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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
October 4, 2016**

Present: Commissioners Mullen, Wortman and Kirsch; Steve Haddon, County Attorney; LaDana Hintz, County Planner; Bill Lloyd, Great West Engineering; Ken and Sue Vivrette, Peter Scott,

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

CALENDAR REVIEW

- 10/04 Health Board special meeting - 6:30
- 10/05 Jefferson County Pre-Disaster Mitigation meeting - 9:00
 - Meeting with Montana Rail Link - 9:30
 - Sportsmans meeting - 7:30 - Whitehall
- 10/06 Survey review committee - 1:30
 - Jefferson River Watershed Council - 4:00
 - Candidate forum - 6:30

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Kirsch reported that on Thursday he attended the Boulder City Council roundtable discussion of an emergency mobile home ordinance.

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Wednesday he had a meeting with Pat Imenson regarding Montana Tunnels. They discussed a repayment plan for their taxes, so that they can get the mine open again. That afternoon he attended the TIFID board meeting and discussed the districts in the county.

Commissioner Wortman reported that on Thursday he and Commissioner Mullen sat in on a presentation by a group from Bozeman regarding a trails study that they have been conducting,

mostly in the Pipestone, Galena Gulch and Homestake areas. It was a very interesting presentation. Commissioner Mullen agreed that the trails presentation was very interesting; they gathered a lot of information from meeting with people who were camping, biking, and 4-wheeling all over the county. The thing that surprised him the most was that people don't spend a lot of money when they are doing that type of recreating.

Commissioner Mullen reported that on Wednesday he attended the transportation advisory council meeting in Whitehall. They are in the process of receiving delivery of new van and are also in the process of building a bus barn.

Commissioner Mullen reported that on Thursday he attended the RMDC finance committee meeting and found that they are doing much better financially. Following that meeting he attended the RMDC board of directors meeting. They discussed head start, the senior corps program, and Susan Giesse gave presentation about the Lewis and Clark County jail.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Wortman introduced Peter Scott, an attorney who has worked with Jefferson County in the past, noting that he was instrumental in our MSTI battle. We have recently gotten a memo from MACo regarding energy corridors in the West. He contacted Debbie Hannaman, who had done a lot of work on the MSTI project and energy corridors and in the course of their research they found that they are only taking comments in Region 1 (California, Nevada and Arizona) at this time. They won't be taking comments from Montana's region until 2019. They found that the corridor outside of Boulder along the BPA line, was designated a "corridor of concern" as part of a lawsuit in 2012. They don't know what a corridor of concern is, so they decided to contact Peter to take advantage of his expertise.

Peter stated that even though the comment period is a couple years out for Montana, it good to start thinking about. He explained what a corridor of concern is and offered a couple ideas for comments when the time comes.

SUBDIVISION REVIEW

FINAL PLAT REVIEW - HUNTLEY MINOR SUBDIVISION - MONTANA CITY

LaDana Hintz, County Planner, stated that the developer has met all of the conditions of approval. Recommended that the Commissioners grant final plat approval.

Commissioner Wortman moved to grant final plat approval to the Huntley Minor subdivision. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS' ACTION OR REVIEW

AWARD BID FOR KOUNTZ ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Commissioner Wortman moved to award the bid to Tamietti Construction. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON CLARIFICATION TO MARTINEZ GULCH RMD #2517
RESOLUTION 16-2009**

Ken stated that he has brought this up a couple times; he didn't know what else to do so asked to put the issue on agenda. He stated that Jefferson County has been doing everything required under the original resolution. He would like to rescind Resolution 16-2009, so that everyone is on the same page.

Commissioner Mullen stated that the Commission is basically in agreement with that. The problem is that there are other RMDs involved and they would like to get everything hammered out across the board and fix everything at once. He has been talking to Bill Lloyd about getting all of the RMDs on the same page and getting everything fixed at once.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION ISSUES

Steve Haddon, County Attorney, stated that he has sent, in substance, a warranty extension agreement to ThinkOne regarding the sewer line. He requested a five-year warranty period for parts, etc. ThinkOne responded that his intent, expressed in a meeting with Jefferson County, was five year from substantial completion. Steve stated that his take is if it is not working, it is not substantially complete. His position is that it should be five years from when the fix is made. The Commissioners agreed that this is their preference as well. Commissioner Kirsch stated that the issue has been fixed; they pulled the cleanout cover and scoped it and things seem to be working well. The final test will be when it gets cold.

OPEN BIDS FOR WILLIAMS BRIDGE REPAIR

Bill Lloyd, Great West Engineering, stated that two bids have been received.

Sletten Construction	\$130,777.00
Battle Ridge Builders	\$ 25,490.00
Engineer's estimate	\$ 81,000.00

The Commissioners will take this under advisement and Great West will go over the bids and get their recommendation to the Commissioners.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

**BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER**

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