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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA  
April 18, 2017**

**Present:** Commissioners Kirsch, Wortman and Mullen; Bruce Binkowski, County Events Planner; Drew Dawson, BTAC; Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor*; Paul Backlund

The meeting was called to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Wortman moved to approve the minutes of March 21. Commissioner Mullen seconded. The motion carried.

**REPORTS**

Commissioner Kirsch noted the receipt of the March expense and revenue reports from the Clerk and Recorder.

The Commissioner approved the minutes of an executive session on March 29. The minutes will be filed in the County Attorney's office.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Commissioner Kirsch noted the receipt of the yearly alcohol tax earmark designation form. Commissioner Wortman moved to follow the same designation as last year, with the funds going to Boyd Andrew and Youth Dynamics. Commissioner Mullen seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Kirsch noted the receipt of a letter from Jerilynn Copenhaver and Dawn Smartnick. Jerilynn placed second at the Business Professional of America state competition and won a spot in the national competition. They are requesting financial help for the trip to Florida.

Commissioner Wortman moved to donate \$500, from PILT. Commissioner Mullen seconded. The motion carried.

### **CALENDAR REVIEW**

- 4/18 DUI Task Force - 5:00  
Fire Council - Boulder - 6:00  
Health Board - 6:00
- 4/19 Riverside tour - 9:30  
Boulder Senior Center lunch and meeting - noon
- 4/20 Survey review committee - 1:30
- 4/24 Center for Mental Health - Great Falls - 10:00

### **COMMISSION REPORTS**

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Tuesday night he attended the BTAC recreation meeting. There was a presentation by the Prickly Pear Land Trust.

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Thursday he attended the STI, CTAC and LEPC meetings in Whitehall. He spent a couple hours with the wind developers, and the project is progressing. They hope to get prototypes up and running this summer. They are looking into how to build a 40,000 square foot building in the business park for manufacturing.

Commissioner Kirsch reported that on Wednesday night he attended the planning board meeting. They are still working on the growth policy, which is very slow going.

Commissioner Kirsch reported that he attended the LEPC meeting in Whitehall. They discussed radio station problems which stemmed from a power outage. The National Weather Service people were in attendance, and they reported that the snow pack and stream flow is normal this year. Golden Sunlight Mine is going to redo their policy regarding cell phones, which is something that we might want to look into.

Commissioner Kirsch reported on the weed board meeting. They still have quite a few of the Aspen Valley residents showing up. The chair wants to do the next weed board meeting in Whitehall.

### **ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS' ACTION OR REVIEW**

#### **BRUCE BINKOWSKI - REVISIT FINANCIAL REQUESTS**

Bruce Binkowski, Event Coordinator, gave an update on his recent activities; he has been getting the County logo and brochures to events happening in Jefferson County.

The radio posters are in the works and we will also be printing cards for distribution. The brochure is in the final stages and will be before the Commissions soon for final approval. The brochure will also be on the website.

Bruce reminded the Commissioners that they had tasked him with researching the cost of making our own billboards. He talked to Bill Smiley, who gave him a bid. To build a 8 x16 foot billboard with steel beams, it would be about \$7,700 per billboard, and would cost \$550 to change the sign. The challenge, in the short term, is finding a location. This might be something to look at for the future. His recommendation for this summer is to have three billboards for this summer to promote the fair and frontier days. The cost for the entire summer with one change would be \$6,370. They can get three billboards for one month for \$1,985.

Commissioner Wortman moved to allocate \$2000 for one month of billboard advertising. Commissioner Mullen seconded. The motion carried.

Bruce stated that the other item this budget year is related to the Headwaters Country Jam. For a \$2,000 sponsorship you get 10 live mentions per week referencing Jefferson County as the headquarters of County Jam on the radio station, 2 banners promoting the county at the event, a live stage announcement each night at the event, and 50 spots on the radio. These spots can stretch into the summer and promote other events. A \$1,000 sponsorship will get us half of that.

Commissioner Wortman stated that the radio station in Bozeman would have a different audience than normally attended the fair and rodeo. He asked if we could give them rodeo tickets to give away on the radio. Bruce stated that he can get tickets to stations all around the area.

#### APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Kirsch noted the receipt of applications to serve on the Museum Board from Ed Dawes and Victoria Cech.

Commissioner Mullen moved to appoint both to the Museum Board. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion carried.

#### DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON PIPESTONE/JEFFERSON SLOUGH PROJECT ISSUES

Commissioner Wortman stated that the Kountz bridge project is moving along and is ahead of schedule. The bridge should be open before the May 1 estimate. The railroad has cleaned out under their bridge and it looks really nice and water is flowing well. The Jefferson Slough modification project is underway and going well. The Sugar Beet Row project is going to start this week, with a change order on manholes. They will replace the manholes with new ones rather than rehabilitating the old ones. There will be no change in cost.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**ATTEST:**

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**BONNIE RAMEY  
CLERK AND RECORDER**

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**CORY KIRSCH, CHAIR**

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**LEONARD WORTMAN, COMMISSIONER**

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