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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
February 16, 2016**

Present: Commissioners Mullen, Wortman and Kirsch; Steve Haddon, County Attorney; Mike Sanctuary, Confluence Consulting; Ted Dodge, Jefferson River Watershed; Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor*; Paul Backlund

CALENDAR REVIEW

- 2/16 DUI Task Force - 6:30
- 2/17 Boulder Senior Center lunch and meeting - noon
- 2/24 Beaverhead-Deer Lodge working group - 1:00
JLDC meeting - 2:00
- 2/26 Library Board - Whitehall - 6:30

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Kirsch reported that on Wednesday he attended the Boulder Chamber meeting. They are looking for new members. Right after that meeting he attended the Planning Board meeting. The meeting went very well and everyone seems excited to move forward with the Planning Department.

Commissioner Kirsch reported that he attended the Weed Board meeting Thursday evening. They are starting to gear up for weed season.

Commissioner Wortman reported that he has had several meeting with LGT officials regarding the wind project in Whitehall.

Commissioner Mullen reported that he met with Chuck Mazurek for a general discussion of kicking off the insurance process.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS' ACTION OR REVIEW

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON INCREASING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR WHITEHALL TRANSPORTATION

Commissioner Mullen stated that this item has been tabled, as Liberty Place wants to make a presentation.

DISCUSS WEED DEPARTMENT AND MOSQUITO MANAGEMENT REORGANIZATION

Commissioner Mullen stated that there is nothing to report at this time and will table this as well. They did have a brief discussion this morning with the Weed Department, but nothing concrete.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON PIPESTONE/JEFFERSON SLOUGH PROJECT ISSUES

Commissioner Wortman stated that he asked Mike Sanctuary and Ted Dodge to come and talk about options on the Pipestone project. They have been talking to the main landowner and have tried to stress that time is of the essence. They need to bid the project early before prices rise. They talked to them last fall about having a decision by the end of December and heard at the end of December that they had retained an attorney. He and Steve met with the attorney and have waited to hear from them. We finally received a list of demands, some of which we cannot abide by. If we don't reach an agreement this week, we will need to move forward with some other projects and try to reach an agreement with the Capp Ranch before the next legislative session.

Ted Dodge stated that he and Mike met yesterday; if we cannot reach agreement within this week, they believe that the County should move forward with other projects. One of the first projects that they think should be done is the Kountz Road bridge, because of the flooding issue in Whitehall. He believes that this will get Rail Link to move forward on the siding.

Mike Sanctuary recommended several projects that the County could pursue that could aid in flood control, but not to the degree that the Capp Ranch project will. These included riparian fencing to keep livestock out and projects to keep the channel in place.

Commissioner Wortman stated that if we are going to get any work done down there, we need to get going fairly soon. Ted stated that we need to sit down with John and see if he is still open to these projects; the rest is final designs and permits.

On another matter, Commissioner Wortman stated that we need an additional \$1,000 for additional rock for the Cassagrande bypass. The project should be completed this week.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON FACILITY CONSTRUCTION ISSUES

Commissioner Wortman stated that the architects are still working on the final design for the fairgrounds bleacher cover. They are hoping to open bids mid-March.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

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CLERK AND RECORDER

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