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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA  
October 3, 2017**

**Present:** Commissioners Kirsch, Wortman and Mullen; LaDana Hintz, County Planner; Danielle Lattin & Jackie Thiel, Library Board; Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor*; Paul Backlund,

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

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Wortman moved to approve the minutes of August 29. Commissioner Mullen seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Mullen moved to approve the minutes of September 5. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Commissioner Kirsch noted the receipt of a letter from Broadwater County requesting help in paying for attorney fees associated with prosecuting a surviving shooter of a Broadwater County Sheriff's Deputy. The Commissioners decided to ask the County Attorney for advice.

Commissioner Kirsch noted the receipt of an invoice and request from the Animal Shelter and Care Committee for fall and spring spay/neuter clinics. Commissioner Wortman stated that we discussed this during the budget process, adding a line item, but he isn't sure that it happened. The Commissioners decided to pay from PILT this year and add to the budget next year.

Commissioner Wortman stated that he received a letter from Pat Imenson that accepted the County's offer for purchase of building in Boulder. This is on next week's agenda.

## **CALENDAR REVIEW**

- 10/03 candidate forum - high school library - 6:00
- 10/04 Beaverhead-Deer Lodge working group - 1:00 - Butte  
Mental Health Local Advisory Committee - 1:30
- 10/05 BTAC - Boulder City Hall - 8:00  
Meet with Bruce, Tom Harrington to discuss marketing plan for RFP - 9:00  
Road interviews - 9:00  
Extension interview - Whitehall - 1:00

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

Commissioner Mullen reported that they met with Senator Daines' new rep after last week's meeting.

Tuesday night the Commissioners attended the Clancy water & sewer district meeting. Commissioner Wortman says that they have some serious issues with the nitrates in the water, which is not safe for consumption or bathing. Commissioner Kirsch noted that they also have the sewer issues. He was glad to see good attendance at the meeting.

Commissioner Mullen reported that on Thursday he attended the RMDC meeting. They are still in good financial shape. He noted that this was his last meeting as a governing board member.

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Tuesday at 3:00 he had a meeting with DEQ regarding Montana Tunnels. They are looking at options that might be available to them, and hoping that the financing comes through to get the mill up and operating.

Commissioner Kirsch reported on the Ten Mile EIS meeting. They reviewed the final comments that will go back to the Forest Service. The roadless areas and air quality subjects were the only with comments.

Commissioner Kirsch reported on the mosquito board meeting. They are going to hit a bit harder next year and try to do two larvicide treatments. Timing is crucial to get a good kill.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Marilyn McCauley gave a fair update. She has heard comments that it was the best fair or rodeo, but you need to take this in context. She went over the numbers from this year and historically. She noted that you can't go by a dollar figure only, as the amounts charged have changed. There were a lot of people at the fair however, of all ages. She stated that the 4-H fair went well, and they did a lot of work. It was a learning process for them, and they did well on the sale.

Paul Backlund stated that he thinks that the Commission has done some great things to improve the process in regards to planning. He commends them for being cautious in regards to protecting the county from liability and protecting property rights.

## **SUBDIVISION REVIEW**

### **FINAL PLAT REVIEW - THE RIDGE MINOR SUBDIVISION - CLANCY**

LaDana Hintz, County Planner, presented the final plat for this five lot subdivision outside of Clancy. Roads have been constructed, power is in, the weed plan is done. Doug Dodge has done a hazard evaluation and that is incorporated into her report.

The RMD was supposed to be created upon the approval of the subdivision, but the paperwork never got to the County Attorney so that he could draft the resolution. The developer is ready to transfer the subdivision lots as soon as the final plat is filed. A discussion followed. Bonnie noted that, in the past, the Commission has given final plat approval to a subdivision, contingent on it becoming part of a RMD when the RMD is created. She certified the RMD petition as of a certain date, so it doesn't matter who subsequently owns the lots.

Commissioner Wortman moved to grant final plat approval, contingent on all lots being included in The Ridge Rural Maintenance District when it is created. Commissioner Mullen seconded. The motion carried.

## **ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS' ACTION OR REVIEW**

### **DANIELLE LATTIN & JACKIE THIEL - LIBRARY BOARD**

Jackie Thiel, Library Board, stated that they are not really sure what they are here for. For years the Boulder Library has had problems with someone doing the outdoor maintenance. Friends of the Library did maintenance for a while, but not well, they had volunteers for a while, then the librarian hired someone, but they have been told that volunteers can't do the work because of worker's comp issues, and they can't hire someone because of legal requirements. They have talked to both the city and the county and have been told the same thing - the maintenance departments can't take on any additional services. Commissioner Wortman had indicated at a Library Board meeting that the County might be able to help with funding to hire someone. They later heard that money had been found and was in the budget. However, when the librarian received the budget and reviewed it, it appeared that money had been shuffled around in various line items and there really only \$405.00 extra, instead of \$5,000.

Danielle Lattin stated that they started this conversation in beginning of summer, because we didn't want to be where we are now, with no solution and snow on the ground. The lawn maintenance would be nice visually, but snow and ice is a safety issue. Discussion followed. Danielle stated that the Commissioners would probably be surprised with the number of people that enter the library on a daily basis, and they are all in danger of a slip and fall in snowy

weather if something can't be done regarding snow removal.

Commissioner Kirsch stated that the Commission added \$5000 to the budget for the board to hire someone to do maintenance. There seems to be an error in the budget, which we will look into. Someone needs to be hired to take care of the grounds, and there is money in the budget for that.

Danielle stated that they need to be crystal clear on the responsibilities of county maintenance crew in regards to the library building, which is a county building. They seem to want to pick and choose what maintenance will be performed. Commissioner Mullen stated that he would talk to the maintenance department about this. Commissioner Kirsch stated that there was probably old agreements or an mou, but they should probably be updated.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON FACILITY CONSTRUCTION ISSUES

Marilyn McCauley asked where are we on bleacher project. Commissioner Wortman stated that he talked to Steve, and he was going to talk to Charlie the architect. He hasn't heard back from him yet.

Commissioner Kirsch stated that the sewer line for the Clerk and Recorder building is fixed, but not the water line. He is waiting to hear back from ThinkONE and the contractor about the water line.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**ATTEST:**

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**BONNIE RAMEY**  
**CLERK AND RECORDER**

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