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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
April 4, 2017**

Present: Commissioners Kirsch and Mullen; Tom Harrington, JLDC; Paul Backlund
Absent: Commissioner Wortman

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

CALENDAR REVIEW

- 4/4 Museum Board meeting - 5:30
- 4/5 Meeting with ThinkOne - 10:00
Mental Health Local Advisory Committee - 2:00
- 4/6 BTAC meeting - 8:00
Health Insurance meeting - 9:00
Survey review - 1:30
HB 473 hearing - 3:00
- 4/10 Whitehall town council - 7:00

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Kirsch reported that he attended the MACRS conference in Great Falls last week.

Commissioner Kirsch reported that on Friday afternoon he looked at roads on the north end and visited the Montana City transfer site. Commissioner Mullen noted that the County is looking at ways to increase the size of the site; they have a lot of vehicles in and out of the site and it gets really congested at times.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Backlund gave the Commissioners a report on the water tank at Elkhorn and the rehabilitation project to restore it.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS' ACTION OR REVIEW

COUNTY TAX INCREMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

Tom Harrington, JLDC, gave the Commissioners the quarterly update of the TIF Districts. He stated that the North District has a balance of \$23,496 with another \$14,175 due on the 2nd half taxes. They currently have an outstanding metal mine loan of \$269,000 with the County that is being paid periodically. He noted that there will be an increase in the loan balance of \$70,000 for the internet bill with Charter. In the South District, they have a balance of \$697,000 with another \$190,000 due from 2nd half taxes. They have an outstanding metal mines loan balance of \$70,000, that is in the process of being paid.

Tom stated that the board went through a draft budget. In addition to the typical line items, they are going to add a couple lines for the revolving loan and internet maintenance.

Dave Duffy gave an update on the North TIFID at the meeting. Four more lots have sold; there is a landscaping company that will be moving in, a weed control business, a recycling business. He is working with a tower company out of North Dakota that is looking to establish tower sites. There are still the two internet lots that are pending and someone is looking at one of the large lots at the front.

In the South District, the three offices in the warehouse building are full. There has been a lot of activity with the wind developer, who is in the process of bringing in materials for prototypes. They had a discussion yesterday with Golden Sunlight Mine regarding a wind lease. They had their lands guy up from Elko, and they have the draft copies of the wind lease. Another bit of good news is the concentrator project, which they are looking at moving forward with. They have an engineer working on cost analysis.

Golden Sunlight Mine currently has 42 Barrick employees and 92 contract employees. They have submitted a permit for the extension of their underground operation.

Tom stated that he has had some really good inquiries regarding warehouse space. He talked to an engineer about water/sewer lines tie in. One of the people he would really like to get in there is a person who used to work at Golden Sunlight. He has started his own business refurbishing drill bits.

The board had a good discussion of the proposed Boulder TEDD/Urban Renewal District. Tom said that they had some interest in building an eco park here, as well as a wind farm as well. A Scottish firm, Orthios, will be coming next month to look over the area.

Tom stated that the board has hired a consultant to develop an increment district handbook, which will be helpful as the board membership changes over time.

Commissioner Mullen asked about CRETEX moving to Billings. Tom stated that they moved one of the batch plants to Billings temporarily.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

**BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER**

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