants to be contacted. Arnston said other facilities are pushing the red button for every emergency during the first 1-3 months to familiarize the doctors with the facility. Cosgriff asked if the red button is pushed and Muniak is present does the patient get two doctor bills. Nordlund said Muniak would send a bill. Robertson asked if Muniak is called when he is checked out does the ER generate any money. Nordlund said all the revenue goes through the clinic and the CAH receives no income. Collins asked if the Medical Staff doesn't approve using the Red Button does the equipment have to go back and the grants repaid. Robertson asked if Arnston as Administrator and Nordlund as DON have any say in the use of the Red Button. Nordlund left the meeting at 4:19 p.m. for an emergency. Arnston said Dr. Kidder is trying to stay neutral and trying to calm Muniak down. Cosgriff said to keep the CAH we must keep our Frontier status. Arnston said this was correct. Robertson asked Arnston if he would be able to find someone to cover for Muniak if he were to be gone over 72 hours. Robertson said the purpose of the Red Button is to stabilize a patient so they can be sent on. Robertson said since Avera has been providing this service for several years they should know what policies should be used. Culbertson uses the Red Button on every ER but they are not Frontier Status. County Attorney Ryder called in and the matter was discussed briefly via telephone.

DAVE AWBERY – ROAD SUPERVISOR

Cosgriff asked if it was drying out any. Awbery said it was. Awbery said both trucks need driver tires but the black truck needs them worse. Awbery said he has checked prices and the local Cenex has the best price. Awbery said the roller is working very well. Robertson asked if the trees that need to be removed would be done in the early morning. Awbery said they would ask people to move their vehicles.

Cosgriff said Muniak called to say he would be sending a letter to the Commissioners.

MINUTES

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson, to approve May 12, 2014 minutes with corrections.
Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 29, 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

12-2014 – RESOLUTION
AIRPORT LOAN

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF GARFIELD, APPROVING A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000 TOGETHER WITH INTEREST THEREON AT THE RATE OF 1.625 % PER ANNUM ON THE UNPAID BALANCE OF THE PRINCIPAL UNTIL PAID, FROM THE AERONAUTICS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA TO THE COUNTY OF GARFIELD, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RUNWAY IMPROVMENTS AT THE JORDAN AIRPORT, LOCATED IN GARFIELD COUNTY, MONTANA, PROVIDING FOR THE REPAYMENT OF LOAN, AND THE TERMS THEREOF.”

WHEREAS, the County of Garfield, hereinafter known as “SPONSOR”, has approval from the Aeronautics Division of the Department of Transportation of the State of Montana, hereafter known as ‘DIVISION”, for a loan of State funds in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) together with interest thereon at the rate of 1.625% per annum of the unpaid balance of the principal until paid, for the purpose of Airport Improvements described above.

The DIVISION, has prescribed the terms and conditions under which loan is to be repaid, to-wit: Said Sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) together with interest thereon at the rate of 1.625% per annum on the unpaid balance of the principal until, paid, must be repaid to the DIVISION, in annual installments in such payment amounts and in accordance with the schedule of repayments as set forth in the repayment schedule attached hereto and marked EXHIBIT “A”.

The SPONSOR accepts such DIVISION monies and agrees to expend same upon such terms and conditions as are prescribed by the DIVISION, and in accordance with the Airport Aid Application Section Four (Representations) and Section Three (Sponsor Assurances) and by this reference incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the County of Garfield, known herein as SPONSOR, as follows:

1. SPONSOR, hereby agrees to receive and expend such loan totaling Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for improvements of the Jordan Airport, located in Garfield County, Montana, in the manner and form applied for, and as approved by the DIVISION.
2. That in consideration of said loan, that SPONSOR, hereby obligates itself during the period of time as set forth in EXHIBIT “A”, to repay to the DIVISION, the loan of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00), together with interest thereon at the rate of 1.625% per annum on the unpaid balance of the principal until paid, in annual installments. The first of said payments, in the amount as stated in EXHIBIT “A”, will be made on or before the date set forth in EXHIBIT “A”, in the full amount of the loan together with interest as aforesaid; and

3. The SPONSOR shall have the right of prepayment of the principal and interest of the loan, or any part thereof, without penalty, at any time. Any prepayment shall be applied first to interest then accrued at the time of payment and the balance of the payment shall be applied to principal balance of the loan at the time of prepayment. Any prepayment of principal shall accordingly reduce the amount of interest to be paid on the loan. The prepayment shall not relieve the Sponsor from making the next succeeding payment installment or installment when due until the total balance of the loan is paid in full.
4. SPONSOR, in consideration of said loan does hereby obligate itself to include within its budget for the period of time during which loan is to be repaid, sufficient funds to pay and discharge loan together with interest thereon in the amount as stated in EXHIBIT "A".

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED AND APPROVED by the County of Garfield, located in Jordan, Montana this 19th day of May, 2014.

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Robert P. Cosgriff, Chairman

Teddy R. Robertson, Vice-Chairman

Jerry L. Coldwell, Member

ATTEST:

Clerk & Recorder