

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF MINERAL COUNTY, MONTANA

September 1, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Montana, met in a regular session on Friday, September 1, 2023. Present were Commissioner Duane Simons, Commissioner Roman Zylawy, and Commissioner Dawn Terrill.

9:00 AM Administrative Business

Present: No one

Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve claims paid on September 1, 2023, for the amount of \$181,935.50 with claim numbers 42124 through 42182 and warrant numbers 17641 through 17699. And Disallowing Claim # 42162 in amount of \$134.00 dollars and Claim # 42173 in amount of \$225.60 due to being worker comp costs.

Motion carried unanimously.

Documents Signed:

Modification material. FS Agreement # 21-RO-11011600-035, signed by Commissioners Simons, Terrill

Commissioner Terrill signed Budget Certification Form

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: George Bailey-citizen, Ginny Tubbs-citizen, AnnaMarie White-citizen

George spoke on new technology called SRSH2, a new Aerial Vehicle that can assist with communications and video. They are an improvement over regular flying drones.

10:35 Final Budget Hearing: Approve and Adopt Budget Resolution 9-01-2023A-ACTION ITEM

Approve and Adopt Salary Resolution 9-01-2023B- ACTION ITEM

Present: Jessica Connolly-Finance Officer, Ginny Tubbs-citizen, AnnaMarie White-citizen, Ryan Funke-Sheriff, Curtis Cochrane-citizen, Mary Jo Berry-citizen, Monte Turner-citizen, Gordon Hendrick-citizen.

Jessica presented the budget and explained how the new state law required an explanation of any tax increases would reflect on a residential home. The increase is to show the dollar amount on a \$100,000 dollar home and a \$200,000 home. The new law is MCA 7-6-4030 and states that the amounts will need to be included in the Budget resolution that we pass.

Commissioner Simons moved, and Commissioner Zylawy seconded to approve and adopt Budget Resolution # 9-1-2023 A, and to include the new Law MCA 7-6-4030. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve Salary Resolution # 9-1-2023B. All were in favor. Motion carried.

11:05 AM – 11:20 AM Resolution to allow Attorney General’s Office to Prosecute a Mineral County Felony Homicide Case- ACTION ITEM

Present: Deb Jackson-Mineral County Attorney, Wally Congdon-Deputy Co. Attorney, Curtis Cochrane-citizen, Monte Turner-citizen, Glen Koepke-citizen, Mary Jo Berry-citizen, Ginny Tubbs-citizen, AnnaMarie White-citizen.

Deb Jackson explained that the recent double homicide case in Superior would need the expertise and resources to help prosecute the Mineral county case. Deb said that there would not be any cost or hourly fee for the AG’s office, but that Mineral county would be responsible for witness fees.

Commissioner Simons moved, and Commissioner Zylawy seconded to approve Resolution #9-1-2023C A Resolution to allow Attorney General’s Office to Prosecute a Mineral County Felony Homicide Case All in Favor. Motion passed.

11:20 AM- 11:45 AM Use of Fairgrounds- Discussion

Present: Mary Jo Berry- Fairgrounds manager, Wally Congdon-Deputy Co. Attorney, Glen Koepke-citizen, Curtis Cochrane-citizen, Ginny Tubbs-citizen, AnnaMarie White-citizen.

Commissioner Terrill requested the meeting after seeing on the news that fairgrounds were open to people from the Paradise fire who might need livestock shelter.

Mary Jo spoke about how she has allowed special use for the fairgrounds over the last 3 years.

Commissioner Simons expressed liability concerns.

Mary Jo said that she has never boarded any other animals, only horses. Any concerns about disease from cows or sheep are moot issues since she has only taken in horses.

The Commissioners want to contact the Insurance company before resuming any other uses besides the intended use at

Fair time.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM

The next regular meeting will be Friday, September 8, 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, September 8, 2023. Present were Commissioner Duane Simons, Commissioner Roman Zylawy, and Commissioner Dawn Terrill.

9:00 AM Administrative Business

Present: No one.

Commissioner Simons moved, and Commissioner Zylawy seconded to approve payroll in the amount of \$176,990.00 dollars. Check numbers 19130 through 19144 and electronic deposits numbers 64050 through 64118. All in favor. Motion carried

Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve the July and August minutes. All in

favor. Motion carried

Documents Signed: Rate of pay change forms for Library employees as instructed by the Mineral County Library board. Rate of pay change forms for Chris Acheson and Keenan Taylor.

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

Meeting called to order

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Terrill

10:05 AM- 10:35 AM Public Comment

No one present- No comments received.

10:35 AM -10:40 AM Stepping On Grant(no match) approval to apply, requested by April Quinlan(Parents as Teachers Director)- ACTION ITEM

Present: April Quinlan

April explained the purpose of the Grant that the Mineral County Health Department would like to apply for. It is for \$1,000.00 dollars and is no cost to the County.

Commissioner Simons moved, and Commissioner Zylawy seconded to approve the request to apply for the Stepping on Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 dollars. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM

The next regular meeting will be Friday, September 15, 2023, in the Commissioners Meeting Room

Minutes were taken by Roman Zylawy

September 10, 2023 4 p.m to 8 pm. Freedom Fest celebration at 1022 Sawmill Gulch road

A Quorum of three commissioners were present at the non-partisan freedom fest celebration . No County business was discussed.

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September 15, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Montana, met in a regular session on Friday, September 15, 2023. Present were Commissioner Duane Simons, Commissioner Roman Zylawy, and Commissioner Dawn Terrill.

9:00 AM Administrative Business

Present: No one.

Commissioner Simons moved, and Commissioner Zylawy seconded to approve claims in the amount of \$ 60,913.98 dollars with claim numbers 42183 through 42243 and warrant numbers 17700 through 17760. All in favor. Motion carried

Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve the September 1st and September 8th minutes. All in favor. Motion carried

Documents Signed: None

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

Meeting called to order

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Terrill

10:05 AM- 10:35 AM Public Comment

Present: No one present. No comments received

10:35 AM-11:35 AM Radio Equipment Upgrade and Cost Presentation: Dispatch-Lisa Denn

Present: Denley Loge-citizen, Scott Dodd- Superior Fire Chief, Amy Parks-DES coordinator, AnnaMarie White-citizen, Bob Stine-owner of Stine Electronics, Bob Sage-Stine- electronics technician, Lisa Denn-Mineral County 911 dispatch Supervisor.

Lisa Denn spoke to some of the issues with the old and original radio system in dispatch. While the Commissioners did authorize a new 911 system upgrade a few years ago, it was an improved system for the 911 phone system and not the radio system. Currently the radio recording portion is not operating and has been functioning off of the microwave that sits on the old school roof. To replace the microwave system would cost at least \$75,000 dollars and isn't able to reach the west and east parts of the county. Bob Stine suggests that we consider using the radio tower on the north side of jail building to make improvements to. Currently the jail building radio tower can transmit well throughout the area, but isn't currently capable of recording the radio traffic. An upgrade to the entire radio, console and voice recording system would replace the antiquated 1994 radio that he is having trouble finding parts for. Bob Stine and Bob Sage presented an estimate with a full list of parts and components from Zetron Max using a Motorola 110-watt radio. Given that providing law enforcement and providing public safety is critical, the Commission will explore areas of funding and Lisa Denn and the Sheriff's Office will also look for some matching grants. The total estimate from Stine Electronics using Zetron Max was approximately \$132,000 dollars. The subject will be revisited at a later date.

3:00 PM-3:15 PM Request for commissioners to apply for a SMART (Strengthening Mobility and Revitalizing Transportation)Highway Grant- Action Item :George Bailey

Present: Ginny Tubbs-citizen, Kathleen Brown-citizen, George Bailey-citizen, Jeremy Crowley-Director of University of Montana department of Autonomous Aerial Systems Office (AASO)

George leads off the presentation for a (SMART) highway program. George said that the Montana Dept. of Transportation is also interested because in poor cell phone coverage areas, they need these kinds of drones to provide communication in construction zone areas for their employees on site. Jeremy spoke to his part in promoting the technology that uses hydrogen powered drones or Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)that can run up to 4 hours at a time. The drones allow communications partnering with T-Mobile and Star link. Jeremy said that his U of M office could assist Mineral County Economic Development in administering the grant. It would be for two million dollars to be spent over 18 months. And the grant must be submitted by October 2023.

Entities in favor of this grant include MDT, St. Regis Community Council and U of M Autonomous Aerial Systems office (AASO).

Commissioner Simons moved, and Commissioner Zylawy seconded to approve the application by Mineral County Development for the SMART Grant in the amount of Two Million Dollars. There is no match money required. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM

The next regular meeting will be Friday, September 22, 2023, in the Board of Commission Meeting Room
Minutes were taken by Roman Zylawy

September 18, 2023

Meet and Greet for US Senate candidate Tim Sheehy there was a quorum of two commissioners. Commissioner Simons and Commissioner Terrill were present. No County business was discussed.

September 18, 2023 8 am. At Durangos restaurant.

Immediately following, the two Commissioners attended a Safety meeting in the Courthouse from 10:00 am. To 12:30 pm.

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September 22, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Montana, met in a regular session on Friday, September 22, 2023. Present were Commissioner Duane Simons, Commissioner Roman Zylawy, and Commissioner Dawn Terrill.

9:00 AM Administrative Business

Present: No one.

Commissioner Simons moved, and Commissioner Zylawy seconded to approve payroll in the amount of \$141,134.66 dollars with check numbers 19145 through 19156 and electronic deposits 63980 through 64048. All in favor. Motion carried

Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve the September 15th minutes. All in favor. Motion carried

Documents Signed: Commissioner Zylawy signed the D.A. Davidson Corporate Resolution for Treasurers office to move investments

Break

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

Meeting called to order

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Terrill

1005 AM- 10:35 AM Public Comment

Present: No One.

10:35 AM-10:45 Treasurer's Office Update

Present: Merry Mueller-Treasurer, Andy Short- Environmental Planner.

Merry gave an update on the CD's and the staggering of how they will be coming mature and reinvested. She presented a Bank Reconciliation worksheet showing a total of \$14,080,412.94 dollars ,but after current payroll and claims, the adjusted balance is \$13,980,084.62 dollars.

1:15PM-1:30 PM Request to fill full time road operator vacancy- Action Item- Jason McLees

Present: Jason McClees- Road Foreman

Jason said that with the recent resignation of a road employee, he would like to advertise to hire a replacement. The Commission agreed and to place an advertisement as soon as possible.

Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve an advertisement to hire and fill the Vacancy for a Road Department operator/driver. All ion favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4 PM

The next regular meeting will be Friday, September 29, 2023, in the Board of Commission Meeting Room

Minutes were taken by Roman Zylawy

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September 29, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Montana, met in a regular session on Friday, September 29, 2023. Present were Commissioner Duane Simons, Commissioner Roman Zylawy, and Commissioner Dawn Terrill.

9:00 AM Administrative Business

Present: No one.

Documents signed: Claims approval sheet of 9-29-2023.- Reviewed Income Statement form.
Signed Journal Vouchers of July 2023 and August 2023

Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve the minutes of 9-22-2023. All in favor. Motion passed.

Commissioner Simons moved, and Commissioner Zylawy seconded to approve claims in the amount of \$ 58,203.11 dollars with claim numbers 42244 through 42292 and warrant numbers 17761 through 17809. All in favor. Motion carried

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

Meeting called to order

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Terrill

1005 AM- 10:35 AM Public Comment

Present: Jacob Zimmerman-406 Engineering, Craig Schaeffer-406 Engineering, Glen Koepke- citizen, Ginny Tubbs-citizen.

Koepke said that Morris Hill has resigned from the Sr. Regis park board. Commissioners have not received a resignation form.

He also said that somebody tore up the baseball field in the park by spinning donuts around with a rear wheel drive vehicle causing ruts two inches deep in the turf.

Koepke also wonders why the Forest service has badly neglected the Camels hump highway between St. Regis and Cabin city. He said there are very deep potholes developing in the asphalt.

10:35 AM – 12:05 PM Conditional Preliminary Plat approval for Shyrock Motorcoach community Pase 2- ACTION

ITEM. Andy Short.

Present: Jacob Zimmerman-406 Engineering, Craig Schaeffer-406 Engineering, Glen Koepke- citizen, Ginny Tubbs-citizen, Debbie Fauser-citizen, Linda Loving-citizen, Ralph Loving-citizen, Barbara Tempelton-citizen, Chris Lane- Shyrock manager, Ken Ogrer-citizen, Annette Ogrer-citizen, Thomas Wagner-citizen, Tricia Wagner-citizen, Alisha Boyce-citizen, Michelle Stump-citizen, Tom and Kelli Corno-citizens, Bill and Michele Myers-citizens, Donelte Lebb-citizen, Jim and Shaleen Wilkerson-citizens, Chuck Beaty-citizen, Steve Eliton-citizen, Claudia Boyer-citizen.

Andy Short explained the process of the hearing from start to end with a decision and action at the end. Jacob Zimmerman spoke about the two entrances at rock springs road and the Shryock loop. He also talked about the 47 lots and how some were set aside for sanitation, a club house and temporary RV spots for visitors to the RV park.

Alisha Boyce spoke in favor and said that the Shyrock folks are very generous community minded people that have sponsored 89 kids in the Superior Stompers soccer program.

Michelle Stump echoed Alisha by adding they have also purchased 4-H livestock at the fair and donated to Mineral county shooting sports.

Shaleen Wilkerson is a resident of Shyrock and she said that she loves living here and has developed a strong connection with the people here and feels like a real part of the community.

This Phase 2 portion of the Subdivision comes to the Board of Commission from the Mineral County Planning Board with a recommendation to pass.

Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve the Conditional Preliminary Plat approval for Shyrock Motorcoach Community Phase 2.

All in Favor. Motion passed.

1:15 PM- 1:30 PM Request to advertise and fill vacant position for Paralegal/Legal assistant in the County Attorneys office- ACTION ITEM. Deb Jackson

Present: Wally Congdon-Deputy Co. Attorney, Deb Jackson- Mineral Co. Attorney, Ginny Tubbs-citizen.

Deb explained that she was losing a very good employee who has to leave to care for a sick parent in another state. Deb is just getting things caught up in the office and says she needs another qualified and efficient Paralegal to fill the vacancy.

Commissioner Simons moved, and Commissioner Zylawy seconded to advertise for a Paralegal/ Legal assistant in the County Attorney office. Starting at 15 to 22 dollars an hour depending on experience, and qualifications (certification)

All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4 PM

The next regular meeting will be Friday, October 6, 2023, in the Board of Commission Meeting Room

Minutes were taken by Roman Zylawy

