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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
December 27, 2016**

Present: Commissioners Mullen, Wortman and Kirsch; LaDana Hinz, County Planner; Kellie Doherty, Personnel Officer; Paul Backlund

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

MINUTES

Commissioner Kirsch moved to approve the minutes of November 22. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Kirsch moved to approve the minutes of December 6. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Wortman moved to approve the minutes of December 13. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Mullen noted the receipt of a letter from Jeanne and Jim Reinschmidt, as well as a letter from Connie Sims, in favor of being allowed to vote on the formation of the Jefferson Valley ambulance district. Also received were emails from Bridgett Morse in opposition of the formation of the district, and from Walter and Roberta Coppinger in support of the formation of the district. We also received mail from the Town of Whitehall's attorney asking for information of the number of households in the Willow Creek area, as well as an information request. Commissioner Mullen noted that this is the second time we've been through gathering comments for the creation of the district. He would like the record to reflect that we will include the previous comments received.

CALENDAR REVIEW

12/27 Clancy Water and Sewer meeting - 6:30
12/28 Interviews for Maintenance position
01/02 Holiday - County offices closed

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Kirsch reported that he attended the DUI Task Force meeting; they have changed their meeting time from 6:00 to 5:00. Will be doing a Super Bowl party again this year for Boulder and Whitehall. Commissioner Wortman said that he thinks that the party is a really good thing, and feels that the Commission should make a donation to purchase some nice prizes to draw attendance.

Commissioner Kirsch reported that he attended the Boulder Seniors lunch and meeting. They are doing well. The roof insulation project is slated to happen in February.

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Wednesday afternoon he met with Nelson Chang, owner of Skytop Ranch. They meet at his auditor's office, and he reconfirmed that he is more than willing to donate 7.5 - 8 acres for the rest area and chamber facility. They also discussed funding for the infrastructure and getting it across the highway. They feel that the best way to do this is through the formation of an urban renewal district or TEDD. That would allow us to bond for that, and pay it back with the revenue. Nelson very adamant that he was willing to do anything that doesn't harm the ranch and benefits Boulder.

Commissioner Wortman reported that he had a meeting with Great West engineering after the meeting with Mr. Chang. They discussed the Sugar Beet Row project, which will be let out for bid next week.

Commissioner Mullen reported that he went to Whitehall to meet with the Head Start staff and Whitehall Elementary Principal. He is in the process of writing a protest to RMDC.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Backlund, Museum Board chair, stated that the next Museum Board meeting will be held on January 10 at 5:30.

SUBDIVISION REVIEW

SUBDIVISION AMENDMENT - COX CREEK MINOR AND CLEARWATER ESTATES

LaDana Hinz, County Planner, presented the subdivision amendment for two subdivisions located 9 miles southwest of Whitehall. There are two adjoining subdivisions, and an owner in each would like to do a boundary relocation of their adjoining lots.

Commissioner Wortman moved to approve the boundary line adjustment. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS' ACTION OR REVIEW

RESOLUTION 40-2016 SETTING HOLIDAYS FOR 2017

Commissioner Mullen read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 40-2016

RESOLUTION TO SET OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS FOR 2017

WHEREAS, Montana State Statute §1-1-216 identified legal holidays for state and local holidays;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners designates the following dates as holidays in Jefferson County for the year 2017.

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Observed</u>
New Year's Day	Monday, January 2
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, January 16
President's Day	Monday, February 20
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 4
Columbus Day	Monday, October 9
Veteran's Day	Friday, November 10
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 23
Christmas Day	Monday, December 25

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that County offices and facilities will be closed on these days with the exception of essential services.

DATED this 27th day of December, 2016.

ATTEST:

**BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER**

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

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON PER DIEM RATES

Kellie Doherty, Personnel Officer, stated that current in-state reimbursement rates are \$5.00 for breakfast, \$6.00 for lunch and \$12.00 for dinner. Kellie stated that she checked with other counties. She found that using actual expenses is a nightmare, Madison and Beaverhead both do state rates, and Yellowstone and Flathead Counties have set their own rates.

Commissioner Wortman stated that he feels that the rates should be higher.

Commissioner Mullen said that at the last meeting, he was in support of raising it, but after thinking some more thought, he feels that if most counties are fine with state rates, we should be too.

Commissioner Kirsch moved to raise each meal \$3. Commissioner Wortman seconded. Commissioner Wortman stated that if the rates had changed at some time in the past 20 years, he would be more reluctant to raise the rates. Commissioner Kirsch stated that if this can encourage people to attend trainings, etc., then it is worth it. The motion carried, with Commissioners Wortman and Kirsch voting aye and Commissioner Mullen voting nay.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

**BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER**

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