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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
November 1, 2016**

Present: Commissioners Mullen, Wortman and Kirsch; Tom Harrington, JLDC; Paul Backlund

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

MINUTES

Commissioner Wortman moved to approve the minutes of October 4. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Kirsch moved to approve the minutes of October 11. Commissioner Mullen seconded. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Mullen stated that he heard from Dave Kaufman from Elkhorn Search and Rescue. The Commission had previously approved an expenditure of \$34,000. However, for an extra \$3,000, they can upgrade to 6x6 vehicle with tracks.

Commissioner Kirsch moved to approve the extra \$3,000. Commissioner Wortman seconded. The motion carried.

CALENDAR REVIEW

11/01 land exchange meeting - Twin Bridges

11/03 Jefferson River Watershed Council meeting - Whitehall

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Kirsch reported that he and LaDana went to city hall to talk to Mayor Craft and the town clerk to see what the county can do to help the city with planning. They will be drawing up a MOU.

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Tuesday he attended the MDC re-purposing meeting at city hall. They discussed the master plan, but there isn't any indication yet from the Governor's office on re-purposing.

Commissioner Wortman reported that he was at LaHood Thursday night for a candidate forum put on by Lower Jefferson Watershed group. They wanted the candidates to speak about the water study that was done and the Supreme Court decision that limits the use of exempt wells. The forum is usually pretty well attended, but basically no one showed up. He would like the County to be able to do more regarding subdivisions and water issues.

Commissioner Mullen reported that he attended the RMDC finance committee. They discussed projections for the pre-school program; they need more enrollment to maintain funding. After that he attended the regular board meeting. He noted that finances are doing much better. He further noted that Patty Dahl, who runs the HeadStart program, is retiring at the end of December, after 40 years.

Commissioner Wortman reported that the Commissioners had a meeting this morning with the Boulder Brighter committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Backlund stated that he wanted to let the Commissioners know that next Museum Board meeting is November 15 at 5:30.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS' ACTION OR REVIEW

RESOLUTION 33-2016 DISTRIBUTION OF METALLIFEROUS MINES LICENSE TAX

Commissioner Mullen read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 33-2016

DISTRIBUTION OF METALLIFEROUS MINES LICENSE TAX

WHEREAS, §15-37-117, MCA, requires that twenty-five percent (25%) of metalliferous

mines license taxes, collected by the State under the authority of Title 15, Chapter 37, Part 1, MCA, be distributed to the county in which the mine is located; and

WHEREAS, §15-37-117, MCA, requires the County Commissioners of such county to allocate those sums received by them, from said metalliferous mines license taxes collected by the State, as follows:

(1) Not less than forty percent (40%) to the County Hard Rock Mine Trust Reserve Account established under §7-6-2225, MCA; and

(2) All money, not allocated to the said County Hard Rock Mine Trust Reserve Account, is to be allocated as follows:

- (a) 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % to the County Metal Mines Tax Reserve Account for planning or economic development activities;
- (b) 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % to the elementary school districts' Metal Mines Tax Reserve Account, within the County, that have been affected by the development or operation of the metal mines; and
- (c) 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % to the high school districts' Metal Mines Tax Reserve Account within the County that have been affected by the development or operation of the metal mine; and

WHEREAS, there are several metalliferous mines located within the boundaries of Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County government has recently received \$69,749.75 as its share of such metalliferous mines license taxes collected from the metalliferous mines within Jefferson County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. That forty percent (40%) of such total sum of \$69,749.75 shall be allocated to and placed in the County Hard Rock Mine Trust Reserve Fund 2895 established under §7-6-2225, MCA.
2. That all such sums, held in the above-referenced Hard Rock Mine Trust Reserve Fund and/or above-numbered fund(s) on behalf of the above-named school districts and Jefferson

County, shall remain in such account and shall be properly accounted for under the appropriate fund number or numbers established for the same. Further, such sums shall be appropriated by the governing body of Jefferson County, and/or distributed thereby, only in accordance with the provision of §7-6-2226, MCA.

3. That sixty percent (60%) of such total sum of \$69,749.75 shall be allocated to, and placed in, the County Metal Mines Tax Reserve Account established under §7-6-2226, MCA.

4. That one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the said sixty percent (60%) placed in the County Metal Mines tax Reserve Account pursuant to the preceding Paragraph No. 3 shall be placed in Economic Development and Planning Account No. 2320. Such sums to be paid to said account (totaling at this time the sum of \$13,949.95) shall only be used for planning or economic development activities.

5. That one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the said sixty percent (60%) placed in the County Metal Mines Tax Reserve Account pursuant to the above Paragraph No. 3, shall be allocated and appropriated to the benefit of elementary school districts. Wherefore, the combined distributions shall be allocated and distributed to the following school districts which are affected by the development or operation of metal mines with an amount as follows:

(i) To the Cardwell Elementary School District No. 16, the total sum of \$6,974.97 to be placed in said School District's Account No. 7716;

(ii) To the Whitehall Elementary School District No. 4-47, the total sum of \$6,974.98 to be placed in said School District's Account No. 7713;

6. That one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the said sixty percent (60%) placed in the County Metal Mines Tax Reserve Account pursuant to the above Paragraph No. 3, shall be allocated and appropriated to the benefit of the following high school district, affected by the development or operation of the several metal mines, or a pro-rata basis determined from the license taxes collected from the mine or mines within each such school district:

(i) To the Whitehall High School District No. 2, the total sum of \$13,949.95 to be placed in said School District's Account No. 7762.

DATED this 1st day of November, 2016.

ATTEST:

**BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER**

BOB MULLEN, CHAIR

LEONARD WORTMAN, COMMISSIONER

CORY KIRSCH, COMMISSIONER

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

TAX INCREMENT DISTRICTS QUARTERLY UPDATE

Tom Harrington, JLDC Manager, came to give the Commissioners a quarterly update on the TIF Districts. The North TIFID has a balance of \$23,132 and outstanding metal mines loans of \$286,432, which they have been paying down at the rate of about \$10,000 per year. The South TIFID has a balance of \$544,105. They have paid off the majority of their loans in the past year and have a balance of \$45,335. The board moved to pay off the balance of the metal mines loan.

In the North TIFID they have two lots sold recently and two more in the process. They have started construction of the recycling company, and there is interest from a tower company in siting there. They are in the process of working with Charter and area business owners to get high speed internet.

In the South TIFID, the office warehouse is fully occupied and the wind business is ready to start building towers.

Golden Sunlight is looking to expand their underground operation. They are 400-500 ounces over their projections for this last month, so they are hitting some good ore. Talk of a concentrator continues.

The board discussed the TIFID's procedure review. There are two districts in the county now, and the legislature has changed these to a targeted economic development district - TEDD. There is discussion on forming one for Boulder. They have contracted with a consultant and there will be city-county meeting on the 18th to discuss this. It is a 7 to 9 month process, with a lot of public meetings. The target date to have completed 12-31-17.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON TAX INCREMENT DISTRICT METAL MINES LOAN
ADJUSTMENT

Tom stated that they worked with the developer to get internet into the north business park. They plan on using a variety of funding, including \$40,000 from a metal mines loan. There was confusion regarding a past payment, which the board thought had been paid, but hadn't. Because of this, they need to increase the loan amount to \$70,000.

Commissioner Wortman moved to approve the addition \$30,000. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

AMEND RESOLUTION 27-2016 ADOPT FINAL BUDGET AND FIX TAX LEVIES

Commissioner Mullen noted that Northwestern Energy protested some taxes, and as a result of that, Jefferson County lost \$380,000 in taxable value in Jefferson County, mostly in the TIF Districts . He stated that overall, we aren't going to see an increase in taxes as a result of the loss of taxable value. Changes were made to the cash reserves, so that taxpayers would not be impacted.

He read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 27-2016 *AMENDED*

**ADOPT FINAL BUDGET
AND
FIX TAX LEVIES FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY
FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Montana, has compiled and reviewed the proposed budgets for fiscal year 2016-2017 as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the value of a mill has been determined at \$28,860 county-wide and a value of \$26,770 outside the city limits, with other values as stated and certified by the Department of Revenue of the State of Montana,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the final budget for fiscal year 2016-2017, which budget document is on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office, is approved and adopted and is, by this reference, incorporated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board does hereby fix the following levies to fund said budgets:

GENERAL	9.95
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ROAD	20.93
BRIDGE	23.11
WEED	6.99
FAIR	3.04
DISTRICT COURT	5.80
LIBRARY	15.05
NORTH JEFFERSON LIBRARY DISTRICT	14.22
PLANNING BOARD	2.09
HEALTH AND SANITATION	9.06
SENIOR CITIZENS	2.06
COUNTY AGENT	2.45
PUBLIC SAFETY	51.45
MUSEUM	0.47
EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH	0.00
PERMISSIVE HEALTH	22.50
ENTITLEMENT LEVY	4.42
SEARCH AND RESCUE	0.00
EMERGENCY DISASTER	0.00
<u>SPECIAL DISTRICT LEVIES</u>	
MOSQUITO #1 - BOULDER	12.98
MOSQUITO #2 - BOULDER VALLEY	12.07
MOSQUITO #3 - WHITEHALL	10.94
JEFFERSON VALLEY RURAL FIRE	12.96
MONTANA CITY FIRE	32.34
JEFFERSON CITY FIRE	32.17
BASIN FIRE	47.51
BULL MOUNTAIN FIRE	29.31
ELK PARK RURAL FIRE	42.080
JEFFERSON VALLEY SOIL & WATER	1.51
BASIN IMPROVEMENTS	29.10

SCHOOL LEVIES

CLANCY #1	121.98
WHITEHALL #4	94.84
BASIN #5	21.36
BOULDER #7	134.23
CARDWELL #16	15.3
WILLOW CREEK #1	111.82
THREE FORKS #26	92.66
MONTANA CITY #27	228.42
JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL #1	42.57
WHITEHALL HIGH SCHOOL #2	41.57

COUNTY LEVIES

COUNTY GENERAL HIGH SCHOOL	22.00
COUNTY GENERAL ELEMENTARY	33.00
TRANSPORTATION	3.36
ELEMENTARY RETIREMENT	26.3
HIGH SCHOOL RETIREMENT	10.72

CITY LEVIES

TOWN OF BOULDER	197.63
TOWN OF WHITEHALL	125.12

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS

SHEEP PREDATORY ANIMAL (per animal)	\$.60
CATTLE PREDATORY ANIMAL (per animal)	\$.50
CLANCY FIRE SERVICE AREA	\$ 95.00
BASIN TV	\$ 20.00
BOULDER TV	\$ 8.00
BOULDER TV - COMMERCIAL	\$ 15.00
WHITEHALL TV	\$ 15.00
SOLID WASTE	\$129.69
LIME KILN ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	\$350.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an additional, annual assessment, as provided for in §7-22-2432, MCA, and as approved by the voters of the district on June 2, 1992, is hereby imposed upon the owners of structures and properties within the Boulder Mosquito District #1, as follows:

- (a) \$20.00 per single-unit dwelling;
- (b) \$20.00 per unit in a duplex dwelling;
- (c) \$ 5.00 per unit in a multi-unit dwelling (other than a duplex);
- (d) \$75.00 per commercial establishment;
- (e) \$50.00 on each irrigated parcel of property that does not contain a dwelling;
- (f) \$15.00 on each non-irrigated parcel of property that does not contain a dwelling.

WHEREAS, §7-6-4031, MCA makes provision for the authorization of a designated official to transfer appropriations between items within the same fund; and

WHEREAS, §7-6-4006, MCA makes provision for appropriation adjustments,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk and Recorder be designated to make budget transfers and adjustments with the approval of the governing body, and shall submit at minimum quarterly recommended budget transfers and adjustments.

DATED this 1st day of November, 2016, effective for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

ATTEST:

**BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER**

BOB MULLEN, CHAIR

LEONARD WORTMAN, COMMISSIONER

CORY KIRSCH, COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Kirsch moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Mullen seconded. Commissioner Wortman stated that this really irritates him; this had been in negotiation for some time, there are deadlines that everyone has to make, and DOR came in after that. This didn't just impact us, but the entire state. He noted that some counties had already sent out their tax bills. Commissioner Mullen stated that what irks him is that utilities protest their taxes every cycle, and they always win. There should be some way for DOR to figure out how to properly assess them so they don't protest.

The motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

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