

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MINERAL COUNTY, MONTANA**

**Friday, November 6, 2020**

The Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Montana, met in regular session on Friday, November 6, 2020. Present were Commissioner Roman Zylawy, Commissioner Laurie Johnston, Commissioner Duane Simons, and Administrative Assistant Dawn Terrill.

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

**Sheriff Toth- Possible Action Item(s)** Meeting cancelled

**Board of Health**

See Commissioners' Assistant for minutes

**Public Comment**

No comments were received

**Administrative Business**

**Commissioner Johnston moved and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve payroll paid on November 6, 2020, for the amount of \$91,271.86 with check numbers 18015 through 18024 and electronic check numbers 69211 through 69270. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Commissioner Simons moved and Commissioner Johnston seconded to approve minutes of October 30, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Commissioner Johnston and Commissioner Simons attended a rally on Saturday, October 31, 2020, for Senator Steve Daines. No county business was discussed**

**Documents signed:**

DNRC Firefighter Property Cooperative Agreement- signed by Commissioner Zylawy

**Commissioner Simons excused himself from the meeting at 12:30 PM**

**Commissioner Johnston excused herself from the meeting at 1:00 PM**

**Commissioner Zylawy adjourned at 2:00 PM**

**The next regular meeting will be Friday, November 13, 2020, in the Commissioners Meeting Room**

**Minutes were taken by**

**Dawn Terrill**

**Mineral County Commissioners' Assistant**

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**Friday, November 13, 2020**

The Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Montana, met in regular session on Friday, November 13, 2020. Present were Commissioner Roman Zylawy, Commissioner Laurie Johnston, Commissioner Duane Simons, and Administrative Assistant Dawn Terrill.

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

**Sheriff Toth- Possible Action Item(s)**

**Present:** Mike Toth -Sheriff and Ellen Donohue- County Attorney were present via teleconferencing

Mike-

- Mark Neu made signs for the Mickey O'Brien dedication center for a fee of \$1400.00
- asks about the status of hiring two detention officers previously interviewed/Response- yes; later the response is to hire one and conduct new interviews as several more applications have been turned in to HR
- states the county has to figure something out with the Health Dept regarding law enforcement and quarantine; this can't happen again; the citizens will be more in danger by not patrolling than us exposing them to COVID
- Jenn Donovan must make phone calls and find the answers to working around the fourteen-day quarantine
- States there are some issues with the COPS grant and Stone Garden grant also
- one new hire going to Academy for jailer's school
- remember: DOT offered to send trainers, needs phone numbers to contact DOT
- also needs a senior dispatcher with appx five years' experience to train appropriately; would like to advertise for a full-time head dispatcher to take charge

Ellen-

- the sheriff's department has to come up with a policy to lower the risk of law enforcement using fewer people per incidence
- reinforces the necessity of following the quarantine law
- states we must make sure the people being cared for by law enforcement are not exposed by law enforcement
- stresses the fact that it is up to the sheriff's office to put together a plan

- invites the sheriff to begin attending Board of Health Meetings; he was invited to attend the November 6, 2020 meeting
- asks that the sheriff gives more information for the agenda so the community can attend or comment/Response: agreement

Roman-

- is looking for a way to let people come back to work when not positive
- two counties are letting their law enforcement work around the quarantine- asks how this is being done

Duane

- believes the quarantine mandate is from the governor, not the health department
- states that any exceptions must be in writing
- asks Mike to get in touch with the two counties regarding breaking the quarantine, and Ellen offers to contact the health department to ask the health departments about the two counties said not to be following quarantine mandates as we know them

Laurie-

- how many actively working detention officers? /Response- two; would like two more hired, two moving from Dispatch will make six- would like seven
- asks if Keith will be able to come in and go over some jail things /Response: Yes

### **Official 2020 General Election Canvass-Action**

**Present:** Kelann McLees- Election Administrator/Clerk and Recorder

**Kelann will embed the canvassed votes before minutes for the month of November are official as one document**

The commissioners canvassed the Official 2020 General Election Canvass

### **Administrative Business**

**Commissioner Johnston moved and Commissioner Zylawy seconded to approve claims paid on November 13, 2020, for the amount of \$36,507.27 with claim numbers 37555 through 37616 and warrant numbers 13052 through 13114. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Claim # 37546 resubmitted with warrant number 13043 void because of the incorrect vendor; warrant number 13052 issued**

**Commissioner Zylawy moved and Commissioner Johnston seconded to approve minutes of November 6, 2020. Motion carried unanimously**

**Commissioner Johnston reviewed JV's and income statement for September FY 2020/2021 and end of the FY 2019-2020 year.**

### **Documents signed:**

Supplemental amendment of current Public Health Emergency Preparedness contract: Task Order Amendment Number Two Task Order for PHEP 20-07-6-11-035-0 signed by Commissioner Zylawy

### **Law Enforcement Center Name Change- Action Item**

**Commissioner Zylawy moved and Commissioner Simons moved to change the name of the Mineral County Law Enforcement Center to the Mickey O'Brien Law Enforcement Center. Motion carried unanimously**

### **Public Comment**

No comments were received

**Commissioner Simons excused himself from the meeting at 12:00 PM**

**Commissioner Zylawy adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM**

**The next regular meeting will be Friday, November 20, 2020, in the Commissioners Meeting Room**

**Minutes were taken by  
Dawn Terrill  
Mineral County Commissioners' Assistant**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**Friday, November 20, 2020**

The Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Montana, met in regular session on Friday, November 20, 2020. Present were Commissioner Roman Zylawy, Commissioner Laurie Johnston, Commissioner Duane Simons, and Administrative Assistant Dawn Terrill.

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

**Sheriff Toth- Possible Action Item(s)**

**Present:** Mike Toth -Sheriff, Norm Naef- Maintenance Director

Jail repairs- Norm

- informs that he is researching costs and the quote received for repairing the jail doors

Update staffing (new Hires)

- intends to hire three applicants recently interviewed; two for detention and one for dispatch

Medical bill's unpaid from last year's budget

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Renaming of the law enforcement center

- Waiting to designate a specific Friday

Covid 19 monies (cares act expenditures)

- assumes overtime will be covered for the sheriff's office

## Forest Service Update

**Present:** Carole Johnson- Superior District Ranger, Ann Hadlow- 9 Mile Acting District Ranger

Carole-

- M Frawley is the only engineer in Superior
- Region has a budget cap, permanent positions/hires must be approved
- Sales administrator position has been approved and will serve Plains, Thompson Falls, and Superior
- D Regan has retired
- B Erickson will retire at the end of December; it's hopeful that replacing this position will be approved
- E Terry is leaving Dec 4, this position will be advertised after the first of the year
- fire/seasonal hiring is in process
- tells that the Nightriders are working with the Health Dept for their annual poker ride event
- is checking on forest service legal responsibility for plow permits requested by real estate firms and property buyers past Packer Creek Rd, which is a groomed snowmobile trail
- looking at veg management in campgrounds at Quartz Flat and Sloway
- a crew still marking at Cruz Anne
- through Cruz Anne objection period- no objections received
- commercial firewood permits
- working with Ray Godin on the house log issue
- commercial firewood request from Don Warnken
- commercial Christmas Tree permit requested from someone in Washington
- IFG has purchased a 24 million board foot sale on the St Joe; that wood will likely be coming to the St Regis mill over Little Joe; there has been no coordination with the Idaho Panhandle and roadwork is scheduled - coordination will be essential
- meeting with the regional office to review the roadless area of the Redd Bull
- expecting a draft decision on Redd Bull sometime in December
- has a scoping letter on mining claims
- due to COVID, the front office is closed to the public and most employees are working from home
- Christmas tree permits are available outside the office and Rachel can be reached by phone to purchase
- pile burning is completed,
- interviewed with Public Broadcasting to give a few minutes on the Taft Cemetery- to air on PBS Dec 4th or 5<sup>th</sup>
- Forest Service is on a continuing budget resolution- should a new one not be passed before Dec 11, they would be placed in furlough

Ann-

- pile burning had to stop due to COVID issues
- lay off of seasonal start at Thanksgiving
- approved for the Great Outdoors Act
- GOA proposals for the 9 mile Compound- hoping to employ locals for some of the work proposed
- NEPA regs are out

Next meeting will be January 15, 2021, at 10:00 AM

#### **Justice Court Vision Net- Action Item**

**Present-** Kim Taron- Justice Court Clerk, Wendie Richards-Justice Court Clerk, Dale Magone- Justice of the Peace, Norm Naef- Maintenance Director

Kim-

- Presents letter of pre-approval for vision net and verbal permission for two laptops and scanners
- Prices are up for vision net; it is recommended to order immediately to get it installed and working by the required date of Dec 30, 2020

**Commissioner Johnston moved and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve Vision Net for Justice Court for the amount of \$21,997.06. Motion carried unanimously**

#### **Public Comment**

No public comments were received

#### **Administrative Business**

**Commissioner Johnston moved and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve payroll paid on November 20, 2020, for the amount of \$147,573.57 with check numbers 18026 through 18042, and electronic check numbers 69146- 69209. Check number 18026 void due to wrong amount. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Commissioner Johnston moved and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve minutes of November 13, 2020. Motion carried unanimously**



**Documents signed:**

Law Enforcement Services Interlocal Agreement between Mineral County and Town of Alberton, signed by Commissioner Zylawy

BLT Environmental Assessment Comment Letter signed by Commissioners Johnston, Simons and Zylawy

Westside Bypass Wildlife Resiliency Project Comment Letter signed by Commissioners Johnston, Simons and Zylawy

**Commissioner Simons excused himself from the meeting at 12:00 PM**

**The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM**

**There will be no meeting for the week of November 23-27, 2020, due to lack of agenda items**

**The next regular meeting will be Friday, December 4, 2020, in the Commissioners Meeting Room**

**Minutes were taken by**

**Dawn Terrill**

**Mineral County Commissioners' Assistant**