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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
December 6, 2016**

Present: Commissioners Mullen, Wortman and Kirsch; Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor*; Paul Backlund, John Getty, Jean Thisius

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

MINUTES

Commissioner Kirsch moved to approve the minutes of October 25. Commissioner Mullen seconded. The motion carried.

REPORTS

Commissioner Mullen noted the receipt of the November Clerk and Recorder fees report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Mullen read a letter from Superintendent of Schools Gary Pace that he will be out of the office for a while for surgery.

CALENDAR REVIEW

12/07 Mental Health Local Advisory Committee - Whitehall - 2:00
12/08 Tri-Co Fire - Helena - 9:00
 Survey review - 1:30
 Weed Board meeting - 6:00
12/09 MSPA Conference - Helena - 10:00
12/12 Pre-Disaster Mitigation public meeting - 9:00
 TIFID meeting - 3:00

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Kirsch reported that the BTAC meeting was held in the evening on Thursday. They are working on the strategic implementation plan for the master plan; essentially putting a plan together to go to the legislature to convince them to give Boulder the \$500,000 for the impact from MDC shutting down. There will be a community meeting on the 13th. They want to present a unified message to the legislature for the money earmarked for Boulder.

Commissioner Mullen reported that on Monday he attended the Center for Mental Health governing board meeting in Great Falls. They discussed their audit, which was good. They continue to make improvements on the financial front.

Commissioner Mullen stated that he and Commissioner Wortman attended the Great West Engineering holiday open house on Friday.

Commissioner Mullen reported that on Monday he attended the MACo Board of Directors meeting in Helena. They have hired Eric Bryson away from Lewis and Clark County. They gave a legislative report. Bonnie had put in a request for legislation that would allow us to combine special purpose district elections. The current statute is cumbersome the way that it is written. We ran into some problem when we were trying to create the ambulance district for Whitehall, and there wasn't clear language in statute that would allow us to run the election for the officers at the same time as the election for the formation of the district. We have asked for legislation to clear that up. It has been converted to LC1591, and Senator Ed Buttrey will carry the legislation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Getty stated that he and Jean Thisius, who is in attendance with him, are residents of the Rader Creek area. He stated that when the area was subdivided several years ago, there was an agreement that residents would take care of road maintenance, specifically, taking care of the road in front of their property. He noted that maintenance is hit-or-miss and one major problem is absentee owners. They have been working for several years to try to form a rural maintenance district. They would like an engineering study to get an idea of what the cost would be to do simple maintenance of the road. They have been working on obtaining signatures, but again, the problem is absentee owners. Have contacted most of year-round residents, and most seem to be in favor. He presented a map of the area that shows the proposed boundaries. Currently, just over 50% of the landowners have signed petitions.

They discussed various options for engineering. Commissioner Wortman suggested that we could have our engineer do a drive through and give a rough estimate. If they decide to proceed, they would need to re-do the petition, after running it through the county attorney and clerk and recorder.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS' ACTION OR REVIEW

RESOLUTION 36-2016 CREATION OF THE SUGAR BEET ROW RSID

Commissioner Wortman stated that the rural special improvement district will install and maintain the sewer line along Sugar Beet Row; the existing line will be re-lined. He stated that this is the last step of the process; the project will be let in January.

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

RESOLUTION 37-2016 RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 25-2016 RESOLUTION ORDERING REFERENDUM ON AMBULANCE DISTRICT AND ELECTION OF BOARD

Commissioner Mullen read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 37-2016

RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 25-2016 - RESOLUTION ORDERING A REFERENDUM ON THE CREATION OF THE JEFFERSON VALLEY RURAL AMBULANCE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE ADMINISTERING BOARD OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICT

Whereas, on August 23, 2016, the Jefferson County Commission (Commission) passed Resolution No. 25-2016 - *Resolution Ordering a Referendum on the Creation of the Jefferson Valley Rural Ambulance District and Providing for the Election of the Administering Board of the Special District* (Resolution No. 25-2016) (Special District); and,

Whereas, following the passage of Resolution No. 25-2016, it was determined an error was made in that a resolution of intent was not considered and passed prior to the passage of Resolution No. 25-2016; and,

Whereas, in order to rectify the error, it is necessary to rescind Resolution No. 25-2016 and to initiate anew the process to create the Special District.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, Resolution No. 25-2016 is hereby rescinded.

Dated this 6th day of December, 2016.

Jefferson County Commission

Bob Mullen, Chair

Leonard Wortman, Commissioner

Cory Kirsch, Commissioner

Attest:

Bonnie Ramey
Jefferson County Clerk & Recorder

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

RESOLUTION 38-2016 RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 26-2016 RESOLUTION
SETTING THE POWERS OF THE AMBULANCE BOARD

Commissioner Mullen read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2016

**RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 26-2016 - RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING QUALIFICATION FOR JEFFERSON VALLEY RURAL
AMBULANCE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD AND ESTABLISHING
AUTHORITY, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES THEREOF**

Whereas, on August 30, 2016, the Jefferson County Commission (Commission) passed Resolution No. 26-2016 - *Resolution Establishing Qualifications for Jefferson Valley Rural Ambulance District Administrative Board and Establishing Authority, Duties and Responsibilities Thereof* (Resolution No. 26-2016) (Special District); and,

Whereas, Resolution No. 26-2016 was passed following the passage of Resolution No. 25-2016 which ordered a referendum on the creation of the Jefferson Valley Rural Ambulance District and provided for the election of an administrative board for the Special District; and,

Whereas, following the passage of Resolution Nos. 25-2016 & 26-2016, it was determined an error was made in that a resolution of intent was not considered and passed prior to the passage of Resolution Nos. 25-2016; and,

Whereas, in order to rectify the error, it is necessary to rescind Resolution No. 26-2016 and to initiate anew the process to create the Special District and to establish qualifications for the Special District administrative board.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, Resolution No. 26-2016 is hereby rescinded.

Dated this 6th day of December, 2016.

Jefferson County Commission

Bob Mullen, Chair

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Attest:

Bonnie Ramey
Jefferson County Clerk & Recorder

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

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON PIPESTONE/JEFFERSON SLOUGH PROJECT ISSUES

Commissioner Mullen asked if we got a rate of kill on the millfoil. Commissioner Wortman stated that he never heard a percentage, but they did get a pretty good kill. There were areas where it wasn't a good kill and will need to be re-treated.

Commissioner Wortman stated that during the process of affixing the cover to the bleachers, the contractors found that some wooden support components are failing. Something needs to be done with the bleachers before they are used again. Estimates for the work range from \$40,000 to \$150,000.

Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor*, stated that she was at the museum recently and noticed that the steps are in really bad shape. Commissioner Mullen stated that the board is aware of the issue and is in the process of getting them fixed.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

**BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER**

BOB MULLEN, CHAIR

LEONARD WORTMAN, COMMISSIONER

CORY KIRSCH, COMMISSIONER