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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
January 26, 2016**

Present: Commissioners Mullen, Wortman and Kirsch; Steve Haddon, County Attorney; Tom Harrington, JLDC; Paul Backlund, Ed McCauley

MINUTES

Commissioner Wortman moved to approve the minutes of December 15. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

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

Commissioner Wortman moved to approve the minutes of December 29. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Wortman moved to approve the minutes of January 5. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

REPORTS

Commissioner Mullen noted the receipt of the December expense and revenue reports from the Clerk and Recorder.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Mullen noted the receipt of an e-mail from Paula Hippert, Whitehall Public Transportation, requesting additional financial support from the County. Currently, they use the \$8,000 they get from the county as matching funds, and are requesting that the County's yearly donation be increased to \$15,000.

The letter states that they drove 60,000 miles during the last fiscal year. They currently have six rigs, four with over 100,000 miles and one with over 200,000 miles.

Commissioner Mullen will request additional information and this will be placed on a future agenda.

CALENDAR REVIEW

1/26 Clancy Water and Sewer meeting - 6:30
1/27 Beaverhead-Deer Lodge Leadership Team meeting - 10:00 - Dillon
1/28 MDC Transition Advisory Meeting - 9:30
Survey review - 1:30
LEPC - 2:00
Fair Board meeting - 6:30
1/29 Clerk & Recorder interviews

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Kirsch reported that he attended the Fire Council meeting in Boulder. They are very interested in being in the loop in the subdivision process; they see the preliminary plat, but then are out of the process. They are going to have a HazMat awareness meeting in Boulder on February 18, in the afternoon and evening.

Commissioner Kirsch reported that on Thursday they met with Bill Lloyd of Great West Engineering and went over the engineering contract.

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Wednesday there was a JLDC meeting in Whitehall. They discussed the possible sale of Building 7 on the South Campus, as well as some land in the Jefferson City area.

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Thursday he attended the Beaverhead-Deer Lodge working group meeting in Butte. Regarding the Boulder Lowlands project, there is no indication yet that it would be litigated; they are supposed to be started early summer. They also talked quite a bit about a five-year plan with the Beaverhead-Deer Lodge and what that might look like. They discussed bringing in an I.D. team to work on the Boulder watershed (Red Rocks) project.

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Friday he was in Whitehall for a meeting with the Lewis & Clark Canoe group; this could tie in with the trail system we are talking about. There is a possible land swap with a rancher that owns land in the Big Hole wants to trade for some state land on the Jefferson River. The canoe groups uses this land for a camping spot currently. This is currently in front of the Land Board.

Commissioner Wortman reported that last night he attended the annual NW Energy meeting in

Helena. They gave a presentation of their current projects.

Commissioner Mullen reported that he attended the Center for Mental Health Governing Board meeting in Great Falls on Monday. An audit has been done and there were no adverse findings for the second year in a row.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS' ACTION OR REVIEW

DISCUSS DESTINY HILLS RMD FEE INCREASE

Steve Haddon, County Attorney, stated that they looked at this at the end of last year, but per statute, it was too late in the year to do anything. After the first of the year, he started researching the issue. Resolution 05-2005 states that maintenance fees can be increased every two years, with a 2/3 approval from the homeowners and lot owners. Currently, we don't have numbers to do the increase. He suggests that we start from scratch; do a resolution of intent, public notice, public hearing, and go from there. This would need to be completed by September. If the Commission approves, his office can start process. He doesn't want to completely ignore the resolution.

Because of the wording of the resolution, it was decided that more research is needed. This will be placed on a future agenda for action.

ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR

Commissioner Wortman nominated Commissioner Mullen to serve as Commission Chair for the coming year. Commissioner Kirsch seconded the nomination. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 02-2016 ESTABLISHING OFFICE HOURS

Commissioner Mullen read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 02-2016

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING OFFICE HOURS

WHEREAS, §7-4-102, MCA, stated that, unless otherwise provided by law, each officer shall keep the officer's office open for the transaction of business during the office hours determined by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has consulted with the Elected Officials to determine their office hours; and

WHEREAS, other county offices, excluding Elected Officials, may require different office hours based upon the number of employees and availability, but that public access to staff

and public documents must be maintained as best county department budgets permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all Jefferson County Elected Official's offices shall be open between 8:00 a.m. and noon and 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. with the following exceptions:

County Attorney's Office	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Justice Court	9 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Treasurer's Office	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sheriff's Office	open 24 hours a day
County Superintendent of Schools	Mon & Tues 8 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wed 8 a.m. to noon

DATED this 26th day of January, 2016.

ATTEST:

BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER

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CORY KIRSCH, COMMISSIONER

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

**DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON RENEWING LEASE WITH ELKHORN-HADLEY PARK
GRAZING ASSOCIATION**

This is a renewal of a lease, for \$1/year, to allow the Elkhorn-Hadley Park Grazing Association to locate cattle corrals on County land.

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

Patrick Webb, representative for Steve Daines based in Bozeman, stopped by to introduce himself. Commissioner Mullen stated that Congressman Daines former representative used to schedule time with the Commission quarterly. Patrick stated that he is working to establish traveling office hours and meeting with constituents.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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