

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
May 5, 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 Robertson and seconded by Coldwell to approve the agenda as posted 48 hours ago. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussed a location for the county fire trucks. Also discussed DNRC vehicles and insurance issues. Cosgriff said Awbery had asked if the County could sell old cattle guards. Robertson asked how long it takes to make a cattle guard. Cosgriff said if the pipe is cut he thought Higgins was getting 3 a day. Cosgriff said the cost of the cattle guards could cost up to \$1,500. The cattle guards to be sold are rejects that the crew has replaced. It was determined that the salvage value for scrap metal would be about \$100. It was decided to give the road crew the discretion to set a price above that determined by the condition of the cattle guard.

OLD BUSINESS

Rex Phipps met with the Commissioners to update the Commissioners on the ambulance grant. \$162,000 comes from the State and \$18,000 will be paid by the Ambulance Service. Phipps said they may come to the County for any funds they may be short for add ons. The extra's they are wanting are automated cot and oxygen bottles. Phipps said Ray Hageman got a generator and it will be used for an emergency on site. Phipps said since Cathy Byron is doing some grant writing for Garfield County that Custer 911 is asking if they can use Byron to help with applying for a grant. Cosgriff said he needs to talk to Byron. Phipps said he had already talked to her and was told the Commissioners would have to agree to her working on the grant. Robertson asked when the new ambulance would be here. Phipps said he was unsure when it would be done. Phipps said at one point the County may want to think about a full time administrative position for emergency services, which would include DES, fire, ambulance, training coordinator, etc.

Cosgriff informed Phipps that there are some deficiencies with our CAH and asked what the repercussions would be if the CAH closed. Phipps said if there is no CAH the ambulance drivers are required to go to the nearest hospital and the drivers get burned out. Phipps said if the deficiencies are not taken care of, people are going to have to get involved politically because Max Baucus is the reason we have what we have now. Phipps said the training has been increased for the EMT's. Phipps said there are 17 advanced EMT's. Phipps said the

EMT's are all volunteers with no compensation. Phipps said he feels there are a handful of people who are causing problems and they could cause so much damage.

Phipps said he is working on the CDBG report.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to allow Cathy Byron to work on grant for 911. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussed the possibility of removing trees in the park to enlarge the parking lot for the Health Center.

BRIDGET NIELSEN – CMR

Nielsen contacted the office and rescheduled for next week.

AIRPORT

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to authorize Cosgriff to sign letter to FAA authorizing Bill Burkland to prepare and submit payment requests to Delphi e-Invoicing on behalf of Garfield County. Motion carried unanimously.

Cosgriff indicated the MACo District meeting is in Miles City on Friday, May 9, 2014.

JANET SHERER – CLERK & RECORDER

Sherer asked the Commissioners if a credit card could be obtained for the sole purpose of reserving rooms for county employees going to conventions and trainings.

JIM GIBSON

Gibson wanted to let the Commissioners know that the old patrol that is being left in the country is not being used solely on County roads and doesn't think it should be used to for things that would cause competition between the County and local contractors.

CLAIMS

Claim Check Nos. 31184 through 31191 in the amount of \$202,667.71 were approved and paid.

Recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

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

BRYAN PHIPPS, CHELSEA PHIPPS & LAYNE MURNION – ROAD ISSUE

Bryan Phipps said they wanted to meet with the Commissioners concerning the CMR traveling through their private road to study sage chicken. Layne Murnion said John D. Murnion had petitioned several years ago to close the road and he was under the assumption that if it hadn't been bladed for three years it was considered closed. Cosgriff said the County is reimbursed about \$100 a mile for the gas tax roads. Bryan said the land is privately owned by Phipps's and Murnion's. Cosgriff said the road is considered an abandoned road but it is still on the gas tax maps. Layne Murnion said he contacted the Sheriff to escort Bernie Hildebrand off the property. Hildebrand came to the Courthouse and couldn't find where the road was a county road of record. Phipps asked if they put in gates and posted signs would they have to allow CMR access. Cosgriff said he did not know what the procedure is to close a gas tax road. Cosgriff said the County Attorney will be contacted to research this and Phipps and Murnion will meet with the Commissioners again next week.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to authorize Cosgriff to sign gravel mine permit documents for the Old State Road and Ross Miller Pits. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners recessed at 1:55 p.m. to attend John McKerlick's funeral and reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

AIRPORT

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to authorize Cosgriff to sign Agreement for Transfer of Entitlements from the Jordan Airport to Park County / City of Livingston, Montana. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson, to approve April 29, 2014 minutes with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

HANZ ARNSTON – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Hanz Arnston requested a closed meeting.

Chairman Cosgriff then closed the meeting at 3:02 p.m. under the provisions of §2-3-203 to discuss matters of confidentially with Hanz Arnston and Sarah Nordlund. Meeting opened at 4:01 p.m. No action was taken.

HEALTH CENTER

Present were Hanz Arnston and Sarah Nordlund. Nordlund said Dan Muniak would be holding a screening examination training on May 25, 2014. Robertson asked who would be going to Avera. Nordlund said it didn't sound like anyone would be going. Commissioners asked when the Red Button would be working. Nordlund said we would know more after tomorrow's meeting but we are still waiting on last pieces of equipment. Arnston presented Central Montana Foundation report. Arnston said Health Center got approval from Food Services of America so there are now three vendors that we can order from. Cosgriff asked how long the menus are set up for. Arnston said the dietitian makes a menu a month in advance. Commissioners said the bills from Ryan's looks like the kitchen is not very efficient when it comes to purchasing groceries. Robertson asked why the chef's hats were purchased for \$50. Nordlund said it was because they didn't want to keep buying hairnets. Arnston said he had spoken with Rex Phipps about the Memorandum of Understanding for the ambulance agreement. The old agreement was made in the 90's and Arnston prepared a new one. Attorney Ryder will review it prior to presenting it to the Ambulance. Arnston contacted CMS and everything is looking good and should have a revisit survey before the 1st week of June. Arnston said they are hoping to get a concrete bid for the ambulance entrance way but will wait for grant approval. Discussed average charges for the services received after the Red Button is up and working. Arnston stated he sent the Jordan Tribune an email asking why his article on Adult Day Care licensing was not in the paper and has not received a response.

DAVE AWBERY – ROAD SUPERVISOR

Awbery said he pushed up gravel at Milam's today. Cosgriff asked how much road it was going to gravel. Awbery said he wasn't sure but there was quite a bit there. Commissioners related Jim Gibson's concern over the patrol that is out in the country. Awbery said he hopes to get it

to town. Awbery said Higgins offered \$500 for Tim Fogle's old pickup. Awbery said that was the only offer he received on any of the equipment that they were taking offers on.

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to accept Darrell Higgins's bid of \$500 for the pickup that Fogle used to drive. Motion carried unanimously.

Awbery said Randy Brusett wants to purchase 3 cattle guards. Awbery said the minimum cost will be \$250. Discussed the millings the County is getting from the State. Awbery said someone needs to contact the State to request the millings and specify how much is needed. Awbery said the Health Center parking lot will take about 1020 cubic yards. Awbery asked if the Commissioners were going to contact the State or if he should. Cosgriff said the Commissioners are planning to attend the District meeting on May 9th and would talk to someone at the State level. Awbery said Kevin Gower, Maintenance Chief, is who they need to contact. Awbery said he would be ordering pipe and will get an estimate for plastic pipe. Discussed various projects being worked on.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 12, 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