

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

May 5, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Montana, met in a regular session on Friday, May 5, 2023. Present were Commissioner Duane Simons, Commissioner Roman Zylawy, and Commissioner Dawn Terrill.

9:00AM Administrative Business

Present: Lori Stetzel-citizen; Ginny Tubbs-citizen; Tom and Gloris Castles-citizens; Diane Magone-citizen

Commissioner Simons moved, and Commissioner Zylawy seconded to approve payroll paid on May 5, 2023 with check numbers 19001 through 19011. Motion carried unanimously.

Advertise for and hire a permanent DES Coordinator; advertising will be on bulletin board and on boards at Darlows, Trail West bank and the post office.

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

Meeting called to order

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Terrill

10:05-10:35 Public Comment

Present: Lori Stetzel-citizen; Ginny Tubbs-citizen; Tom and Gloris Castles-citizens: Diane Magone-citizen.

Ginny Tubbs stated she is pleased with all that the Commissioners do. There are all various opinions and people to try to listen to. And the Board tries their best. A big thank you

Diane Magone talked about the Big Sky Rail authority and a meeting coming up in Paradise Mt. The Montana Health Council has a grant to host there on May 24 at 4 pm. The speaker will be Dan Clark from MSU Extension.

10:35-10:50 AM Request to hire part time/as needed RN- Jen Donovan Director County Health-Action Item.

Present: Lori Stetzel-citizen; Ginny Tubbs-citizen; Tom and Gloris Castles-citizens; Diane Magone-citizen, Mark Testa- citizen, Andy Short-Environmental Health and Planning ; Darin Castor-Commissioners' Assistant

Jenn requested to hire a part time/as needed RN and would like approval to advertise and hire to help fill in at the clinic and with scheduling. No added funding will be required, Jenn will use current funding in her budget. The category of Short term or Temporary fill in etc.... will be determined since this will be under 30 hours a week and no benefits.

Commissioner Simons moved, and Commissioner Zylawy seconded to advertise and hire a part time (temporary or short term) RN for the Mineral County Health Department. Motion carried unanimously.

10:50 – 11:05 Preliminary Plat Approval- Extension request for Bockways Orchard Homes two lot subdivision to have new expiration date of May 5,2024. – Action Item

Present: Mark Testa- citizen, Diane Magone – citizen, Lori Stetzel -citizen, Jane Brockway- citizen, Ginny Tubbs-citizen; Tom and Gloris Castles-citizens; Andy Short-Environmental Health and Planning; Darin Castor- admin assistant.

Preliminary Plat Extension was requested since the three year approval has just expired and one more procedure is needed for the two lot minor. Andy said that Alan Brockway requested the one year extension and if granted by the Commissioners, would make the new expiration date be May 5,2024.

Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve the request for a one-year extension to May 5,2024. Motion carried unanimously.

11:05 – 12:05 Discussion of Procurement for GIS Professional services to modernize existing GIS database. Old Title III funds were set aside 10 years ago for this anticipated need. Review proposal from Civic Lens for potential project. Andy Short – Land planner discussion.

Present: Lori Stetzel-citizen; Tom and Gloris Castles-citizens; Mark Testa-citizen; Ginny Tubbs-citizen; Cathy Reich-citizen.

Andy talked about the GIS system and how the newer systems using EZRI software can really improve and enhance the needed data frequently requested. The system can assist with deeds, permits, land transactions, sewer districts, driveways and all kinds of On-line requests from people. Realtors, banks and the public can easily find needed information requests that currently his office fields everyday. Our current system uses an ARC reader and it will no longer be supported by TECH companies after next year.

Mark Testa asked if upgrading to the EZRI system will be outdated in a few years and require something better. Andy replies that EZRI has the monopoly on this new technology and believes it will not be outdated anytime soon.

The discussion ended with the intent to move towards the new system and place it on future agenda for final decision.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM

**The next regular meeting will be Friday, May 12, 2023, in the Commissioners Meeting Room
Minutes were taken by Roman Zylawy**

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The Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Montana, met in a regular session on Friday, May 5, 2023. Present were Commissioner Duane Simons, Commissioner Roman Zylawy, and Commissioner Dawn Terrill.

9:00AM Administrative Business

Present: Lori Stetzel-citizen; Anna Marie White-citizen; Tom and Gloris Castles-citizens; Diane Magone-citizen; Mark Testa-citizen; Michael Rich-Area 6 Aging ; Samantha Walker-Area 6 Aging

The DES position was filled with applicant Amy Lommen

Documents signed:

Conditional Preliminary Plat Approval for Brockway's Orchard Homes II Subdivision Extension Request, signed by Commissioners Simons, Terrill, and Zylawy

Draft Wild and Scenic Inventory, outstandingly remarkable value framework and draft wilderness inventory, signed by Commissioner Simons, Terrill, and Zylawy

Declaration of Intent: No Rents or Lease, signed by Commissioner Terrill

Law Enforcement Services Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Superior and Mineral County Sheriff's Office, signed by Commissioner Terrill

Resolution of Intention to Dissolve the St Regis Television District, signed by Commissioners Simons, Terrill, and Zylawy

Road Project Agreement between Mineral County and the USDA, Forest Service, Lolo National Forest, Forest Service Agreement 23-RO-11011600-053 and 23-RO-11011600-054, signed by Commissioner Simons, Terrill, and Zylawy

Commissioner Simons moved, and Commissioner Zylawy seconded to approve claims paid on May 12, 2023, for the amount of \$85, 625.22 with claim numbers 4125 through 41617 and claim numbers 17041 through 17133. Motion carried unanimously.

Liabilities in the amount of 82,815.17 were signed.

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

Meeting called to order

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Terrill

10:05-10:35 Public Comment

Present: Lori Stetzel-citizen; Anna Marie White-citizen; Tom and Gloris Castles-citizens; Diane Magone-citizen; Mark Testa-citizen; Michael Rich-Area 6 aging; Samantha Walker-Area 6 Aging; Ryan Funke-Sheriff

Sheriff Funke said that he attended the Superior Town Council meeting and negotiated a new Contract for Law enforcement contract with them. To account for increased costs, he raised the amount to \$93,1393.20 dollars. He also said that he would be increasing the number of Patrol hours for the town. The Sheriff also said that the St. Regis Resort Board is willing to donate money to assist with training at the Sheriff's Office

Diane Magone spoke about the Big Sky Rail and their annual request for monies and donations, and reminded everyone about the upcoming meeting in Paradise on May 24 at 4.p.m.

Anna Marie White asked about the Mission West Community Development meeting in Polson.

Lori Stetzel read aloud a brief report from the Mission West economic meeting that was held in Polson earlier in the week.

10:35 -11:00 Discuss the Process for Dissolving the St. Regis TV District

Present: Lori Stetzel-citizen; Anna Marie White-citizen; Tom and Gloris Castles-citizens; Diane Magone-citizen; Mark Testa-citizen; Michael Rich-Area 6 Aging; Samantha Walker-Area 6 Aging

Commissioner Simons explained the history of the district and how the tower translator is now gone. Since there is no longer any transmitted TV there, the current situation requires dissolving the district and closing out the fund balance.

Tom Castles spoke about the TV tower in Superior and how it works very well. But it isn't the same power to reach west of St. Regis

The topic will appear on agenda at later date for action after the public notices have been completed.

11:00 – Area 6 on Aging presentation and introduction of Samantha Walker . Michael Rich- Area 6 Representative.

Present: Lori Stetzel-citizen; Anna Marie White-citizen; Tom and Gloris Castles-citizens; Diane Magone-citizen; Mark Testa-citizen; Michael Rich-Area 6 aging; Samantha Walker-Area 6 aging; Patti Curtin-Citizen.

Michael Rich from the Polson office for Area 6 introduced Samantha Walker. She has worked for the agency for ten years and helps advocate for the elderly and disabled. Michael Rich travels to Mineral County two times a week to our senior centers and helps them as well. The Non-Profit agency utilizes federal and state grants for Veterans directed care, programs for reduced energy bills, medicare, Medicaid, social security programs low income rent programs and assist with Hospice and home repairs.

Michael and Samantha are planning to host a "New to Medicare" class in Mineral county this summer.

1:00 – 1:30 Action Item Road agreement with the Forest service for Re-Route of the Borax Tunnel road.

Present: Nate Keigel- Forest service; Mike Frawley-Forest Service; Tom Castles-citizen; Jason McLees-Road Foreman Mineral county

Nate explained how the old Northern Pacific grade road and the Tunnel at Borax was crumbling and in disrepair. Since the route is on the Forest service maps as a 'motor vehicle use' route, they would like to keep it open. Rather than refurbish the tunnel, the road agreement would repair a bypass road around the tunnel top keep vehicular traffic open.

Also: the forest service would like to expand the parking area at the St. Regis Park that access the Route of the Olympian trail. That could be done with a recreational grant.

Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to enter into cooperation with the forest service and advertise for the Borax Tunnel re-routing work. All in favor -Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM

The next regular meeting will be Friday, June 2, 2023, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Minutes were taken by

Roman Zylawy

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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May 19, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Montana, met in a regular session on Friday, May 19, 2023. Present were Commissioner Duane Simons, Commissioner Roman Zylawy, and Commissioner Dawn Terrill.

9:00AM Administrative Business

Present: Lori Stetzel-citizen; Ginny Tubbs-citizen

Commissioner Simons moved, and commissioner Zylawy seconded to approve payroll in the amount of \$107,296.76 . Warrant/checks #19015 through 19026 -but 110.00 dollar check # 19017 was disallowed, and electronic deposits 64628 through 64697. Motion carried unanimously.

Documents signed:

Mineral County DUI Task Force FY 2024 DUI Plan July1, 2023- June 30, 2024. Signed by all commissioners

Use of Firebase and daily rate. 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

Commissioner Terrill proposes as housekeeping note; that one trip to the podium should apply to Action item topics on agenda in addition to the Public Comment rule. Commissioner Zylawy suggests that in order to be fully informed before a vote, that allowing a person to revisit the topic should be allowed. As long as the person is not repeating themselves and is providing new information on the subject. And not up there to argue, criticize or debate. The topic will be fully discussed at a later time.

10:05-10:35 Public Comment

Present: Lori Stetzel-citizen ; Diane Magone-citizen; Ernie Ornelas-citizen

Diane Magone- Reminded people about the upcoming Big Sky Rail authority meeting on Wednesday May 24,2023, in Paradise Mt. It is one of six meetings being held to talk about the health benefits of having Rail transportation available to the Counties and Indian Reservation in the region. The meeting will be moderated by Dan Clark from the Montana Local Government Services office at MSU in Bozeman.

10:35 AM -10:50 AM Present the 2023-2024 Mineral County DUI Task force Plan-Ernie Ornelas.

Present: Diane Magone – citizen; Ernie Ornelas-citizen; Lori Stetzel-citizen; Mark Testa-citizen; Gordon Hendrick-Reserve Deputy

DUI Task force coordinator Ernie Ornelas presented the 2023-2024 Plan that is required every year to be submitted to the Montana Dept. of Transportation for their approval. Ernie has been drawing up the plans for many years in Mineral county and took the time to say that he will be stepping down to be more semi-retired. Therefore, the Task Force will need a new Coordinator for next year.

The Crash numbers have not been updated by the state, but Ernie have the DUI citation stats. He said that DUI/Impaired driving citations are up Statewide and are also up in Mineral County.

The next Task Force meeting is on the third Tuesday in July in the Commissioner’s meeting room.

He invites school students and school officials to encourages younger people to become involved.

Funding comes from court fees, fines and driving while suspended citations.

10:50 – 11:05 ACTION ITEM- Approve new daily rate for USFS use of Mineral County Airport as a Fire Base

Present: Lori Stetzel-citizen; Mark Testa-citizen; Gordon Hendrick- Airport Board member

Gordon Hendrick stated that Airport Director Steve Temple is not available today so he will be presenting the new rates negotiated with the Forest Service . The small aircraft will use Area 1 on the west side of airport, and the daily rate will be \$ 585.00 dollars per day. The large aircraft will use Area 2 on the east end , at the rate of \$841.00 dollars per day.

Commissioner Simons moved and Commissioner Zylawy seconded to approve the new daily rates of 585.00 dollars for small and 841.00 dollars for large aircraft. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM

The next regular meeting will be Friday, June 2, 2023, in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room.

Minutes were taken by

Roman Zylawy