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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA  
September 26, 2017**

**Present:** Commissioners Kirsch, Wortman and Mullen; Terry Minnow, *Boulder Monitor*

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

**REPORTS**

Commissioner Mullen noted the receipt of the August treasurer's report and stated that all accounts are balanced.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Commissioner Kirsch noted the receipt of the certification of the petition for creation of The Ridge RMD. 100% of the landowners signed the petition, so the Commission can proceed with the creation of the district.

Commissioner Kirsch noted the receipt of an e-mail from the fire warden. The Forest Service is lifting stage one fire restrictions.

Commissioner Wortman moved to rescind stage one restrictions in Jefferson County. Mullen seconded. The motion carried.

**CALENDAR REVIEW**

9/26 meeting with DEQ - 3:00  
meeting with Senator Danies' representative - 3:30  
Clancy Water & Sewer informational meeting - 6:30  
9/27 Ten Mile Working Group meeting - Helena - 2:00  
9/28 Survey review - 1:30  
RMDC Board meeting - Helena - 3:00  
Mosquito Board meeting - 4:30

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

Commission Mullen reported that he, Bonnie and Karen attended the public health association meeting in Missoula on Monday. The rest of the week he was at the MACo conference off and on.

Commissioner Mullen reported that yesterday, he attended the Center for Mental Health board meeting in Great Falls. Financially, they have been doing well, but they are concerned about the future with the budget cuts from the state. The state is discussing cutting case management for mental health services. The state has quit sharing information with providers as they get closer to making these cuts.

Commissioner Wortman reported on the Boyd Andrew meeting he attended. They also have very grave concerns regarding cuts from the state; they stand to lose \$400,000 at Elkhorn Treatment Center.

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Thursday he attended an all day training by Friends of the Pipestone. They discussed planning for tourism.

Commissioner Kirsch stated that he attended the Era of Mega Fires presentation at the Myrna Loy. It was a great presentation with a packed house. They put out surveys, but he hasn't heard any feedback yet.

Commissioner Kirsch reported on the Boulder Chamber of Commerce meeting. A rep from Town Pump was in attendance to let people know what is going on and to dispel rumors. They are trying to acquire the RV Park. If they can, they will fill and level and expand the facility.

Commissioner Kirsch reported that on Thursday he was in Whitehall to sit in on the extension agent interviews. They interviewed two applicants. The one that they chose took a job elsewhere, and the other applicant they didn't feel was a good fit for the position. They will be conducting a further interview in the future.

Commissioner Kirsch reported that on Monday through Wednesday, he attended the MACo conference in Bozeman.

Commissioner Kirsch stated that there was a phone conference with Great West on Monday regarding grant funding for the rest area.

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

### **RESOLUTION 32-2017 FIXING TAX LEVIES FOR FY 17-18**

**RESOLUTION 32-2017**

**FIX TAX LEVIES FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY  
FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Montana, has compiled and reviewed the proposed budgets for fiscal year 2017-2018 as required by law; and,

**WHEREAS**, the value of a mill has been determined at \$29,485 county-wide and a value of \$27,291 outside the city limits, with other values as stated and certified by the Department of Revenue of the State of Montana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Montana, adopted Resolution 29-2017 AMENDED, which adopted the budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board does hereby fix the following levies to fund said budgets:

GENERAL	30.20
ROAD	20.04
BRIDGE	0.00
WEED	5.54
FAIR	1.67
DISTRICT COURT	4.73
LIBRARY	14.74
NORTH JEFFERSON LIBRARY DISTRICT	13.73
PLANNING BOARD	2.00
HEALTH AND SANITATION	10.71
SENIOR CITIZENS	2.30
COUNTY AGENT	2.17
PUBLIC SAFETY	59.98
MUSEUM	1.08
EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH	0.00

SRS PERMISSIVE LEVY	1.08
PERMISSIVE HEALTH	23.62
ENTITLEMENT LEVY	4.23
SEARCH AND RESCUE	0.00
EMERGENCY DISASTER	0.00

SPECIAL DISTRICT LEVIES

MOSQUITO #1 - BOULDER	12.79
MOSQUITO #2 - BOULDER VALLEY	0.00
MOSQUITO #3 - WHITEHALL	10.49
JEFFERSON VALLEY RURAL FIRE	12.33
MONTANA CITY FIRE	30.87
JEFFERSON CITY FIRE	30.71
BASIN FIRE	43.26
BULL MOUNTAIN FIRE	27.12
ELK PARK RURAL FIRE	37.34
JEFFERSON VALLEY SOIL & WATER	1.40
BASIN IMPROVEMENTS	26.85

SCHOOL LEVIES

CLANCY #1	127.89
WHITEHALL #4	96.60
BASIN #5	26.78
BOULDER #7	138.28
BOULDER #7 DEBT SERVICE	20.16
CARDWELL #16	50.36
WILLOW CREEK #1	138.44
THREE FORKS #26	113.51
MONTANA CITY #27	162.83
MONTANA CITY #27 & 27B DEBT SERVICE	75.70

JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL #1	53.73
WHITEHALL HIGH SCHOOL #2	50.10

COUNTY LEVIES

COUNTY GENERAL HIGH SCHOOL	22.00
COUNTY GENERAL ELEMENTARY	33.00
TRANSPORTATION	4.06
ELEMENTARY RETIREMENT	29.48
HIGH SCHOOL RETIREMENT	11.09

CITY LEVIES

TOWN OF BOULDER	181.02
TOWN OF WHITEHALL	122.69

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS

SHEEP PREDATORY ANIMAL (per animal)	\$ .60
CATTLE PREDATORY ANIMAL (per animal)	\$ .50
CLANCY FIRE SERVICE AREA	\$ 95.00
BASIN TV	\$ 20.00
BOULDER TV	\$ 8.00
BOULDER TV - COMMERCIAL	\$ 15.00
WHITEHALL TV	\$ 15.00
SOLID WASTE	\$129.69
LIME KILN ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	\$350.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that an additional, annual assessment, as provided for in §7-22-2432, MCA, and as approved by the voters of the district on June 2, 1992, is hereby imposed upon the owners of structures and properties within the Boulder Mosquito District #1, as follows:

- (a) \$20.00 per single-unit dwelling;
- (b) \$20.00 per unit in a duplex dwelling;

- (c) \$ 5.00 per unit in a multi-unit dwelling (other than a duplex);
- (d) \$75.00 per commercial establishment;
- (e) \$50.00 on each irrigated parcel of property that does not contain a dwelling;
- (f) \$15.00 on each non-irrigated parcel of property that does not contain a dwelling.

**WHEREAS**, §7-6-4031, MCA makes provision for the authorization of a designated official to transfer appropriations between items within the same fund; and

**WHEREAS**, §7-6-4006, MCA makes provision for appropriation adjustments,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Clerk and Recorder be designated to make budget transfers and adjustments with the approval of the governing body, and shall submit at minimum quarterly recommended budget transfers and adjustments.

**DATED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017, effective for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

**ATTEST:**

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

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**CORY KIRSCH, CHAIR**

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**LEONARD WORTMAN, COMMISSIONER**

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**BOB MULLEN, COMMISSIONER**

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

RESOLUTION 33-2017 DECLARING OCTOBER BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Commissioner Kirsch read the resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION 33-2017**

**DECLARING OCTOBER BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH  
 IN JEFFERSON COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, nationally more than 234,580 women and men are expected to be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer, 740 of that number in Montana, and more than 40,030 women and men nationally are expected to die from this disease; and

**WHEREAS**, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month educates women about the importance of early detection for breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, as we observe National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we pause to remember all those who are fighting this disease, including families and friends, advocates, researchers and health care providers as well as those we have lost to breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Institutes of Health, Department of Defense and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will invest over \$1 billion in research this year to fight this dreaded disease; and

**WHEREAS**, screening and early detection are essential to our nation's fight against breast cancer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners that October, 2017 be declared Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Jefferson County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all employees are encouraged to wear pink on Tuesdays in October as a show of support for breast cancer awareness.

**DATED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

**ATTEST:**

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

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**CORY KIRSCH, CHAIR**

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**LEONARD WORTMAN, COMMISSIONER**

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**BOB MULLEN, COMMISSIONER**

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

DISCUSS COWBOY HALL OF FAME

Commissioner Wortman stated that the board doesn't want to do anything until after the first of the year, as they are uncertain of the direction they will take. He would like to get a public conversation started and see what feedback we get. Commissioner Kirsch stated that he feels that we need to pressure the state to start looking at ways to re-purpose the buildings at MDT.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON BASIN PROPERTY APPRAISAL

Commissioner Wortman stated that we have a little piece of property in Basin that acquired through tax deed. There was some interest in the property, so we had an appraisal done. He would like to advertise the property for sale. He needs to talk to the County Attorney to see if we can take less than the appraised value.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON FACILITY CONSTRUCTION ISSUES

Commissioner Kirsch stated that they are currently working on getting the water and sewer pipes moved to the proper depth.

Regarding the fairgrounds, Commissioner Wortman stated that he needs to talk to Steve about the issues with the bleachers; we need to get the project completed.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**ATTEST:**

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