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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
May 30, 2017**

Present: Commissioners Kirsch, Wortman and Mullen; Steve Haddon, County Attorney; LaDana Hintz, County Planner; Carolyn Henry, Safety Coordinator; Doug Dodge, DES Manager; Barb Reiter, DUI Task Force; Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor*; Greg Hughes, Paul Backlund,

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

CALENDAR REVIEW

5/30 Head Start meeting - Whitehall - 4:30
6/01 BTAC - 8:00
Survey review - 1:30
Jefferson River Watershed Council meeting - 4:00
6/05 MACo District meeting - Philipsburg - 10:00

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Mullen reported that on the 18th he attended the Area IV Agency on Aging meeting in Three Forks.

Commissioner Mullen reported that on Wednesday he attended the Head Start working group meeting to discuss ways that they might find a qualified teacher. They are going to meet again this afternoon. Since then, he has reached out to schools in North Dakota and Wyoming that have early childhood education programs and sent them information.

Commissioner Mullen stated that Friday he and Gary Spaeth met with Sheila Hogan, director of DPHHS, regarding the \$500,000 be earmarked for Boulder. Sheila informed them that the authority for the money has been transferred from DPHHS to the Department of Commerce.

Commissioner Wortman reported that on the 18th he had a meeting in Whitehall with the people from Capp Ranch. They didn't go for the idea of putting the stream back in its original channel; they had some concerns about the possibility of turning some of land back into swampland. Confluence Consulting has been working on an inset flood plain to stop the erosion that is going on. During those discussions, it came up that Butte-Silver Bow is looking for a lot of fill material for some of their projects. They discussed the possibility that the material that would be dug up for the inset flood plain could be used by Butte-Silver Bow. What they are shooting for is to be able to sell enough to finance the entire project.

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Thursday afternoon the Beaverhead - Deer Lodge working group held their regular meeting at the fair grounds, which was very well attended. Later that night, the Forest Service held a public meeting regarding the Red Rocks project.

Commissioner Kirsch reported that he was in Butte for most of the week for the Building Active Communities Institute Conference in Butte. The focus was building more active communities with bike/walking paths and building more localized communities with services within walking distance.

Commissioner Kirsch reported that last week they had an insurance meeting for prop/casualty and workers comp. Our rates will be increasing 16-17%, noting that we are part of a state-wide pool.

Commissioner Kirsch reported on the Clancy water/sewer district meeting. They are trying to move forward with their water plans, and are working on getting a grant for a Preliminary Engineer Report. They will have a booth at Clancy's Day and will hold an event sometime after Labor Day.

Commissioner Kirsch reported that he attended the City of Boulder meeting. An interesting point was the purchase of a building on Main Street. They couldn't get a second to even consider the purchase. Commissioner Wortman stated that he was contacted by Patrick Imenson to gauge if the County might be interested in purchasing the building. He informed Mr. Imenson that the County would need to get an appraisal. Steve Haddon, County Attorney, raised some concerns regarding the age of the building and potential expenses to bring it up to code for use as a public building.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Haddon, County Attorney, stated that he received a call last week from Justice Court regarding someone who wanted to bring a dog into court. The person maintained that the dog is a service dog. Danielle did quick background check, and they let the dog in. However, it prompted him to think that we probably need to establish a county-wide policy for county buildings.

Danielle will put together a legal memorandum. Commissioner Mullen will check with MACo and Department of Administration to see if anyone else has developed a policy.

SUBDIVISION REVIEW

REQUEST FOR ROAD VARIANCE - R.D. MARKS

LaDana Hintz, County Planner, stated that the Commission reviewed R.D. Marks' subdivision in April. At that time, he mentioned that he had a road variance. It seemed strange to her, so she did some research. She did find some information that Rory Parsons, Road Supervisor, had reviewed and approved the variance, but no record of anything being done in a Commission meeting. R.D. wants to use that variance for his subdivision.

Commissioner Wortman moved to grant the variance. Commissioner Mullen seconded. The motion carried.

SUBDIVISION AMENDMENT - ALHAMBRA RV PARK - CLANCY

LaDana stated that this started when Matt Johnson and Harold Stepper were here. The subdivision came to the county in 1995, and it received DEQ approval in 1996. Part of the approval was the designation of dedicated parkland. The parkland is not a separate lot. The current owners are in the process of selling the property, and discovered that storage units have been build on the parkland. They are asking that the parkland dedication be waived. There is sufficient open space closer to the RV parking spots for campers to recreate.

Commissioner Wortman moved to grant a subdivision amendment for the Prickly Pear RV Park and to remove the reference to parkland. Commissioner Mullen seconded. The motion carried.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS' ACTION OR REVIEW

OPEN AND AWARD JAIL MEAL BID

Commissioner Wortman stated that he feels that we should give the bids to the Sheriff to review, rather than awarding the bid at the meeting. He suggested that the award of the bid be moved to the next meeting.

Two bids were received as follows:

Farmer's Table - \$3.75/meal

The River Pizza & Subs - \$5.08/meal

AWARD BANKING SERVICES BID

This item was moved to the next agenda.

RESOLUTION 13-2017 INTERCAP LOAN

Commissioner Wortman stated that this is for the bleachers at the fairgrounds. We had a preliminary estimate of \$55,000 and we made a request to increase our intercap loan up to \$60,000. Since then, they came back with an estimate of \$79,000. Now it seems that it isn't as bad and they originally lead us to believe. After meeting with the engineer, it seems that the project can safely be done in phases. We can go ahead and approve this resolution; we won't be charged interest unless we draw the money.

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

RESOLUTION 14-2017 RESOLUTION ORDERING A REFERENDUM ON THE CREATION OF THE JEFFERSON VALLEY RURAL AMBULANCE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE ADMINISTERING BOARD OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICT

Commissioner Wortman read the resolution as follows:

Commissioner Wortman moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Mullen seconded. Commissioner Kirsch stated that this has been a long, stressful process, especially since this process is just to give the people in the proposed district the opportunity to vote on the issue.

The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 15-2017 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING QUALIFICATIONS FOR JEFFERSON VALLEY RURAL AMBULANCE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD AND ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES THEREOF

Commissioner Kirsch read the resolution as follows:

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

BID OPENING - EMERGENCY BROADCAST SYSTEM OPERATIONS RFP

Doug Dodge, DES Coordinator, stated that there was one submission, from- TeleSystems Services, located in Cardwell, Montana. Their bid was \$34,560. Commissioner Kirsch stated that the bids will not be awarded today, but will go before a committee for review.

Doug noted that the review committee specifies one Commissioner, and he requested that Commissioner Kirsch serve.

BID OPENING - EMERGENCY BROADCAST SYSTEM POWER SUPPLY RFP

Commissioner Kirsch opened the one submission received. The proposal was from Rocky Mountain Fleet Services, and specified \$5,950/each system.

APPROVE DUI TASK FORCE PLAN

Barb Reiter, DUI Task Force Coordinator, stated that the plan hasn't changed much from last year, with the exception of the accident data.

Commissioner Mullen moved to approve the DUI Task Force Plan. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion carried. Paul's comments.

APPROVE REVISIONS TO SAFETY MANUAL & HEARING CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Carolyn Henry, Safety Coordinator, stated that she made some minor changes to the Safety Manual and Hearing Conservation Program, which she has previously reviewed with the Commissioners.

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

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON RESPONSE TO SPEED STUDY - COLONIAL DRIVE & SOUTH HILLS FRONTAGE ROAD

The State of Montana did a speed study on Colonial Drive through the South Hills frontage road, which was requested by the City of Helena. After the study, they are recommending no change to the current speed limits.

Commissioner Wortman moved to send a letter that we agree with their findings. Commissioner Mullen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Kirsch noted that the Commission has received a request from Christina Binkowski to serve on the Planning Board.

Commissioner Wortman moved to appoint Christina Binkowski to the Planning Board. Commissioner Mullen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 16-2017 WRITE OFF DELINQUENT TAXES

Commissioner Kirsch read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 16-2017

ORDER OF CANCELLATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Comes now, Jefferson County, a political subdivision of the State of Montana, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners, and hereby declares that it relinquishes all right, title, interest, and any and all liens arising from any delinquent taxes and fees under Title 15, Chapter 16, MCA, on the following personal property per attached **Exhibit "A"** (on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office) of properties and taxes forgiven.

DATED this 30th day of May, 2017.

ATTEST:

BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER

CORY KIRSCH, CHAIR

LEONARD WORTMAN, COMMISSIONER

BOB MULLEN, COMMISSIONER

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

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON FACILITY CONSTRUCTION ISSUES

Commissioner Kirsch stated that the engineer is working on getting a permit from MDT to cross the street again to lower the water line.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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