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

Present: Commissioners Kirsch, Wortman and Mullen; Sydney Blair, Center for Mental Health; Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor*

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

MINUTES

Commissioner Mullen moved to approve the minutes of October 3rd. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Wortman moved to approve the minutes of October 10th. Commissioner Mullen seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Wortman moved to approve the minutes of October 17th. Commissioner Mullen seconded. The motion carried.

REPORTS

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

Commissioner Mullen noted the receipt of the Treasurer's cash report for October, which is in balance.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Kirsch noted the receipt of a letter outlining a budget amendment for Clancy Elementary School.

Commissioner Mullen stated that he received an inquiry from a taxpayer regarding an increase in his property taxes. He will be researching and will get back to the taxpayer with his findings.

Commissioner Mullen stated that he wrote a letter of recommendation for Whitehall Transportation for a grant for which they are applying.

Commissioner Mullen stated that he wrote a letter to JPT regarding a claim problem for an employee.

CALENDAR REVIEW

11/21 DUI Task Force - 5:00

11/27 Center for Mental Health board meeting - Great Falls - 10:00

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Mullen reported that last Tuesday the Commissioners all attended the Fair Board meeting. We are going to develop a master plan for the fairgrounds. Commissioner Kirsch stated that the Rodeo Association's priority is a sound system for the arena and maybe some lighting. As for the master plan, the County will pay for part, the fair board pay for part, and we will ask for some from development fund.

Commissioner Mullen reported that on Wednesday morning the Commissioners canvassed the election. On Wednesday afternoon, he attended the Whitehall Transportation meeting. They are getting close to their money goal to build a new bus barn.

Commissioner Wortman reported on the JLDC meeting held on Wednesday. They put a bid out to repair the old kitchen building at south campus; they are now discussing razing the building, as well as building 6.

Commissioner Kirsch reported that on Wednesday he attended the Boulder Senior Center board meeting. They are getting bids to replace the single pane windows in the building, as well as replacing some carpet downstairs.

Commissioner Kirsch reported that he attended the LEPC meeting in Montana City. Rick Abraham, Montana City fire chief, said that Meadowlark Road has been fenced. He is researching if this is a county road. The state is getting away from hazmat teams; he is not sure of the future of that program.

Commissioner Kirsch stated that he and Steve Haddon met with IT regarding expectations, etc. for the Department.

Commissioner Kirsch reported on the Boulder town council Monday night. He stated that the mayor-elect is not shy about making his views known. They are working on a variance for 4-H livestock. They are waiting to hire a consultant for the Montana Main Street funding program. They are also working on an intercap loan for roof repair and a new police car.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS' ACTION OR REVIEW

SYDNEY BLAIR - CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Sydney Blair, director of the Center for Mental Health, presented numbers for services provided in Jefferson County over the past few years.

Commissioner Wortman questioned drop in numbers; if these people ended up going to Butte or Helena, or if they are not getting services. Sydney stated that it is due to a variety of factors. It is hard to keep people when there is staff turnover, some clients will go to Butte or Helena because it is easier, stigma, etc.

Sydney stated that the state budget crisis is going to have a huge impact on services, especially in rural areas. She talked about the steps that they are taking to weather this storm. She noted that she is really amazed at lack of coordination between agencies. They are trying to figure out how to stay afloat with funding cuts; how to be more cost effective. Federal clinics are taking clients and employees, but aren't able to handle the more difficult cases. They can't get nurses; no one wants to work in behavioral health.

Commissioner Wortman noted that co-occurring issues is a huge issue, and asked if there is any talk of partnering with other providers, such as Boyd Andrew. Sydney stated that they did try a couple years ago, but it fell flat. Cascade County currently has grant to try, but it is lots of work, with trust issues, turf wars, and lack of information.

Sydney discussed the effect of cuts made by the legislature, the largest cuts to case management. Commissioner Mullen stated that in his experience, you see more benefit from case management than from therapy sessions. Sydney agreed; case managers have much more interaction with clients than therapists do, traditionally.

RESOLUTION 41-2017 DISTRIBUTION OF METALLIFEROUS MINES LICENSE TAX

Commissioner Kirsch read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 41-2017

DISTRIBUTION OF METALLIFEROUS MINES LICENSE TAX

WHEREAS, §15-37-117, MCA, requires that twenty-five percent (25%) of metalliferous

mines license taxes, collected by the State under the authority of Title 15, Chapter 37, Part 1, MCA, be distributed to the county in which the mine is located; and

WHEREAS, §15-37-117, MCA, requires the County Commissioners of such county to allocate those sums received by them, from said metalliferous mines license taxes collected by the State, as follows:

(1) Not less than forty percent (40%) to the County Hard Rock Mine Trust Reserve Account established under §7-6-2225, MCA; and

(2) All money, not allocated to the said County Hard Rock Mine Trust Reserve Account, is to be allocated as follows:

- (a) 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % to the County Metal Mines Tax Reserve Account for planning or economic development activities;
- (b) 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % to the elementary school districts' Metal Mines Tax Reserve Account, within the County, that have been affected by the development or operation of the metal mines; and
- (c) 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % to the high school districts' Metal Mines Tax Reserve Account within the County that have been affected by the development or operation of the metal mine; and

WHEREAS, there are several metalliferous mines located within the boundaries of Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County government has recently received \$131,670.70 as its share of such metalliferous mines license taxes collected from the metalliferous mines within Jefferson County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. That forty percent (40%) of such total sum of \$131,670.70 shall be allocated to and placed in the County Hard Rock Mine Trust Reserve Fund 2895 established under §7-6-2225, MCA. This amount is \$52,668.28.

2. That all such sums, held in the above-referenced Hard Rock Mine Trust Reserve Fund and/or above-numbered fund(s) on behalf of the above-named school districts and Jefferson

County, shall remain in such account and shall be properly accounted for under the appropriate fund number or numbers established for the same. Further, such sums shall be appropriated by the governing body of Jefferson County, and/or distributed thereby, only in accordance with the provision of §7-6-2226, MCA.

3. That sixty percent (60%) of such total sum of \$131,670.70 shall be allocated to, and placed in, the County Metal Mines Tax Reserve Account established under §7-6-2226, MCA.

4. That one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the said sixty percent (60%) placed in the County Metal Mines tax Reserve Account pursuant to the preceding Paragraph No. 3 shall be placed in Economic Development and Planning Account No. 2320. Such sums to be paid to said account (totaling at this time the sum of \$26,334.14) shall only be used for planning or economic development activities.

5. That one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the said sixty percent (60%) placed in the County Metal Mines Tax Reserve Account pursuant to the above Paragraph No. 3, shall be allocated and appropriated to the benefit of elementary school districts. Wherefore, the combined distributions shall be allocated and distributed to the following school districts which are affected by the development or operation of metal mines with an amount as follows:

(i) To the Cardwell Elementary School District No. 16, the total sum of \$13,167.06 to be placed in said School District's Account No. 7700.161;

(ii) To the Whitehall Elementary School District No. 4-47, the total sum of \$13,167.07 to be placed in said School District's Account No. 7700.621;

6. That one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the said sixty percent (60%) placed in the County Metal Mines Tax Reserve Account pursuant to the above Paragraph No. 3, shall be allocated and appropriated to the benefit of the following high school district, affected by the development or operation of the several metal mines, or a pro-rata basis determined from the license taxes collected from the mine or mines within each such school district:

(i) To the Whitehall High School District No. 2, the total sum of \$26,334.14 to be placed in said School District's Account No. 7701.622.

DATED this 21st day of November, 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.

RESOLUTION 42-2017 AMEND MEDICAL FLEX PLAN FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY

Commissioner Kirsch read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 42-2017
(Amending Resolution No. 04-2014)

AMEND MEDICAL FLEX PLAN FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY

WHEREAS, Jefferson County intends to amend its Medical Flex Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners is the governing body for Jefferson County and has authority to amend its Medical Flex Plan for Jefferson County employees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, the maximum amount employees can contribute will increase every year based on inflation; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County seeks to amend its plan document to reflect this yearly increase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Medical Flex Plan document for Jefferson County is hereby amended at page 4, second sentence, first paragraph to read:

“The maximum amount you may contribute each year will be set as the maximum amount permitted by the IRS for that year.”

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, the yearly Medical Flex Plan contribution will be set by

the Jefferson County Commission on or before December 1st of each year at the regular meeting of the commission.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, all other terms, conditions and provisions of the Jefferson County Medical Flex Plan attached hereto as Exhibit “A” shall remain in full force and effect.

DATED this 21st day of November, 2017.

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DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON FACILITY CONSTRUCTION ISSUES

Commissioner Kirsch noted that the plan is to re-do the water line at the Clerk and Recorder building, probably next Tuesday. They will need to coordinate with the city, as they have to shut off water to the houses across the street as well as in the building.

Commissioner Kirsch stated that he is working with Steve and a real estate attorney on drawing up an agreement for the purchase of the building on main street.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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