

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

March 3, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Montana, met in a regular session on Friday, March 3, 2023. Present were Commissioner Duane Simons, Commissioner Roman Zylawy, and Commissioner Dawn Terrill.

9:00 AM Administrative Business

Present: Juliet Miller- citizen, Clayton Ward- citizen, Mark Testa-citizen, Wally Congdon- Deputy County Attorney, Linda Forest- citizen, Ron Forest- citizen, Jim Burr- citizen, Diane Magone-citizen, Ken Verley-citizen, Julie Prater-citizen, AnnaMarie White-citizen, Stephen Moats- citizen

Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve claims paid on March 3, 2023, for the amount of \$42,216.77 with claims numbers 41273 through 41343 and warrant numbers 16789 through 16859. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Simons moved, and Commissioner Zylawy seconded to approve minutes from February 24, 2023 with said changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Documents:

ARPA water and sewer Infrastructure Grant Program Project Name St Regis Sewer District (SRSD) Sewer Force Main Replacement, signed by Commissioner Terrill

10:05 AM Call Meeting to order, Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting called to order

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Terrill

10:05 Public Comment

Present: Juliet Miller- citizen, Clayton Ward- citizen, Mark Testa-citizen, Wally Congdon- Deputy County Attorney, Linda Forest- citizen, Ron Forest- citizen, Jim Burr- citizen, Diane Magone-citizen, Ken Verley-citizen, Julie Prater-citizen, AnnaMarie White-citizen, Stephan Moats- citizen, Deborah Lewis- citizen, Ron Denn- citizen, Ana Schreck-citizen, Monte Turner- Mineral Independent, Mike Galloway- citizen

Concern for the potential mold was voiced and an update was requested

Comment regarding the possibility of an investment advisory board was received and the request for follow up on this

There was an update on the writ and the completion status of requirements by the Deputy County Attorney

The Board of Commission recessed for the Board of Health

10:35 Board of Health meeting

See the Board of Health Assistant for minutes

11:40 Approval requested to apply for Headwaters Go! Grant, MSU, ORH and AHEC Health Equity and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation- Culture of Health. Request for approval to apply for grants

Present: Juliet Miller- citizen, Clayton Ward- citizen, Mark Testa-citizen, Attorney, Linda Forest- citizen, Ron Forest- citizen, Jim Burr- citizen, Diane Magone-citizen, AnnaMarie White-citizen, Ana Schrek-citizen, Jenn Donovan- Health Department Director

Jenn explained the grant and asked approval to apply, stating there is no match required.

Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve request for the Health Department apply for Headwaters Go! Grant, MSU, ORH and AHEC Health Equity and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation- Culture of Health. Motion carried unanimously.

12:00 Mandatory work session for elected officials and department heads

Juliet Miller- citizen, AnnaMarie White- citizen, Stephan Moats- citizen, Mark Testa- citizen, Guna Chaberek- Library Director, Kim Taron- Justice of the Peace, Jaime Talbot- Clerk of District Court, Merry Meuller- Treasurer, Superintendent of Schools, Jenn Donovan- Health Department Director, Jason McLees- Road Foreman, Kelann McLees- Clerk and Recorder, Ryan Funke- Sheriff, Norm Naef- Maintenance Director, Andy Short- Environmental Health and Planning Director, Mike Galloway- citizen, Ken Verley- citizen, Debra Jackson- County Attorney, Dave Brink- MSU Agent

Lunch was served

Each department gave a highlight of projects and events in their offices. The public is encouraged to visit the elected officials in their offices

Commissioner Terrill had comments and questions regarding breaks according to the Policy and Procedures Manual and MCA Statute regarding open offices and hours

The group decided quarterly meetings would be sufficient; future meetings will address specific interests and highlights of works in progress and those completed.

3:00 PM Request for letter of support for \$1 million federal funds from Congressman Zinke to rehabilitate the Saltese Trestle

Present: Brooke Lincoln-representing the Saltese Trestle and Montana Nightriders Snowmobile Club, AnnaMarie White- citizen, Glen Koepke- citizen, Diane Magone- citizen, Wally Congdon- Deputy County Attorney

Brooke would like a letter of support for a grant she is writing to rehabilitate the Saltese Trestle. She would be happy to write the letter in order to include the important details to the issue. She will send the letter to be put on Commissioner letterhead and signed, scanned and sent back to her.

Commissioner Simons moved, and Commissioner Zylawy seconded to approve and sign a letter of support for a grant to rehabilitate the Saltese Trestle. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM

The next regular meeting will be Friday, March 10, 2023, in the Commissioners Meeting Room

Minutes were taken by Dawn Terrill