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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
March 14, 2017**

Present: Commissioners Kirsch, Wortman and Mullen; LaDana Hintz, County Planner; Ken Vivrette, Paul Backlund

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

REPORTS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Kirsch noted the receipt of a letter from Justice Court regarding records destruction.

Commissioner Wortman noted the receipt of a letter from Billy Whitehurst, MSU Extension agent. Billy will be taking another job; his last day will be March 31.

CALENDAR REVIEW

- 3/14 Museum Board - 5:30
- 3/15 North Business Roundtable - Jackson Creek Saloon - 11:45
Boulder Senior Citizen lunch and meeting - noon
JLDC - 1:30
Whitehall ad-hoc meeting - 3:30
- 3/16 Tri-Co Fire - Helena - 9:00
Headwaters RC&D - Butte - 10:00
Beaverhead - Deer Lodge Working Group meeting - Butte - 1:00
Survey review committee - 1:30
Red Rocks meeting - Butte - 5:30

- 3/18 Sportmen's dinner - Whitehall - 5:00
- 3/20 Forest Schedule A meeting - County Shop - 1:00
Senate Public Health committee hearing - 3:00
- 3/21 Special Districts bill hearing - 9:00

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Mullen reported that on Thursday he attended the North Jefferson County Library Board meeting. They need to replace the flooring in meeting room. They also discussed board election and plans for Clancy days.

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Wednesday he attended the Boyd Andrew Board of Directors meeting. They are looking at using 4 or 5 beds at Elkhorn Treatment Center for a relapse program. They are also going to do an 8-bed halfway house in Helena.

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Thursday morning he attended the STI meeting in Whitehall, where they talked quite a bit about a Boulder internet opportunity. Scott and Tom are trying to set a meeting this month with internet providers.

Commissioner Wortman reported that he attended the CTAC meeting in Whitehall on Tuesday morning. Golden Sunlight Mine has gone 421 days without a loss-time accident. They are also over goal on gold production. They plan to have the permit for a new underground operation in late March. They continue to discuss the concentrator, and have a full-time engineer working on it; corporate is pretty excited about the potential. The concentrator would allow them to process all of the tailings, then use them to backfill. They have done similar things in other places, but nothing exactly the same. After the meeting, he and Tom talked to them about the TIF district; Sunlight really didn't understand the process at the time, but they are now excited about the possibilities.

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Sunday afternoon the Rotary had their international dinner, which has a great turnout.

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Monday he and Commissioner Kirsch attended the pre-construction conference for the Sugar Beet Row project. They plan to start the project on April 10, and will do in two phases.

Commissioner Wortman reported that he attended the Whitehall town council meeting last night. The council took a vote to have their attorney take any and all action to charge the County Sheriff and DPHHS for loss of revenue to their ambulance.

Commissioner Kirsch reported that he attended the Boulder Chamber meeting, which was very well attended. The marketing team meet immediately afterward.

Commissioner Kirsch reported on the survey review committee. He stated that a couple people from Stoney Brook were in attendance with a couple of encroachment issues.

Commissioner Kirsch reported that he attended the weed board on Thursday night. There were some Aspen Valley landowners in attendance with questions. There are over 100 lots up there; they have 46 management plans in and we are waiting for 35. Also, Jill will be asking the Commission for their support of HB410.

SUBDIVISION REVIEW

FINAL PLAT REVIEW - TOMASKI MINOR SUBDIVISION - MONTANA CITY

LaDana Hintz, County Planner, stated the developer has met all of the conditions of approval. She noted that there were conditions associated with building a road (Charity Lane), but that road was built in an adjacent subdivision (Microwave Heights phase 2) and didn't need to be completed under this review. LaDana recommended final plat approval be granted.

Commissioner Mullen moved to grant final plat approval. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

JEFFERSON ACRES AMENDED PLAT - WHITEHALL

LaDana reminded the Commissioner that this amended plat is to relocate parkland and aggregate the old parkland into an existing lot. They have had the survey done

Commissioner Wortman moved to approve the amended plat. Commissioner Mullen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

AMENDED PALMER MINOR TRACT A-1-A - SUBDIVISION EXTENSION REQUEST

LaDana stated that the Commission gave an extension in February 2016. Since that time the developer has been working on getting the conditions completed. Her attorney has been working on the covenants and a couple other items. The developer is asking for an extension for six months, although it probably won't take that long to get the rest of the conditions completed.

Commissioner Wortman moved to grant a six-month extension. Commissioner Mullen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS' ACTION OR REVIEW

RESOLUTION 08-2017 LOAN RESOLUTION - SUGAR BEET ROW

Commissioner Mullen moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 09-2017 BOND AGREEMENT - SUGAR BEET ROW

Commissioner Mullen moved to adopt. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON AGREEMENTS FOR SUGAR BEET ROW PROJECT FUNDING

Commissioner Kirsch noted that we have some of the documents at the meeting, and more will be coming in this week.

Commissioner Wortman moved to sign the agreements with Rural Development, and those that come in later this week. Commissioner Mullen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT BOARD MEMBER

Commissioner Wortman moved to reappoint Aimee Lagerquist to the Fair Board. Commissioner Mullen seconded. The motion carried.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON PIPESTONE/JEFFERSON SLOUGH PROJECT ISSUES

Commissioner Wortman stated that there were some issues on Sugar Beet Row. They opened up all four manhole covers, and three of them were plugged. They did some flushing last night and they will check this morning to see if they extra flushing worked. If not, they will need to call RotoRooter to clean things out. He noted that the Slough project is slated to start next week.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON FACILITY PROJECT ISSUES

Commissioner Kirsch stated that the County Attorney is drafting a letter to ThinkOne about the water and sewer issues in the new Clerk and Recorder building.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER

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