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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
February 21, 2017**

Present: Commissioners Kirsch, Wortman and Mullen; Tom Harrington, JLDC; Ted Dodge, Jefferson River Watershed; Ken Vivrette, Russ Ayers

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

REPORTS

Commissioner Kirsch noted the receipt of the January expense and revenue reports.

CALENDAR REVIEW

- 2/21 Boulder City Council - 6:00
Health Board meeting - 6:30
- 2/22 Exit interview with auditors - 9:00
Senate bill 274 hearing - 3:00
- 2/23 Survey review - 1:30
RMDC finance committee - Helena - 2:30
RMDC board meeting - Helena - 3:30
Jefferson Watershed Council public meeting - Whitehall - 6:30
- 2/27 Center for Mental Health Governing Board meeting - Great Falls - 10:00

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Mullen reported that Monday through Thursday he was at the MACo Conference in Helena. He also attended a couple bill hearing at the legislature on Wednesday.

Commissioner Mullen reported that on Friday he met with John Shepherd and Steve Haddon to discuss the water/sewer issues in new building.

Commissioner Wortman reported that on the 7th they had a recreation committee meeting. They are doing a lot of work to try to get people out to the non-motorized trails around Boulder and also getting the routes GPS'ed.

Commissioner Wortman reported that he attended the Boyd Andrew board meeting on the 8th. The Elkhorn program is in good shape; they will be setting aside five beds for a 28-day treatment program.

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Thursday he attended the STI and CTAC meetings in Whitehall. The mine is fairly stable; they are getting ready to get permit in for APEX expansion.

Commissioner Wortman reported that on the 17th he attended a pre-bid conference for the Slough project; he is hoping to get some good bids.

Commissioner Kirsch reported on the Weed board meeting. Some people were upset regarding a letter sent out regarding weed management, so they are working to smooth that over.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Vivrette stated that he is here regarding the Ayers subdivision. He and the developer have been working on this for some time. They got a letter in December from the Planner with 8 items to be completed, some of which were repetitive. This has been beaten to death. The developer has over \$5,000 invested in this project and there is no end in sight.

Russ Ayers, the applicant, stated that they started the process in November 2015. They were moving through the process, until 4-5 months ago when the planner questioned if he has legal access to Pinecrest Road. The County maintains the road, and everyone considers it a county road. He received a resolution from 2002 stating that the County accepts Pinecrest as a county road. The Planner doesn't think that this is sufficient. He stated that the Road Supervisor has no problem with issuing an approach permit to the county road. This issue has been with the County Attorney for months, and he cannot get an answer from him.

Commissioner Kirsch stated that there is some question of the legality of the resolution. He noted that the Legislature is dealing with similar issues to this. There are strips of land that roads run along within subdivisions that don't belong to anyone.

Russ noted that when he moved there in the 70s, the road went all the way through, and had been historically used for many, many years. The Forest Service at some point later decided to make that walk-in access only.

Commissioner Wortman stated that he feels that this should be placed on a future agenda, and we will have the Planner and County Attorney in attendance.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS' ACTION OR REVIEW

Ted Dodge stated that they had a walkthrough on the Jefferson Slough project on Friday. All seven of the pre-qualified contractors were in attendance. The work on the blowout project started on Monday and the engineer from Confluence was out with the contractor. There will be a meeting between Great West and the contractor on the bridge project, and Rail Link has agreed to start the work on the rail siding at the same time. We still need a need a landowner agreement between the County and Tim Mulligan and Ed Simon. Steve should have a draft of the agreement to the Commission today. Ted stated that there is a legislative hearing at 3:00 today to move funds on the Slough; we want the remaining funds to be able to go to the Slaughterhouse Slough diversion and the Davis dam diversion. He also met this morning with Doug Dodge regarding a drought coordinator.

PUBLIC HEARING - CDBG FUNDING

Commissioner Kirsch called the public hearing to order.

Tom Harrington, JLDC, stated that they are working on a project on the South Campus, on building 6.

Commissioner Kirsch called for comments. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Mullen moved to reappoint David Leitheiser, Gerry Keogh and Karen Davidson to the Planning Board, Bill Gillespie to the Weed Board, and Terry Minow to the Fair Board. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion carried.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON COMMISSION BOARD LIAISONS

The Commissioners discussed what boards they wanted to serve as liaison to.

DISCUSS MOSQUITO DISTRICT EQUIPMENT

Commissioner Kirsch stated that the Boulder Mosquito District has a UTV that they are not using. The researched trade-in value and were told that it is \$3000. The Whitehall Mosquito would like it, but only have \$2500 to pay for it. Jill would like to advertise it for bid, with a minimum of \$3000.

Commissioner Wortman moved to allow the Boulder mosquito board to advertise with a minimum bid of \$3000. Commissioner Mullen seconded. He stated that he isn't sure that he wants to not allow the Whitehall Mosquito district to purchase it for \$2500. The motion carried unanimously.

AWARD BID FOR SUGAR BEET ROW SEWER PROJECT

Commissioner Wortman stated that we will have to table the bid award; we are waiting to hear from Rural Development with their concurrence on all of the items that they have to agree to.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER

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