

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
August 4, 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 Coldwell and seconded by Robertson to approve the agenda as posted 48 hours ago. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussed complaint received from Rock Creek cabin owner concerning the weed problem at Rock Creek. Discussed the West Little Dry, Glasscock and North Little Porcupine road petition.

JO ANN STANTON – JOURNAL VOUCHERS

Motion by Coldwell and seconded by Robertson to approve following Journal Vouchers:

JV #537 - Transfer money to insurance fund for ambulances and senior citizen bus and van as budgeted.

JV #538 - Transfer expenditures from pool budget to mineral royalty due to budget over-draft in the pool fund.

JV #539 - Transfer expenditures for old grade school repairs from OGS fund to general fund County building, due to budget over-draft.

JV #540 - To record electricity, water, sewer and garbage for ambulance building as utilities not just building maintenance.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's discussed the asbestos flooring in the courthouse. Robertson will get estimates for new flooring.

REX PHIPPS – AMBULANCE

Discussed rent paid by Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Phipps will contact them. Phipps presented agreement between the Ambulance Service and the DPHHS for Medicaid reimbursement. Discussed raising the ambulance charges. Phipps will talk with surrounding areas to see what they charge. New ambulance will be a 2015 F450 diesel 4x 4 with adjustable shocks. Phipps said the use of the Red Button saved the ambulance from having to take the recent medical patient to Miles City or Billings was able to get transported by air.

HELL CREEK ROAD ISSUES

Present were Dave Awbery, Charles Phipps, Craig Butchet and Doug Habermann, with Fish, Wildlife & Parks. Phipps spoke on behalf of the cabin owners at Hell Creek about the condition of the road. Awbery said this year the Hell Creek road has been bladed more than all the other county roads combined. Skip Olson and Jen Crawford joined the meeting. Discussed ways to stabilize the gravel and the possibility of having other governmental agencies help with road maintenance. Habermann said the National Guard is working at Makoshika State Park in Glendive and the Governor will be there on Tuesday if anyone would like to visit with him. It was determined that the DOT would be the first agency to contact.

Recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

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

ROAD PETITIONS

Telephone conference with Attorney Ryder to discuss Road Petitions.

RESOLUTION NO. 17.2014 FOR SPECIAL MILL LEVY – PUBLIC SAFETY

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Cosgriff to approve Resolution No. 17.2014. Motion carried unanimously.

ROAD PETITIONS – West Little Dry, Glasscock, North Little Porcupine, Two Furrow and Hay Creek

Present were Gus Glasscock, Karen Glasscock, Scott Glasscock, Traci Glassock, Don Glasscock, Mike McCoy and Diana McCoy. Cosgriff said the public hearing has already been held. Cosgriff informed those present the different options County Attorney Ryder suggested. Attorney Ryder was present by telephone. Since there was an objection Ryder suggested taking the road by Resolution rather than by Petition. Ryder said since the road has been in existence before Brewer came there is ample proof there is prescriptive use of the road.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN COMMITTEE

Present for the meeting included Rex Phipps, Lori Phipps and Charlotte Herbold. Mike Green was unable to attend.

Rex Phipps shared a spreadsheet showing current loan amounts, amounts due and paid loans. Phipps reported that \$190,922.91 has been loaned out with an initial fund of \$68,000.00.

Rex Phipps stated the Committee has received an application for a loan. Discussion held on who the applicants are purpose of the loan. Board recommended \$10,000.00 be awarded to the applicants. The applicant has previously borrowed for projects and repaid in full on time.

Motion by Robertson and seconded by Coldwell to go with the board's recommendation for the approval of the loan to the applicants. Motion carried unanimously.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Coldwell to authorize Cosgriff to sign agreement between Ambulance Service and DPHHS. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson, to approve July 14, 2014, July 15-16, 2014 minutes with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH CENTER ISSUES

Hanz Arnston, Administrator and Sarah Nordlund, DON met with Commissioners to discuss health care issues including update on Red Button usage. There are currently 19 residents with one more being admitted today. Discussed fire life safety survey plan of correction.

ROAD PETITION – Two Furrow and Hay Creek Roads

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson to approve and put of record the Petition to Two Furrow and Hay Creek Roads as county roads. Motion carried unanimously.

DAVE AWBERY – ROAD SUPERVISOR

Awbery updated the Commissioners on road department issues.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 11, 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

17.2014 - RESOLUTION
ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY FOR GARFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the Garfield County Sheriff's Department has experienced significant turnover the last several years, as a result of increasing responsibilities for a two person Sheriff's Department to provide coverage in Garfield County; and

WHEREAS, both former Sheriffs and the current Sheriff believe that in order to have adequate coverage, and to retain personnel for the Sheriff's Office, that the addition of a position of Deputy Sheriff should be established; and

WHEREAS, the addition for the next two years will be \$100,000 at \$50,000 a year is 10 mills; and

WHEREAS, the full amount may not be necessary if the pending COPS grant application for funding a Deputy Sheriff is approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Garfield County Commissioners do hereby call for a Special Election to be conducted in conjunction with the November General Election to be held on November 4, 2014 to ask the voters to consider an additional mill levy for the support of the Garfield County Public Safety to read as follows:

“Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Garfield County be authorized to make a levy of 10 mills to generate up to \$50,000 per year for a period of two years for the purpose of providing funds for additional Sheriff's Department personnel.

FOR mill levy

AGAINST mill levy

The impact of this election on a home valued at \$100,000 would be an increase of taxes of approximately \$24.70 proposed taxes, an impact on a home valued at \$200,000 would be an increase of taxes of approximately \$49.40 per year.

DATED this 4th day of August, 2014.

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Robert P. Cosgriff, Chairman

Teddy R. Robertson, Vice-chairman

ATTEST:

Jerry L. Coldwell, Member

Clerk & Recorder