

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF MINERAL COUNTY, MONTANA

Friday, December 6, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Montana met in regular session on Friday, December 6, 2019. Present were Board Chair Roman Zylawy, Commissioner Laurie Johnston, Commissioner Duane Simons, and Administrative Assistant Dawn Terrill

Commissioner Zylawy called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

Administrative Business:

Commissioner Johnston moved and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve payroll paid on December 6, 2019 in the amount of \$77,867.48 with check numbers 17705 through 17712 and electronic checks 70732-70675. Motion carried unanimously

Commissioner Johnston moved and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve minutes of November 29, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Panic Button Discussion with Possible Action:

Present: Kasey Feasel- Deputy Clerk and Recorder, Joel Skinner- Maintenance, Dale Magone- Justice Court, Kelann McLees- Clerk and Recorder

Joel-

- purpose of panic button is to have the ability to alert all departments of an issue in the building; if no deputy is on site, the alert will allow offices to lock the office to keep an intruder out
- signals can be sent to cell phones as well
- annual fee for maintenance is locked in for three years
- doesn't feel library needs a panic button

Commissioner Zylawy-

- very important that dispatch is aware of calling all and any type of law enforcement to the building should no deputies be on site
- \$5538.00 initial start-up includes all offices in the court house and health department
- \$488.00 annual maintenance
- asks if the library feels they need one Response/no idea

Commissioner Johnston

- asks if the initial start - up fee includes the library/ Response- yes
- believes all sites should have a panic button

Kasey-

- recommends all or none have the panic button
 - satellite sites need to know if any building has an issue so they do not amble in unknowingly

Kim

- is the bid for only sticks and not the one computer we talked about for justice court and district court?
- can something be announced via intercom? text or email?
- response is main concern- who will respond/who do we rely on
- officers walking the hall, making their presence known would be helpful
- possibly installation of a security glass
- hire a security guard?

Discussion of payment

Commissioner Johnston moved and Commissioner Simons seconded to move forward with the panic button with the fee being split between the data processing budget and the Commissioners discretionary budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Ore to Oar Monument Group

Present: Emily Ornelas- Ore to Oar, Dale Magone-Justice Court

Emily-

- continues looking for a placement of the Ore to Oar monument
- many bricks have been sold
- requests letter of permission to place the monument on county property as is required by the grant

Commissioner Johnston-

- asks consequences of falling short of expected dollars for the monument

Emily

- the artist, Dennis Althoff, promises to finish the monument if funds fall short

Commissioners viewed potential areas for placement

Commissioners' Assistant will write the letter of permission

Public Comment:

Present: Dale Hyatt- resident

- asks if there is a plan to fix the road that was damaged by logging trucks and fire equipment during the Sunrise Fire
- county portion of the road
- FEMA assistance through the Stafford Act might be available; two necessities-
 - must be a county road
 - must be a named fire

Commissioners will talk to the Road Foreman

Stacy Neill

- brings a project from the West End to use the remaining fuel mitigation money
- six more projects from the West End, but waiting to hear Willie Peck's idea

Commissioner Johnston

- Linnea, DNRC, would like to sit with Stacy on these projects for discussion of hazard trees and Fuel Mitigation standards

Commissioner Johnston and Commissioner Simons disagree with each other on the way the project was carried out last year

Stacy

- believes the property owner should have a voice and if the owner feels a tree is hazardous, then it is so

Several projects from last year were discussed

Carl Browning will be the mitigator on the west end project; the county is not responsible for any mishaps

Commissioner Johnston-

- keep in mind, the property owner must maintain the fuel mitigation- put this in the contract

Stacy will proceed with this particular Title III mitigation project using 2018 appropriation money

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM

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Minutes were taken by
Dawn Terrill
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Administrative Business:

Commissioner Johnston moved and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve liabilities for payroll paid on December 13, 2019 in the amount of \$49,441.39 with check numbers 17713 through 17718. Check numbers 17713 and 17716 void due to incorrect amounts. Motion carried unanimously

Commissioner Johnston moved and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve claims paid on December 13, 2019 in the amount of \$109,922.10 with claim numbers 36138 through 36207 and warrant numbers 11632 through 11700. Motion carried unanimously

Commissioner Zylawy moved and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve minutes of December 6, 2019 with changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Documents signed:

FY 2020 Extension Service Agreement between Montana State University Extension and Mineral County. Signed by Commissioners Johnston, Simons and Zylawy

Official minutes for November 2019 signed by Commissioners Johnston, Simons and Zylawy

Board of Health Meeting- see Candis Hampton for meeting attendance and minutes

Public Comment: None

Detention Update: Steve McNeece- resident, Dale Magone-Justice of the Peace, Diane Magone-resident, Kim Crostich-Dispatcher/Detention, Rick Callison-resident, Ellen Donohue-County Attorney, Mike Boone-Sheriff, Steve Trollope- Undersheriff

Commissioner Zylawy-

- reviews issue of the shallow labor pool and lack of inmates
- asks why Mineral County hasn't gotten any of the overflow mentioned by others

Steve-

- met with Missoula and Lake Counties- both have a huge overflow

Resident-

- has determined that if an inmate is hospitalized for more than 24 hours they may be eligible for Medicaid while out of the jail; the packet for healthcare should have ONLY the Medicaid portion completed
- have jails taking our inmates complete the Medicaid packet

Ellen-

- perhaps Sanders county would complete the Medicaid portion as part of the intake process

Kim-

- relays that Sanders County might be considering refusing the continued taking of Mineral County inmates

Resident-

- suggests Mineral County focus on the long term not the placement of inmates from other counties
- suggests offering a higher wage
- recommends help with recruitment and retention

Commissioner Johnston-

- suggests starting a two-week job notice in the Mineral Independent

With further discussion it is agreed that ads for Detention openings should be placed

Commissioners' Assistant-

- job opening and description will be in the local paper for two weeks, on the webpage with updated wage information, Mineral County Facebook, Montana Law Enforcement Agency, US National Board Labor Exchange and Montana Job Service

Meeting adjourned at noon and reconvened for a CLOSED Session at 3:30, adjourning at 4:15

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Commissioner Zylawy called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Forest Service Update

Present: Carole Johnson

Carole-

- its been a busy season with high timber sales activity
- a sales administrator has been hired; training will be necessary
- no viable applications for the TMA position- it will be re-advertised after Jan 1, 2020
- Forest Service archeologist is volunteering her time to help find and identify gravesites in the old Taft Cemetery

The next Forest Service Update will be January 24 @ 9:00 AM in the Commissioners Meeting Room

Weed Board Appointments:

Review and Appoint two open positions on the Weed Board:

Present: Dave Brink- County Extension Office/Weed Board/Economic Development

- Applications were reviewed and discussed

Commissioner Simons moved and Commissioner Johnston seconded to appoint Jim Lommen and Alvin Meeks to the Weed Board. Motion carried unanimously

Administrative Business:

Commissioner Johnston moved and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve payroll paid on December 20, 2019 in the amount of \$83,186.75 with check numbers 17719 through 17728 and electronic checks 70556-70615, with 70615 void due to error. Motion carried unanimously

Documents signed:

The Montana History Foundation: In support of the Ore to Oar Monument Project being placed on the Courthouse Lawn, signed by Commissioners Johnston, Simons and Zylawy

Application for Personal Property Tax Refund for 2018 to Mountain Power Construction Company for \$67.77, signed by Commissioners Johnston, Simons and Zylawy

HR Consultation Issues

Commissioner Zylawy:

- The county attorney recommends hiring an outside resource for an HR issue

Commissioner Zylawy moved and Commissioner Simons seconded approval to hire an outside resource for investigating an HR issue. Motion carried unanimously

Public Comment:

Present: Ellen Donohue- County Attorney, Tony Lapinski- resident, Jason McLees- Road Department Foreman, Steve Temple- Lion's Club

Tony-

- introduces himself as a friend to the Miller family; his quest is to help them find amended easement and right of way documents
 - the Miller family was told previously that an updated right of way document exists; Tony asks the county to give these documents to him as liaison to the Miller family
- asserts that the highway Department cut off Hwy 10 and pushed up against the old right of way and onto the Miller property
- someone has cut a road up Pardee and a copy of that easement is requested

- additionally, Miller Lane continues to be a problem and must be recognized by the county in order to fix the problem before potential land sales
 - neighbors to the Miller property cannot agree with the Millers on the right of way

Jason-

- offers to respond to the Miller property issue if Rick Miller calls him; Jason would like to see the disputed easement/right away while at the property

Commissioner Zylawy-

- acknowledges the county hasn't always been perfect

Ellen-

- reasserts that Rick Miller needs to call Law Enforcement when disputes arise; he will have to file a complaint regarding his neighbor if he wants action

Tony-

- inquires if the letter to the Millers (from the County Attorney) was given to the neighbors of the Miller property as well/ response: unsure
- would like the property dispute handled by the county without acrimony
- does not expect immediate responses from the county attorney
- thanks the commissioners and county attorney for their time and exits the meeting

Steve Temple--Bleacher Project Update

- payment to MIH Construction will occur next week
- project coming along nicely
- grant being closed out
- Lions Club will need to write a \$15,637 check and with that the County will be done and out of the picture
- additional money is needed for the extra work done by Donnie, so fundraising will continue; the endorsement letter from the county (previously discussed) is essential

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM

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Administrative Business:

Commissioner Johnston moved and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve claims paid on December 27, 2019 in the amount of \$81,656.40 with claim numbers 36208 through 36260 and warrant numbers 11701 through 11753. Motion carried unanimously

Commissioner Zylawy moved and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve minutes of December 13th and 20th, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed income statement ending 11/30 2019

Commissioners reviewed November 2019 JVs

Progressive Evaluation vs Annual Evaluation: Discussion postponed

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM

The next regular meeting will be Friday, January 3, 2020 in the Commissioners Meeting Room

Minutes were taken by

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