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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
October 25, 2016**

Present: Commissioners Mullen, Wortman and Kirsch; LaDana Hintz, County Planner; Steve Haddon, County Attorney; Drew Dawson, BTAC; Paul Backlund

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

MINUTES

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

Commissioner Wortman moved to approve the minutes of September 27. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Mullen noted the receipt of the letter from the Transition Advisory Committee for his signature.

Commissioner Mullen noted the receipt of the Williams Bridge repair paperwork and signed the required documents.

CALENDAR REVIEW

- 10/25 MDC re-purposing meeting - city hall - 3:30
- Clancy Water and Sewer meeting - 6:00
- 10/27 Survey review committee - 1:30
- RMDC Finance committee - Helena - 2:30
- RMDC Board meeting - Helena - 3:30
- Community conversation - Boulder city hall - 5:00
- LEPC meeting - Montana City fire hall - 6:00
- Candidate forum - LaHood - 6:00

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Kirsch reported that he attended the DUI Task force meeting Tuesday night. They are still looking for members. Their budget has been cut slightly this year.

Commissioner Kirsch reported that he attended the fire council meeting after that in the new fire hall in Montana City. They spent most of the meeting working on the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

Commissioner Kirsch reported that he attended the Boulder Senior Center meeting. They are working to get the building more insulated and have a quote from Rick Abraham Construction. The building was pieced together and has a false ceiling with insulation right on the tiles, so Rick will get the ceilings set up correctly. He thinks that they have the money to cover the repair, so they won't need to come to the County for funding.

Commissioner Wortman reported that he went to Missoula on Wednesday and Thursday and sat on a panel at a meeting sponsored by DNRC, Forest Service and the Montana Forested Counties Coalition. The meeting was fairly well attended. He was on a panel Wednesday morning to talk about the collaboration experience and on Thursday morning he led a discussion on how to get western issues discussed on the national stage. He suggested the best way to do that is to have the primaries start on the west coast rather than the east coast, every other cycle. He also noted that Chief Tidwell spoke and according to him, their focus is going to shift back to the larger landscape.

Commissioner Mullen reported that he attended the TAC meeting in Whitehall. The new date on the delivery of a new bus is some time in December. They are going to lease a park vehicle for \$.07/mile. They also discussed doing a Thanksgiving shopping trip and would like to invite Boulder residents. He will put out a flyer.

Commissioner Mullen reported that he attended the Area IV Agency on Aging meeting. He had missed the previous meeting, so he is now the vice-chair. They went through the process of revising their by-laws.

SUBDIVISION REVIEW

SUBDIVISION AMENDMENT - JEFFERSON ACRES

LaDana stated that when Jefferson Acres was developed, the developer dedicated park land and made a cash-in-lieu of water supply. She stated that there is a person that owns one lot (4), who would like to purchase another lot (3), but doesn't want the common area in between the two lots. She noted that state law requires parkland, so they can't take away the dedicated parkland, but they are offering to relocate it somewhere else in the subdivision which would have the same acreage. LaDana noted that there is also a 12-foot walking easement that serves no purpose and should be abandoned.

Commissioner Kirsch moved to approve the subdivision amendment to the Jefferson Acres subdivision. Commissioner Wortman seconded. Commissioner Mullen called for comments, and asked Commissioner Kirsch if he would amend his motion to deal with the walking easement. Commissioner Kirsch amended motion to abandon the 12' easement between lots 3 and 4. Commissioner Wortman seconded the amendment. The motion carried.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS' ACTION OR REVIEW

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON ELKHORN SEARCH AND RESCUE FUNDING REQUEST

Commissioner Wortman stated that Elkhorn Search and Rescue wants to get ATVs that have removable tracks, to save wear and tear on their snow machines. They are requesting \$34,000 for two machines and FWP has a program that will reimburse up to 58% of the cost.

Commissioner Wortman moved to spend \$34,000 and request that 58% through grant funds be returned to the county, with the money for the purchase to come from PILT. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON PIPESTONE/JEFFERSON SLOUGH PROJECT ISSUES

Commissioner Wortman stated that they are in the process of doing an agreement for the blowout. We are also in the process of doing a request for qualifications from firms with experience with stream restoration projects. They landowners are concerned that whoever gets the bid to do the work is qualified to do this type of work.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER

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