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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA  
April 19, 2016**

**Present:** Commissioners Mullen, Wortman and Kirsch; Doug Dodge, DES Coordinator; Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor*; Paul Backlund

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Commissioner Mullen noted that it has been brought to his attention that the bank and paper of record contracts are due to be renewed.

**CALENDAR REVIEW**

- 4/19 DUI Task Force - Whitehall - 6:00  
Fair Board meeting - 7:00
- 4/20 Boulder Seniors lunch and meeting - noon  
JLDC - Whitehall - noon  
Transportation Advisory Committee - Whitehall - 2:00
- 4/21 Beaverhead - Deer Lodge working group - Butte - 1:00  
Survey review - 1:30  
Planner interview - 2:30  
Fire risk assessment training - Bull Mountain VFD - 6:30
- 4/22 Whitehall Safety Fair
- 4/25 Whitehall office hours  
Center for Mental Health - Great Falls - 9:00

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

Commissioner Kirsch reported that on Tuesday night they held the last group study circle meeting in Boulder.

Commissioner Kirsch reported that they held their first organized Mosquito Board meeting on Thursday night. That was followed by a Weed Board meeting, where they discussed getting ready for the upcoming weed season.

Commissioner Kirsch reported that on Friday he took part in an informal interview with an interested party for the Planner position. She is currently the Lake County planner. They will conduct at least one more interview before they make a decision.

Commissioner Kirsch reported that last night he attended the study circle action forum, with about 100 other people. Those meetings were very successful and they are looking forward to moving ahead, putting into action what has been discussed.

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Wednesday night he attended the public hearing on the TSEP bridge project in Whitehall. No members of the public were in attendance.

Commissioner Mullen reported that he attended the Area IV Agency on Aging meeting in Three Forks. This was the annual meeting where they decide on the allocation of funds.

Commissioner Mullen stated that on Friday he had a short meeting with Kevin Lundstrum, who works with us on our health insurance program. We are looking at a 10-12% rate increase for the coming year.

Commissioner Mullen reported that yesterday morning he met with Eric Burke and Terry Minow to strategize for the MDC transition committee meeting next week.

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

### **DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON THE ISSUE OF PRESENTING A BALLOT QUESTION FOR DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE DES RADIO SYSTEM TO THE COUNTY'S VOTERS**

Commissioner Mullen stated that we need to decide if want to do the mill levy and, if so, what mill level to levy.

Doug Dodge, DES Coordinator, gave an overview of what the mill levy would be used for, and there was a discussion of how many mills should be asked for and if there would be a sunset.

Commissioner Mullen asked the other Commissioner's feelings.

Commissioner Wortman stated that he would like to get the generators installed sooner than

later. He feels that it is a good idea; it will be a good way to find out if the public is interested in the radio stations.

Doug stated that this began as a homeland security grant program, and the funding has slowly faded away. DES is now paying full operations costs, and it is dominating the DES budget. It is a valuable service, but he isn't sure how much public support it has. He would be in favor of putting it on the ballot just to gauge the level of support it has.

Commissioner Wortman asked if the schools pay for the sports broadcasts. Doug stated that they pay for part of it; our costs are substantially over what their donations are. He know that they also pay the company in addition to the County, for technical costs.

Commissioner Kirsch moved to go for 2 mills with a two year sunset to fund the radio stations. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 07-2016 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FINDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT(S) ARE NOT NECESSARY FOR THE HOT SPRINGS BRIDGE & KOUNTZ ROAD STRUCTURE REPLACEMENTS

Commissioner Mullen read the resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION 07-2016**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FINDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS AND DETERMINING THAT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT(S) ARE NOT NECESSARY FOR THE HOT SPRINGS ROAD BRIDGE AND KOUNTZ ROAD STRUCTURE REPLACEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, Jefferson County has completed an assessment to identify potential environmental impacts on the structure replacements on Hot Springs Road over Big Pipestone Creek and Kountz Road over Big Pipestone Creek; and

**WHEREAS**, the draft Environmental Assessments were made available for public comment and the findings were presented and reviewed at a public meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, no substantive public comment was received; and

**WHEREAS**, Jefferson County has determined that the Hot Springs Road and Kountz Road Replace Structures will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and accordingly, Jefferson County has determined that Environmental Impact Statements are not necessary.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners that Jefferson County, Montana adopts the final Environmental Assessments for the Hot Springs Road and Kountz Road Structure Replacements project.

**DATED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

**ATTEST:**

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**BONNIE RAMEY  
CLERK AND RECORDER**

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**BOB MULLEN, CHAIR**

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**LEONARD WORTMAN, COMMISSIONER**

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**CORY KIRSCH, COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Wortman moved to approve. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON GENERATOR HOOKUP FUNDING FOR MONTANA CITY  
VFD EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**

Doug Dodge, DES Coordinator, stating that they are asking for a \$5,000 donation for the installation of wiring and manual transfer switch for a generator for the EOC. The building is currently under construction, so now is the best time to do the installation.

Commissioner Wortman moved to approve the financial support, to come from PILT. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**ATTEST:**

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**BONNIE RAMEY  
CLERK AND RECORDER**

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