

March 1, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Acting Chairman Paul Tweten, member John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Stone Tihista, Valley County Weed Department came in to discuss House Bill 410, Noxious Weed Funding.

Todd Young, Valley County Road Supervisor, stopped by to converse about County road blading projects.

Tori Matejovsky, Executive Director from Great Northern Development Corporation (GNDC) stopped to talk about the various offerings of GNDC.

The line from the fuel farm to the pumps at the airport broke a couple of years ago. It was too expensive to replace the fuel line, so a new fuel farm was built. Commissioner Tweten mentioned that the fuel tanks at the airport need to be removed.

Ms. Matejovsky stated that the Brownsfield revolving loan fund (RLF) can be used to help small communities clean up. After a down payment is made, RLF will pay 50% of eligible costs with a zero percent interest rate.

Commissioner Tweten indicated that DEQ is not forcing the removal of the tanks, but when the County is ready, they may want to talk to GNDC.

According to Ms. Matejovsky, the earliest funds will be available from Brownsfield RLF is October, but the Brownsfield Assessment Fund which is a grant program is available now.

Commissioner Tweten raised the possibility of using GNDC funds for a building that the County owns across from the Coke plant that is on BN property. The County has not had an assessment done due to the cost.

Ms. Matejovsky advised there is the possibility of Brownsfield paying for the assessment. Ms. Matejovsky will put the building on the list. A RLF could be used at zero interest to pay for the removal of asbestos.

Commissioner Fahlgren mentioned that we are working on rebuilding the Valley County website.

Ms. Matejovsky specified that they will help with anything that they are able to, but she will make sure to check with the County first. Previously GNDC was even able to secure funding for a roof for another County.

Ms. Matejovsky reiterated that GNDC is willing to assist with anything they are able to, and to please contact her, and then she left the office.

Senator Frank Smith stopped in to discuss bills that are being voted upon in Helena.

March 2, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Chairman Peterson began Discussion and Decision at 10:30 a.m.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda, and no public comment was submitted.

The first actionable item on the agenda was employment/termination notices.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Carla Tihista, as a permanent, part-time Fair Manager beginning February 13, 2017, at \$7,500.00 per year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Accounting Change for Kimberly Tribby as a permanent, full-time Dispatcher with an increase of \$.50

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per hour for 911 to text administration coming from #2850-98-420160-111 beginning February 19, 2017, for a total of \$10.97 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Accounting Change for Daria Brenna, as a permanent, full-time Detention Officer beginning February 19, 2017, with an increase to \$15.84 after completing Detention Officer Basic Training. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Termination for Jenny Reinhardt effective February 17, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman to execute a Termination for Karla Nix effective February 23, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed.

The final item on the agenda was allowing the Health Department to use some of the HIV/AIDS grant for Public Health Accreditation.

Commissioner Peterson proposed that he would like to see the money used to more directly support the three goals identified in the Health Assessment survey: community wellness, drug abuse, and mental health.

Since the money would be coming from the HIV/AIDS grant, Commissioner Tweten would be in favor of allowing the money to be used for public health accreditation.

Commissioner Fahlgren commented that using the money for this purpose does not address the three goals of the community.

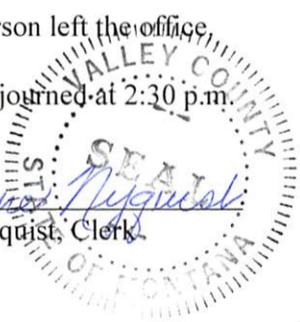
A motion was introduced by Commissioner Tweten to discuss the Health Department using the HIV/AIDS grant for public health accreditation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren. After lengthy discussion the motion was voted on, with Commissioner Tweten voting for using the HIV/AIDS grant for public health accreditation and Commissioner Peterson and Commissioner Fahlgren voting against. The motion failed.

Commissioner Peterson left the office.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynne Nyquist, Clerk



ATTEST:

Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman

March 3, 2017

Commissioner Tweten was in the office this morning.

Commissioner Fahlgren dropped by with his grandchildren, Liam and Tennessee LaBrie.

Commissioner Peterson was in the office this afternoon.

March 6, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Lucas Locke, Airport Manager, came into the office to discuss various topics.

Vernon Buerkle, Valley County Sheriff, dropped by to discuss weekend happenings.

Todd Young, Valley County Road Supervisor, and Rick Seiler, Valley County DES Coordinator, met with the Commissioners to discuss the bridge project in Hinsdale. Commissioner Tweten set up an appointment with Carl Yakovich from Great West Engineering on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. The Commissioners, Mr. Young, and Mr. Seiler will meet Mr. Yakovich at the Beaver Creek Bridge on Milk River Road.

Joleen Cotton, Maintenance Supervisor, came in for her weekly meeting. Commissioner Tweten advised that a new skylight, door adjustment, and food pass have been ordered for the Detention Center.

Following up from last week's cold air issue in the Detention Center is the fact that segregation cells, control, and laundry are on the same control panel. Ms. Cotton will check to see if the speed of the airflow can be decreased through the air handler to increase the temperature in the Detention Center.

Another issue discussed was the cameras in the Detention Center. In order to move the cameras to another location in the cells, the floor would need to be drilled and wires routed through the Mezzanine. The issue seems to be that the top bunk is in the way of the cameras. Commissioner Peterson wanted to know if they always have two people in the cell as he was told they throw the second mattress on the floor anyway, which eliminates the line of sight issue. Commissioner Peterson suggested that Ms. Cotton find out if they need the second bunk in the room.

In the Senior Center, the floor was stripped and waxed last week. It was mentioned that there were people in the Center when it was closed this weekend and the floor was scratched. David Sargent, Senior Center President will attempt to buff the scratches out of the floor.

Stone Tihista, Valley County Weed Department, came in to discuss a mapping system for the Weed Department. Ms. Tihista is trying out different aps for the iPad to see what works best for her.

Commissioner Peterson asked if Ms. Tihista has talked to Mike Bain, the computer tech to see what he thinks.

Ms. Tihista stated that Mr. Bain is in the loop.

As far as personnel, Norm Braaten is coming back on May 1st to work for the Weed Department. Ms. Tihista is looking into a number of other potential candidates to work for the Weed Department this summer.

A matter of discussion was the possibility of having a flexible schedule for the Weed employees. Ms. Tihista will check into the feasibility of a flexible schedule.

Ms. Tihista would like to have another County employee licensed to spray weeds as a safety measure in case she is in any way incapacitated.

The Weed Board approved the purchase of new lighting for the Weed Shop and bids are currently coming in.

Ms. Tihista will purchase a new sign for Valley County Weed.

This summer Ms. Tihista and Shelley Mills, Extension Agent, plan on having a range and pasture tour much like the one they had last year.

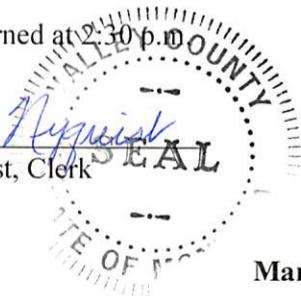
Ms. Tihista and Ms. Mills left the office.

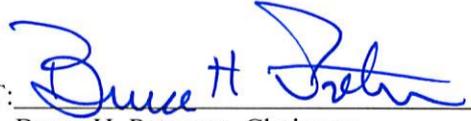
The next item discussed was the letter request from Action for Eastern Montana to donate \$1,040 to the Senior Companion Program. There are seven senior companion volunteers that work with 39 clients. These companions have volunteered 67 hours and have traveled over 3,000 miles. The county has paid this every year and it is included in the Senior's Action Plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten to pay \$1,040 to Action for Eastern Montana to donate to the Senior Companion Program out of Local Option Tax. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk



ATTEST: 
Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman

March 7, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson and member John Fahlgren and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Barry Chalmers, Skylark Technology, stopped in for his quarterly update, and Mike Bain, Valley County Computer Technician, joined the meeting.

Mr. Chalmers explained that at the beginning of the project, he was able to scan 5,000 pages per day. That number was reduced to a couple hundred pages scanned per day and is now up to approximately 1,700 scanned pages daily. The difference in amounts of pages able to be scanned is that some of the documents require more time, they need to be folded flat and staples removed in order to obtain a legal copy.

Mr. Chalmers believes that the rest of the scanning should be done in five weeks. Six weeks after the initial five weeks, the processing should be finished so he is expecting a finish date in June 2017.

Commissioner Peterson would like the project finished this fiscal year if at all possible, so June 2017 works out nicely.

Mr. Chalmers advised that there are approximately 120,000 pages that still need to be scanned for a total cost of \$36,750.00.

Commissioner Peterson mentioned that on Commissioner Tweten's computer he does not seem to be able to access the road maps as readily as the computers at the Road Department or in the Clerk and Records office.

Mr. Chalmers commented that last time a software update was done, Commissioner Tweten was not in the office, so an update was not done at that time. Today Mr. Chalmers will update software in the Clerk and Records office, on the Administrative Assistant's computer, and on Commissioner Tweten's computer. The updated software will increase the speed of operation and update the roads on the maps.

Commissioner Fahlgren wondered if the public computers will be upgraded as well. He would also like to know if the records are protected.

Mr. Chalmers replied that there are two public computers in the Clerk and Records vault that will be updated. He also advised that there are two types of records, public and private. The public records such as mortgages, deeds and leases are accessible by anyone, but the private records are restricted due to the content of information such as vital records and discharges.

Concerning the microfiche that Mr. Chalmers has been working on, it is scanned and processed, but not indexed. The microfiche records should be available in a week or two.

Commissioner Peterson asked if the County would have to continue updating new records once the older recorders are scanned.

Mr. Chalmers stated that currently the new records are being recorded on Black Mountain, so there should not be any reason to have to continue updating current records. The only exception is the commissioner's journals that are not saved to Black Mountain.

Commissioner Peterson questioned if Black Mountain has any safety backup.

Mike Bain, Valley County Computer Technician, advised that we have backups for Black Mountain at the Courthouse as well as offsite.

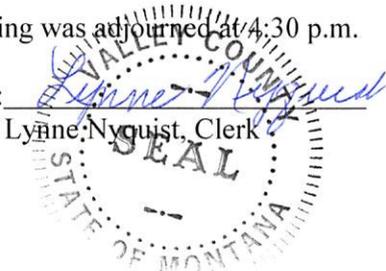
Mr. Chalmers emphasized that he has backups of all the records that he has scanned. At the completion of his job, there will be one backup copy on the server and Valley County will have two additional sets to secure in vaults. Projection for job completion is approximately eleven weeks. During the next five weeks, Mr. Chalmers will be in his Glasgow office daily, after that he will be in the office one day per week. The expectation is that once all records are in, Mr. Chalmers should only need to come in approximately one day per year to scan the Commissioner's journals.

Mr. Chalmers left the office.

Tully Tryan, Regional Director of the Department of Revenue (DOR), called concerning the space that the DOR is renting from Valley County. Commissioner Peterson will return his call when he is in the office tomorrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynne Nyquist
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk


ATTEST:

Bruce H. Peterson
Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman

March 8, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

The Commissioners left the office to conduct the Department Head meeting.

Mayor Becky Erickson came in for her meeting with the Commissioners.

One item of discussion was the upcoming visit on March 24th from Josh Meeney with KRTV in Great Falls. Mr. Meeney is interested in the economic impact of Keystone XL (KXL) on Valley County.

Commissioner Peterson stated that there will be 850 to 1,200 people in each of two workforce housing camps for six months while working on KXL.

Mayor Erickson said that she believes that the camp north of Hinsdale will run at capacity throughout the project.

Mayor Erickson questioned the tax benefit to the County with KXL coming in.

Commissioner Peterson stated that the taxable City taxes should go down.

Mayor Erickson would like to have a meeting with Vernon Buerkle, Valley County Sheriff and the Glasgow police department to address law enforcement for KXL. Mayor Erickson stated Dry Prairie is worried about the water and that also needs to be addressed. Mayor Erickson also proposed that the Commissioners should meet with Chairman Azure.

Commissioner Fahlgren indicated that KXL is meeting with the tribe and it is not the Commissioners place to get involved in those negotiations.

Commissioner Tweten stated that the Commissioners may end up putting a wrench in things if they get involved.

Commissioner Fahlgren agreed, adding that the County should not be privy to tribal negotiations.

Commissioner Peterson declared that all of the meetings he has been to with the tribe have been very good.

Discussion followed concerning the Roosevelt Hotel.

Mayor Becky Erickson left the office.

Troy Kelsey and John Bach from Interstate Engineering Inc. stopped by the office concerning Keystone XL Pipeline (KXL).

Mr. Bach wanted to know if construction will start on KXL in April or May.

Commissioner Peterson advised that construction of KXL will not begin this year.

Discussion continued concerning safety features of the pipeline. Commissioner Peterson stated that the Tribe is concerned that if there is any leakage, it will affect the intake of their Water Treatment Plant.

Mr. Bach stated that with approximately eighty river miles between the pipeline and the intake, there should not be a problem.

Commissioner Tweten commented that the pipeline should be about fifty feet below the ground.

Mr. Bach stated that the pipeline is approximately fifty feet below the ground and that there will be a shutoff valve on both sides of the river.

Commissioner Peterson remarked that he would like to challenge the KXL representatives to educate the public about the pipeline.

Mr. Kelsey invited the Commissioners who are attending the MACRs Conference to dinner on Monday, March 13th.

Mr. Kelsey and Mr. Bach left the office.

Chairman Peterson began Discussion and Decision at 10:30 a.m.

Added to the agenda was approval of the Treasurer's Report.

There was no public comment submitted.

The first actionable item was employment/termination notices.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Melvin Waldner as a permanent, full-time Road Operator/Truck Driver for the Road Department beginning March 3, 2017, at \$18.89 per hour after having completed his CDL certification. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed.

Relocation of Boundary for George Knierim was the next item on the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman sign the relocation of boundary for George Knierim located in, as per the old description: T28 T39 Sec 3 Govt Lot 7, the new description is : T28 R39 Sec E1/2 Govt Lot 7 Parcel 2.33 Acres, pending payment and signatures. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed. Said Certificate of Exemption was filed in the office of the Valley County Clerk and Recorder on March 21, 2017, as #160156.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing the Chairman to execute a Relocation of Common Boundary Application for Michael J. and Tara Wesen located in SW4, Section 7, T28N, R39E. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and it unanimously passed. The said Document, No.159186, was filed in the office of the Clerk and Recorder on October 18, 2016.

The final item on the agenda was the Treasurer's Report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren, seconded by Commissioner Tweten and carried unanimously to approve the Treasure's report for February 28, 2017.

Dylan Jensen, Valley County Attorney, stopped in concerning the Assistant County Attorney position that is closing on March 13th at 5:00p.m.

Commissioner Peterson called Tully Tryan, Regional Director of the Department of Revenue (DOR), to address concerns regarding the office space that the DOR rents from Valley County. Mr. Tryan stated that he would like to increase the privacy within the DOR office.

Commissioner Peterson and Mr. Tryan agreed that the cost of any changes to the offices will have to be covered fully by the DOR. Also, all changes have to be in writing and approved by the Valley County Commissioners per the contract.

Commissioner Peterson asked if the DOR has to be located in the Courthouse.

Mr. Tryan advised Commissioner Peterson that the DOR does not have to be located in the Courthouse and a number of Counties do not have the DOR located in the Courthouse.

Commissioner Peterson stated that for convenience for the citizens that it seems advantageous to have the DOR in the Courthouse.

According to Mr. Tryan a great majority of the interaction between the State of Montana and Valley County can take place via the computer.

Commissioner Peterson questioned if Mr. Tryan had explored other options for office space for the DOR.

Mr. Tryan stated that they have looked at other office spaces, but a move by the DOR would cost them approximately \$20,000.

The conversation closed with Commissioner Peterson telling Mr. Tryan that the Commissioners would be happy to review plans that the DOR comes up with for the office space.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

ATTEST: Lynne Nyquist
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: Bruce H. Peterson
Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman



March 9, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Commissioner Tweten and Commissioner Fahlgren drove to the Beaver Creek Bridge on Milk River Road west of Hinsdale to confer with Great West Development on the pending construction of a new bridge in that area.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

ATTEST: Lynne Nyquist
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: Bruce H. Peterson
Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman



March 10, 2017

Commissioner Peterson and Commissioner Tweten were in the office today.

David Pankratz dropped off a letter concerning tax exemption status for the Lustre Cemetery.

March 13, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Anna and Tenny LaBrie stopped by the office to visit with Tenny's Grandpa, Commissioner Fahlgren.

Rick Seiler, Valley County DES Coordinator and Todd Young, Valley County Road Supervisor, came in to visit with the Commissioners.

Mr. Seiler, brought in a grant application for his budget from September 2017 through October 2018. Mr. Seiler is requesting \$34,782.00 for a 50% matching fund grant. The County will contribute \$34,782.00 and the Federal Government will contribute an additional \$34,782.00. Last year the budget was for \$35,000. Mr. Seiler has allowed for a 1/2 time person as he will be retiring at some point and would like to be able to prepare a person to take over. Also included in the grant is the request for portable radios. The radios will be needed in case of emergency for communication. Valley County will be responsible for labor costs.

Mr. Seiler is trying to find a tanker truck through Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) for Opheim Fire Department.

Todd Young, Valley County Road Supervisor, would like a GPS tablet to assist with the work for the Road Shop.

Joleen Cotton, Maintenance Supervisor, came in for her weekly maintenance review.

Don Fast dropped in to discuss various subjects.

Dylan Jensen, Valley County Attorney, stopped in concerning the Assistant County Attorney position that closes at 5pm today.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

ATTEST: Lynne Nyquist
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: Bruce H. Peterson
Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman



March 14, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Vernon Buerkle, Valley County Sheriff, stopped to discuss various subjects.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rhode came in concerning fees that were charged for disposal of corn at the Landfill.

Commissioner Tweten advised the Rhodes that the decision concerning fees would be need to be taken to the Refuse District Board which meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm in the Community Room at the Courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhode left the office.

René Clampitt, Planner/911/GIS Supervisor, has been testing text to 911 today. It appears that it should be ready to roll out on April 1, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynne Nyquist
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk



ATTEST:

Bruce H. Peterson
Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman

March 15, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Rick Seiler, Valley County DES Coordinator, stopped in concerning various projects.

Lucas Locke, Airport Manager, arrived at the office to fill out a risk assessment for the FAA.

Todd Young, Valley County Road Supervisor, came in to discuss the intended purchase of tablets with GPS capabilities for the purpose of inventorying gravel, culverts and travel guards among other things. Currently all of the aforementioned work is being done longhand.

Former Commissioner, Dave Reinhardt stopped by the office to discuss various subjects.

Stan Ozark, KLTZ/Mix 93, joined the meeting.

Chairman Peterson began Discussion and Decision at 10:30 a.m.

Added to the agenda were raises for the Weed Department and the Russell Leader's letter of interest in the airport board.

There was no public comment.

The first actionable item on the agenda was employment/termination notices.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Tory McDowall as a permanent, full-time Detention Officer having completed 6 months' probation, beginning March 19, 2017, at \$14.13 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the Emergency Management Plan Grant for DES funding for the year 2017 through 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten to authorize the Chairman to sign the Emergency Management Plan Grant for DES funding for 2017 through 2018, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.

Applicants for the Assistant County Attorney were next on the list.

There was only one applicant, Zach Lipszyc, for the part-time position of Deputy County Attorney. Mr. Lipszyc has an appointment with the Commissioners on Monday, March 20th at 11:00.

Next on the agenda was the Nashua Milk River Bridge repairs.

Work on the Nashua Milk River Bridge will commence this summer. The Commissioners deliberated whether they will be working on the bridge from 8 to 5, or if work will be done throughout the night. This subject has been tabled pending the receipt of more information.

Satellite Voting was next on the agenda.

The issue of satellite voting was discussed. For the May 25th, replace Ryan Zinke election we may have a satellite voting office located in Frazer for one day the week before the election. The cost to the County would be the internet connection, travel cost, and wages for two employees for the day. Commissioner Peterson will contact representatives from Frazer to analyze any further needs. Satellite voting was tabled pending further information.

The Tri-Agency Task Force Narcotics Investigation for North Central Montana was next on the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing the Chairman to sign the Tri-Agency Task Force Narcotics Investigation for North Central Montana. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the bids for a new Valley County website.

We currently have two bids from commercial sites for re-doing the website. Valley County has also been contacted recently from a local citizen who is interested in providing website services. The Commissioners would like to table the decision on whether or not to employ a new website designer to allow for the submission of a bid from the local citizen.

The final item on the agenda was Resolution #11-2017 A Resolution Requesting a Mail Ballot Election, which needs to be voted on in the event that SB305 passes. The resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION No. 11-2017

A Resolution Requesting a Mail Ballot Election for the 2017 Federal Special Election to Fill the Office of the United States Representative for Montana, Contingent upon Passage of SB305

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA, as follows:

WHEREAS, Governor Bullock of the State of Montana has called for a Federal Special Election to be held on May 25, 2017 to fill a vacancy in the Office of the United States Representative for Montana; and

WHEREAS, the Montana State Legislature is considering SB 305, An Act Generally Providing How the Special Election to Fill the 2017 Vacancy in the Office of the United States Representative for Montana May be Conducted; and Providing for an Immediate Effective Date; and

WHEREAS, passage of SB 305 would allow the May 25, 2017 Federal Special Election to be conducted by mail ballot; and

WHEREAS, §13-19-202, MCA allows a governing body to request that the election administrator conduct an election by use of mail ballots; and

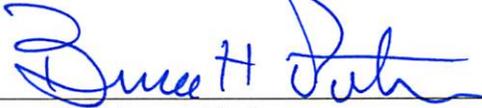
WHEREAS, it appears that a mail ballot election will be economically and administratively feasible to conduct; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

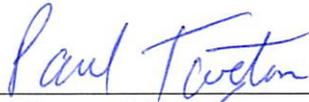
1. The Board of County Commissioners of Valley County, Montana, hereby requests that if SB 305, An Act Generally Providing How the Special Election to Fill the 2017 Vacancy in the Office of the United States Representative for Montana May be Conducted; and Providing for an Immediate Effective Date, is approved and adopted, the Valley County Clerk and Recorder, as election administrator for Valley County, conduct the May 25, 2017 Federal Special Election to Fill the Office of the United States Representative for Montana by mail ballot.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Valley County, Montana this 15th day of March 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA



Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman



Paul Tweten, Member



John Fahlgren, Member



ATTEST:

SEAL



Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten, seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously authorizing the Chairman to sign Resolution No. 11-2017, A Resolution Requesting a Mail Ballot Election for the 2017 Federal Special Election to Fill the Office of the United States Representative for Montana, Contingent upon Passage of SB305. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the subject of raises for the Weed Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing the Chairman to allow Stone Tihista, Valley County Weed Department, to advertise Weed Department positions as salary negotiable with the authority to pay four seasoned workers up to \$15.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously.

The final item on the agenda was the letter of interest from Russell Leader to serve another term on the Airport Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren to appoint Russell Leader to serve another term on the Valley County Airport Board with the term ending on 6/30/20. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and the motion carried.

Stan Ozark, KLTZ/Mix 93, left the office.

Commissioner Peterson and Commissioner Tweten left the office.

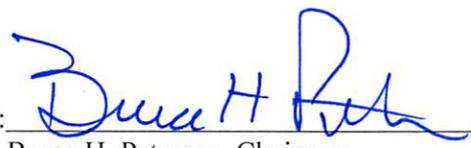
Ken Borseth stopped by to discuss various subjects.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



ATTEST:

Lynne Nyquist, Clerk



ATTEST:

Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman

March 16, 2017

Commissioner Peterson was in the office this morning.

Commissioner Tweten and Commissioner Fahlgren were in the office today.

Darren Scott from Greatscott's Cleaning stopped by to see when there would be an opening for bids for janitorial service.

Stone Tihista, Valley County Weed and Mosquito Control visited with the Commissioners concerning the needs of the County in relation to weed control. Ms. Tihista is planning on putting out an advertisement in the paper soliciting bids for spraying.

Lucas Locke, Airport Manager, brought in the FAA risk assessment paperwork to be signed.

March 17, 2017

Commissioner Peterson and Commissioner Fahlgren were in the office today.

March 20, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Vernon Buerkle, Valley County Sheriff, stopped in to advise the Commissioners on various subjects.

René Clampitt, Planner/911/GIS Supervisor, informed the Commissioners of the need for mapping tablets for both the Weed and Road Departments.

Stone Tihista, Valley County Weed & Mosquito, came in to advise that she is currently on line with the mapping program for the Weed Department. Ms. Tihista states that for approximately \$3,500 she will be completely set up on the mapping program. Training will be on the 24th and 25th of April. On the 17th of April Ms. Tihista will get her new mosquito fogging system set up.

Joleen Cotton, Maintenance Supervisor, stopped in for her weekly meeting. Discussed was the leak under the sink in the kitchen at the Detention Center, compliance work at the Weed Department, ceiling tiles for the Annex, and disposal of outdated materials in the basement of the Annex. There are old deed books as well as evidence located at the Road Department that need to be addressed and taken care of to free up space. The floor in the kitchen at the Council of Aging building needs to be replaced. Ms. Cotton will follow up on some parts that were ordered from Mattfeldt Electric for the meal pass-through at the Detention Center.

Zack Lipszyc, applicant for Valley County Deputy Attorney, arrived for his interview. Discussed was the agreement that the County wants at least thirty hours a week which would come before any other work obligations. Mr. Lipszyc stated that Attorney Pete Helland is aware that the County expectations come before obligations to his office. Mr. Lipszyc mentioned that a new, more efficient computer is needed for the Deputy Attorney office.

Lindsey Peterson, Commissioner Peterson's daughter stopped by for a visit.

Dylan Jensen, Valley County Attorney, met with the Commissioners to discuss expectations for the Valley County Deputy Attorney. Expected start date for the Deputy Attorney would be September 15th 2017.

There has been some difficulty in getting mail delivered in Frazer, and there have been several complaints. René Clampitt, Planner/911/GIS Supervisor, will contact those who have forwarded their complaints to Valley County and give them the contact number to lodge their complaint with the correct person at the United States Postal Office.

Todd Young, Valley County Road Supervisor, spoke with the Commissioners concerning drainage on Cherry Creek Lane.

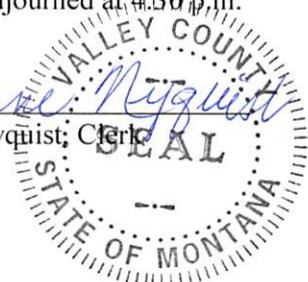
Commissioner Peterson suggested that a culvert be put in on Cherry Creek Lane to avoid having standing water.

Don Fast came in to discuss numerous items concerning Valley View Home. Mr. Fast would like a written letter from the Commissioners stating the time line involved in putting a hospital district on the ballot to help support Valley View Home. The Commissioners will review the requirements, run it by Dylan Jensen, Valley County Attorney, and get back to Mr. Fast.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynne Nyquist, Clerk



ATTEST:

Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce H. Peterson", written over a horizontal line.

March 21, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Stan Ozark, KLTZ/Mix 93, came in to find out if the Commissioners would be supportive of a road tax that is being supported by the state legislature.

Joe Yeoman stopped by to see if there is a plan for the money that may be coming in from Keystone XL. (KXL) Mr. Yeoman is hoping that the roads will be fixed.

Commissioner Fahlgren advised that the money that is assessed the local taxpayers for school tax will be lower.

Dan Daubner came in with concerns about the water that comes off of the Senior Center roof. He states that there is water running off of the Senior Center into the alleyway. He would like to get the water to drain out to the street instead of in the alley as it is causing a mud bog in the alleyway. Mr. Daubner is willing to put the gutter up at his expense to avoid the water sitting in the alley. Also discussed was that Mr. Daubner would like to put a door on the west end of the old Stumvoll's building which he owns, which would open onto the County owned lot. Mr. Daubner would like to purchase the lot closest to his business so that he would always have access to the door.

Commissioner Tweten advised that any time the County sells property it has to go up for bid so that anyone can purchase the lot.

Commissioner Peterson would like to have some time to think about whether or not the County is willing to sell the property.

Glasgow Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Manager, Pat Gunderson came in to invite the Commissioners to the BLM meeting this Thursday and Friday. Mr. Gunderson also brought in a general release and agreement for a controlled burn that BLM is doing on property that is adjacent to County property. The Commissioners will review the agreement and vote on it in tomorrow's meeting.

Jerry Arnold, Valley County Fair Board stopped in to invite Commissioner Tweten to a regional fair meeting in Sidney.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynne Nyquist, Clerk



ATTEST:

Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman

March 22, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Chairman Peterson began Discussion and Decision at 10:30 a.m.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda and no public comment was submitted.

Employment/termination notices were moved further down in the agenda to allow time for discussion of applicants for the Valley County Deputy Attorney position.

The first actionable item was whether to close the Nashua Milk River Bridge and route the traffic around it or to leave one lane open and have a wait while traffic is directed over the lane.

Glendive District Administrator from the Department of Transportation (DOT), Shane Mintz was reported to have said that using hydro technology to resurface the Nashua Milk River Bridge will take a long time and that the DOT will not close the road without input from the Commissioners. If the bridge is closed for two months, it will cost in excess of \$400,000 for flagging. The Commissioners were asked by Mr. Mintz if they preferred single lane closure with traffic delays during approximately three months of construction or closure of the road with rerouting traffic of traffic via Whatley Bridge. The decision will be taken under advisement and voted on at the Discussion and Decision meeting on April 5, 2017.

Commissioner Peterson questioned if the bridge will be open evenings or weekends during the work project, and was informed that it would be cost prohibitive to run crews in the evening.

Commissioner Tweten stated that he doesn't think that it should be up to the Commissioners on whether or not to close the bridge or reroute the traffic during this project. His opinion is that question should be handled by the company that is doing the work.

Commissioner Fahlgren suggested finding out if the State has any strong feelings one way or the other.

Commissioner Peterson tabled the discussion concerning Nashua Milk River Bridge until there is more information forthcoming.

Satellite Voting was the next item on the agenda.

The issue of satellite voting was tabled. The consensus is that Valley County will implement satellite voting in Frazer if it is desired for the May 25, 2017 election.

The Valley County Website was next on the agenda.

Research was done on Revise, CivicPlus, Montana Grafix, Wix, and GoDaddy. Unfortunately, the local web designer failed to submit any work.

Based on the needs of Valley County, it was determined that Revise would be best suited.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing the Chairman to sign a contract with Revise for the new Valley County website. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously.

Margareta Walstad submitted a letter of interest in serving on the Board of Health for a three year term starting July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2020.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten to appoint Margareta Walstad to the Valley County Board of Health. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and the motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to hire a full-time Deputy County Attorney for Valley County.

Commissioner Peterson advised that Dylan Jensen, Valley County Attorney, has requested that the Valley County Deputy County Attorney position be a full-time, 30 hour per week position, with a salary of \$50,000 per year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren to hire a full-time, Valley County Deputy Attorney at a salary of \$50,000, effective September 15, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously.

Valley County Weed Department, Valley County Planning, and the Valley County Road Department are requesting to use their department funds to purchase mapping tablets to assist in their daily work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten to authorize the purchase of mapping tablets to assist in the daily work of the Road, County Planning, and Weed departments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 12-2017 Resolution in Opposition to American Prairie Reserve Application for Changes in BLM Grazing Permits was the next item on the agenda for consideration.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren pending approval from Dylan Jensen, Valley County Attorney, to execute the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously.

The following resolution was approved by Dylan Jensen, Valley County Attorney:

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2017

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO AMERICAN PRAIRIE RESERVE APPLICATION FOR CHANGES IN BLM GRAZING PERMITS

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WHEREAS, the American Prairie Foundation (APR) is applying to change their BLM grazing permit to allow year round grazing, move from cattle to bison, remove fences within boundaries of BLM land, and build a new electric fence boundary; and

WHEREAS, the stated intent of APR is to have a vast Reserve that includes BLM land; and

WHEREAS, there is serious concern in the region as to adverse effects of Reserve and its wildlife on the local agriculture community and economy; and

WHEREAS, APR does not seem to have a domestic bison land management plan for BLM land in place, if their request is granted; and

WHEREAS, it is long stated BLM policy to advocate multi use and grazing rotations; and

WHEREAS, granting year-long grazing would be invitation for other grazing permittees to request same, to the detriment of the range; and

WHEREAS, there is serious lack of data on the effect of APR's requested changes; and

WHEREAS, there is definite possibility that change in grazing permit could cause damage to BLM land, to include wetland and riparian areas; and

WHEREAS, if the change produces adverse results to the BLM land the cost of tearing down fence and then replacing them would be large; and

WHEREAS, the electric boundary fence would be serious impediment to public use, to include hunting; and

WHEREAS, if the request from APR is presented as an attempt to be a data gathering trial it should be known that such data can be gathered from their privately owned land; and

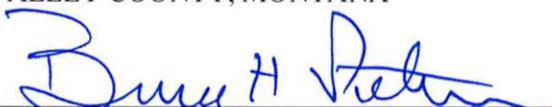
WHEREAS, the BLM's polices reflect the Taylor Grazing Act and Federal Land Management and Policy Act which require multiple-use management, not exclusive use by wildlife.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Valley County is opposed to granting the requested change to the APR grazing permit. While recognizing the APR owns land and they have right to create a reserve on said land, be it known that Valley County is opposed to any plan that would establish a Reserve on BLM land.

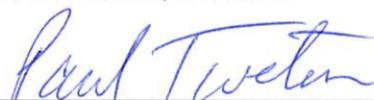
Valley County therefore requests that BLM denies the grazing permit change from APR.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 22 day of March, 2017.

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VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA



Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman

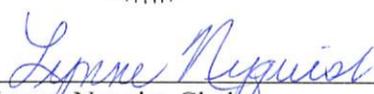


Paul Tweten, Member



John Fahlgren, Member



ATTEST:


Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

The final item on the agenda was the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management General Release and Agreement.

Commissioner Fahlgren was uncomfortable with some of the wording on the release agreement. The item will be tabled pending further information.

Brenda Anderson, Valley County Treasurer, came into the office to discuss mill levy money.

Future Deputy County Attorney, Zach Lipszyk, stopped in to discuss various subjects.

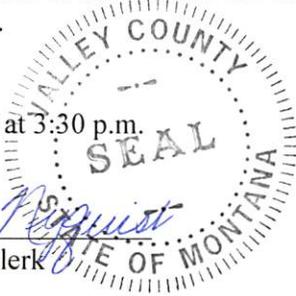
Dan Carney, Fire Marshall, dropped by to mention that there are four firefighters that will be going to Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma to fight wild fires.

Mayor Becky Erickson called to advise that the meeting with KRTV has been rescheduled to Friday, March 31, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

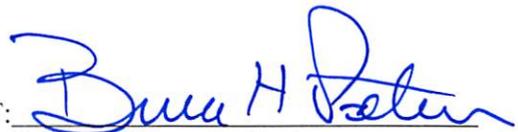
The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lynne Nyquist, Clerk



ATTEST:


Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman

March 23, 2017

Commissioner Tweten and Commissioner Fahlgren were in the office today.

Commissioner Peterson is attending the Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center (EMCMHC) meeting in Glendive today.

Commissioner Fahlgren left the office to attend the Milk River Watershed Alliance meeting.

Jerry Arnold, Valley County Fair Board member, dropped by to discuss insurance issues.

March 24, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

David Pippin, Valley County Pioneer Museum Board member visited concerning billing and various subjects.

Tara Hicks, Nemont Telephone, came in to discuss Right-of-Ways.

Chris Knodel, Long Run Fire Chief, came in to discuss the Fire Department's desire for twelve self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA's) which provide fresh breathing air in the case of fire or extrication. Chief Knodel is also looking into purchasing used SCBA's but they would have to be the same make and model as the seventeen SCBA's that LongRun currently has. The lifespan of the air cylinders is fifteen years and all seventeen SCBA's are coming to the end of life at the end of 2017. Mr. Knodel would like to have twelve SCBA's to start replacing the current ones. Most fires fought locally are wild land fires, but there has been a move to more extrication which requires the use of SCBA's.

Commissioner Peterson wanted to know how many times during the year the SCBA's are used.

According to Chief Knodel, we use them approximately one time per month with firefighting as well as training.

Commissioner Peterson asked for a priority ranking of wants and needs for LongRun Fire Department.

Chief Knodel stated that SCBA's are the highest priority both this year and next year. Vehicle, shop, shed, structure fires and extractions all require donning SCBA gear.

Nine SCBA's total are needed with some purchased this fiscal year with the remaining purchased next fiscal year to facilitate a staggered replacement of equipment commented Commissioner Fahlgren.

The advantage of purchasing both new and used gear, is that we can stagger the purchase of gear so that we don't have to replace them all at once ever again concluded Chief Knodel. The SCBA consists of three parts: pack, mask and cylinder. The cylinders are age out at fifteen years. As long as the pack and

mask are maintained, they can last indefinitely. Unfortunately the yearly tests have not been done on the currently owned packs or masks.

There was some discussion concerning donating the SCBA's to another Fire Department once the replacements are received at LongRun. There was concern that if they are not up to code, it would not be wise to donate them even with passing on the knowledge that they would not meet code. In this case, it was determined that passing on equipment that does not meet code may not be better than not having the equipment at all.

There is a possibility we could trade in the packs and the masks for credit, but it is not known for certain, Chief Knodel will check into it.

Commissioner Fahlgren enquired as to how testing is done on the SCBA's.

Chief Knodel replied that the salesman comes once a year and does all of the testing. Additionally, Chief Knodel doesn't know why the testing has not been done consistently as he was not working at the Fire Department when the SCBA's were purchased.

Commissioner Peterson commented that with the seventeen SCBA's that LongRun currently has including the one new one, at the end of the year, there will only be one operational SCBA.

Chief Knodel is proposing that the County buy eight SCBA's by the end of this year fiscal year at a cost of \$64,000. LongRun can purchase one new or two used SCBA's by the end of the fiscal year out of their budget.

Commissioner Peterson questioned the cost of a replacement cylinder.

Chief Knodel stated that a replacement cylinder costs \$200. Chief Knodel added that the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard changes yearly, and being a small fire department, it is difficult to stay up to code. Firefighter safety has to be the number one priority. Without current safe equipment we can't ask the firefighters to do their job.

Chief Knodel stated that on average we get 20-30 calls per year when we need to use SCBA's.

Commissioner Fahlgren wondered if we can have the packs tested yearly so we only have to buy the cylinders instead of the whole SCBA.

Commissioner Tweten questioned if the City of Glasgow equipment and LongRun equipment are interchangeable.

Chief Knodel replied that the equipment is not interchangeable, although it would make sense to be interchangeable as a majority of firefighters work for both firefighting crews. The goal is to purchase equipment from the same company. Spare cylinders would fit, be interchangeable and be an added benefit. The main issue is firefighter safety, the current SCBA's do not meet standard. The number one priority is to protect the firefighter.

Commissioner Peterson acknowledged that LongRun stated they need eight new SCBA's at a cost of \$64,000.00 to the County. Commissioner Peterson inquired what other expenses LongRun has this year.

Chief Knodel advised that they would like a portable monitor-blitz fire-water gun that puts a huge amount of water out quickly to one spot. It is great for structure protection and it anchors to the ground. The valve on LongRun's equipment failed so they had to replace it. Chief Knodel would like a new water tender if it fits in the budget. Replacement of one of the fire trucks is a want, not a need. They would also like to take off the old siding and insulate the old building so the plumbing doesn't freeze up over the winter.

Commissioner Peterson would like Chief Knodel to review inactive firefighters on the Pines list to decrease Workman's Comp expense.

Chief Knodel would like to purchase Scott SCBA's, and he will contact them concerning purchasing used SCBA's.

Dan Taylor stopped by to discuss various topics.

March 27, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Dane Osen, Glasgow Courier, stopped by concerning various subjects.

Rick Seiler, Valley County DES Coordinator, came in to discuss road permitting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing the Chairman to sign the Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management General Release and Agreement to allow a planned burn near county land in the Theory area. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously.

Vicky Wetz, Council on Aging (COA) Supervisor, Lori Brengle, and Director for Action for Eastern Montana, and Lenore McGarry, Program Specialist from Area 1 Agency on Aging from Action for Eastern Montana came in for their budget meeting with the Commissioners.

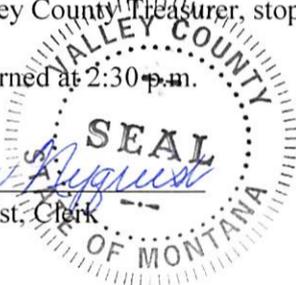
The meeting with Ms. Wetz, Ms. Brengle, and Ms. McGarry is due to the annual contract modification with Action for Eastern Montana. Due to a couple of miscalculations as well as a decrease in donations, it appears that the budget for the Council on Aging is expecting a shortfall of approximately \$30,000 by the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Brengle gave opinion that the Commissioners will need to determine if the shortfall will be alleviated by use of Options Tax, PILT, or cutting services. The Commissioners will discuss the options and come up with a decision. The consensus at this time is that Valley County will cover the shortfall, so Ms. Brengle will go ahead with her contract modification based on that understanding. If the Commissioners determine that they want to cut services, they will contact Ms. Wetz.

Lyndsey Peterson, Commissioner Peterson's daughter stopped by for a visit.

Brenda Anderson, Valley County Treasurer, stopped by concerning tax deed sales.

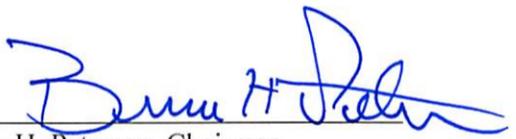
The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



Lynne Nyquist
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST:



Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman

March 28, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, member Paul Tweten, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Vernon Buerkle, Valley County Sheriff, came in to advise that the car the Sheriff's office is turning over to the County has a leak in the steering fluid and will be put in the shop before delivery. It was agreed that the payment to fix the vehicle will come from the Commissioners budget, not the Sheriff's budget.

Commissioner Peterson left the office to attend the Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center (EMCMHC) meeting followed by a Coordination Access Resource Education (CARE) meeting.

Ken Borseth stopped by to discuss various issues.

Commissioner Peterson returned from his meetings.

Sherry Wright, Valley County Attorney's Administrative Assistant, discussed excess accrued leave with the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman allowing 43.32 hours of excess annual leave for Sherry Wright to be rolled past the final usage date of March 31, 2017 due to the needs of the County Attorney's office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed.

Dan Carney, Fire Marshall, stopped in concerning a firefighters meeting that is coming up in April.

Doug Allie came into the Courthouse requesting census information. Commissioner Tweten assisted him with his request.

Commissioner Peterson left for the day.

Jean Williamson came in to request information on the procedure for abandoning a County road.

Lynne Nyquist, Valley County Clerk and Recorder, inquired about various payroll subjects.

Dylan Jensen, Valley County Attorney, stopped in to discuss various subjects.

René Clampitt, Planner/911/GIS Supervisor, came in to discuss cell towers.

Greg Menge and John Polychronopoulos with S&B dropped in to discuss the possibility of doing a test plot of bentonite as a PI, binder on Willow Creek Road. There is a stockpile of bentonite near Willow Creek Road that is available.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: 
Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman

March 29, 2017

Commissioner Peterson is attending a Crisis Center meeting in Glendive today.

Commissioner Tweten was in the office today.

Dan Carney, Fire Marshall, came in concerning the upcoming training in Bozeman. Mike Peterson will attend the conference in place of Mr. Carney.

Rick Seiler, Valley County DES Coordinator, came in to discuss the possibility of closing the road that Jean Williamson inquired about yesterday. Commissioner Tweten and Mr. Seiler contacted Lyle Lacock and Ms. Williamson via phone and advised them that the County is ok with them removing the old fences and running a fence down the middle of the Right-of-Way T32, R35 between section 34 and 35 because it is not currently used as a road and would not affect future access to the area. Also discussed was the possibility of fencing T32 R35 between sec 22 and 23, unfortunately that is not possible as it would deny future access to property beyond that ½ mile.

Scott Cassel dropped off the Cassel Ranch Valley County Weed District Noxious Weed Spraying Proposal.

March 30, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, member Paul Tweten, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Vicky Wetz, Council on Aging (COA) Supervisor, dropped by to discuss budgets, Medicare, and various other subjects.

Mike Kaiser stopped by to discuss the survey of the McGruder property where the Farmer's Market is located.

Commissioner Tweten made a motion authorizing the Chairman to sign the payment for gas piping to the new gas range at the Valley County Detention Center with payment coming from Local Option Tax as discussed in August 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed.

Rick Seiler, Valley County DES Coordinator, stopped by to discuss various subjects.

Barry Chalmers, Skylark Technology, stopped by to see how the updated version of software is working. Commissioner Tweten stated that he is not having any problems since the update. Also discussed was the next billing from Skylark Technologies and the desire to split it in two. The Commissioners were in agreement that the billing could be split in two.

Commissioner Tweten made a motion authorizing the Chairman to sign the bill for scanning 65,000pages at .30/page – boxed records for Valley County with payment of \$19,500.00 coming from Local Option Tax. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm

ATTEST:

Lynne Nyquist
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk



ATTEST:

Bruce H. Peterson
Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman

March 31, 2017

Commissioner Tweten and Commissioner Fahlgren were in the office today.

Ron Sanders stopped in to discuss

Joleen Cotton, Maintenance Supervisor, stopped in concerning business dealings with Generac. Ms. Cotton is checking into how much a contract would cost the County, she will discuss the results of her conversation during her regular weekly meeting on Monday.

Commissioner Tweten contacted Marcy McClean via phone to advise of the Commissioners intention with regard to Frazer satellite voting. In 2016 there were representatives in Frazer for three days during the primary and one day in the general election. Ms. McClean expressed the desire to have those statistics changed in further elections, as more people turn out for the general election than for the primary. Commissioner Tweten stated that he would take the suggestion under advisement.

Former Sheriff, Glen Meier dropped by to discuss various subjects.

Barry Chalmers, Skylark Technologies dropped off a billing notice for Skylark Technologies.

Jeff Pattison called in concerning signs.

Claims for the month of March were approved as follows;

Vendor	Claim #	Amount
1075 ACTION FOR EASTERN MONTANA	67976	1,040.00
2853 ALL SEASON HOME CENTER	67977	1,371.98
184 AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	67978	77.26
558 ARCH'S TIRE & SERVICE	67979	347.00
3772 AVAILITY LLC	67981	79.00
4613 B & B PUMPING	67982	150.00
75 BIG VALLEY WATER	67984	332.50
5071 BORDER STEEL & RECYCLING, INC	67985	2,853.66
3522 BRABECK CONSTRUCTION INC	67986	170.00
3108 BRANDON BRUNELLE	67951	108.58
4041 BRIAN "AUZZY" AUSTIN	67952	349.10
4842 BRITTANY ARCHAMBEAULT	67927	14.99
2838 BRUCE PETERSON	67987	167.36
4427 BS CENTRAL INC	67983	75.00
3962 CAPITAL I INDUSTRIES INC	68067	388.64
182 CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	67988	2,573.56
1143 CASCADE CO REGIONAL YOUTH SERV CENTER	67989	3,525.00
3360 CENTURY LINK ACCT 407878239	67993	1,071.90
4761 CENTURY LINK ACCT 85598259	67948	169.34
5051 CHARM-TEX INC	67990	434.46
4976 CINTAS CORPORATION	67991	763.19
677 CITY OF GLASGOW	67995	2,866.90
4723 CITYSERVICEVALCON	67953	23,035.70
1095 COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO	68075	20.00
548 COLLEEN M PANKRATZ	68000	27.49
1204 CONNIE BORESON	67992	46.99
1906 CONNIE WETHERN	68068	210.00
36 COTTONWOOD INN	67994	230.00
39 DALE PLUMBING & HEATING INC	67996	855.55
40 DAN OLSON DBA	67997	223.50
2740 DARLA SHIPMAN	68069	44.00
212 DATA IMAGING SYSTEMS	67928	41.46
	67999	517.49
4573 DIAGNOSTIC PEST SOLUTIONS	67998	43.00
260 EASTERN MONTANA MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	68002	5,997.00
2724 ECOLAB	68003	84.95
801 ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	68070	110.25
4882 ENCARTELE	68004	2,160.00
812 EZZIE'S WHOLESALE INC	67929	13,681.26
	68001	4,053.43
130 FIRST COMMUNITY BANK	68071	101.62
54 FOOD SERVICES OF AMERICA - BILLINGS	68072	1,314.94
57 FOSSUM READY MIX INC	68006	100.00

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2757 FARM EQUIPMENT SALES	68005	204.92
59 FRANCES MAHON DEACONESS HOSPITAL	68008	717.62
206 FRANCES MAHON DEACONESS HOSPITAL	68007	2,182.92
4655 G & J ENTERPRISES	68011	142.01
311 GAFFANEYS TOTAL OFFICE SOURCE INC	68009	1,864.98
2455 GENERAL DISTRIBUTING CO	68010	188.00
66 GLASGOW AUTO SAFETY CENTER	68012	91.00
71 GLASGOW COURIER INC	68013	252.00
4994 GLASGOW TIRE CENTER	68014	17.00
762 GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	67930	5,663.19
5070 GREAT SCOTTIS CLEANING SERVICE	67975	598.13
4264 GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	67931	19,665.75
719 HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT INC	68015	52.94
392 HI LINE FORD INC	68016	460.04
4900 HI TECH ELECTRIC INC	68017	1,281.60
5064 HOLBROOK SEED POTATOES	68018	50.00
3301 HOME CARE SERVICES	68019	762.00
3896 INDUSTRIAL COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS	67955	5,538.20
3576 J & M DISTRIBUTING	68026	184.23
4935 JACKIE & STEVE DOWELL	67956	1,618.50
5055 JOHN FAHLGREN	68020	12.00
5072 JOLEEN COTTON	68021	35.00
1953 JOYCE ENGLISH	67932	32.40
95 KREISERS LLC	67933	160.90
4725 LUCAS LOCKE	67957	80.00
3953 MAHUGH FIRE & SAFETY	68022	695.00
3133 MAPPING & PLANNING SPECIALISTS, INC	68023	3,517.75
101 MARKLE'S INC	68024	1,691.20
2475 MATTFELDT ELECTRIC	68025	1,041.84
413 MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP.	67934	5,829.96
	67958	11,031.90
4756 MICHAEL BAIN	68035	5,960.00
213 MICHAEL J BOYER	67980	122.50
4417 MIDWEST LABORATORIES INC	68027	26.00
3557 MILLER OIL CO	67959	480.00
3042 MOGAN'S SPRINKLERS	68028	125.00
959 MONTANA ASSOC OF CLERK/DISTRICT COURT	68073	600.00
540 MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES/MACO	67949	371.27
113 MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	67960	6,114.81
43 MONTANA DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	67935	321.50
	68029	862.50
252 MONTANA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION AERONAUTI	68030	379.63
5069 MONTANA STATE TREASURER	67936	236.03
1085 MONTANA SUPREME COURT	68033	300.00
1352 MONTANA TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION	68034	60.00
2624 MSU EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS	68031	30.00
239 MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	68032	4,746.82
3691 MTLIRA	67961	75.00
183 NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC	67937	5,579.65
5016 NORTH HINSDALE HEALTH CLINIC	67938	2,192.00
121 NORTHERN MONTANA TEXTILES SERVICES	68036	53.61
115 NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	67939	1,452.50
	68076	8,635.93
120 NORVAL ELECTRIC CO-OP INC	67962	1,811.74
4792 OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	68037	519.03
4248 PARK GROVE BAR & CAFE	67963	351.00
2499 PAUL TWETEN	68038	126.83
129 PETTY CASH	68074	152.49
1367 PITNEY BOWES INC	68040	169.97
2768 PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS	68041	308.00
135 PRO CO-OP	68042	16.83
3238 PROFORCE LAW ENFORCEMENT	68043	95.76
2620 RDO EQUIPMENT TRUST #80-5800	68044	636.32
5074 REVIZE, LLC	68039	3,000.00
76 REYNOLDS	68045	581.62
574 ROY JIMISON DBA	68046	3,500.00
4818 S & S WELDING SUPPLY LLC	68047	107.75
219 SANOFI PASTEUR INC	67940	7,449.29
3804 SHELLEY MILLS	67964	154.95
261 STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICES	67965	4,163.25
154 STATE BAR OF MONTANA	67950	395.00
3693 STOUGHIE'S BAR AND GRILL	67966	848.25
4703 SWANA NORTH AMERICA	67967	257.00
162 SYSCO MONTANA INC	67968	1,607.77
428 SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANTS	68048	465.00
163 T & R TRUCKING INC	67969	11,024.93
4747 TARA STROMMEN	67970	303.75
	68049	135.00
788 TERRY LIGHTHIZER	67971	178.31
3902 THE OUTPOST	67972	1,444.00
5028 THERESA OHL	67941	74.90
4928 THIRD SIGNAL LLC	68050	6,000.00

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2757 FARM EQUIPMENT SALES	68005	204.92
2996 THOMPSON & SONS	68051	2,952.18
187 THOMSON REUTERS WEST	68064	604.97
41 TIRE-RAMA SERVICE CENTER	68052	175.45
3673 TISA SEILER	67942	31.93
680 TOWN OF OPHEIM	67973	66.00
171 TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO	68053	326.95
172 TRI STATE TRUCK-EQUIP INC	68055	1,408.57
174 TRIPLE A GLASS INC	68054	88.02
787 U.S. POSTAL SERVICE/PITNEY BOWES	68057	1,248.41
627 UNCLE MILT'S BODY SHOP	68056	255.00
77 VALLEY BUILDERS SUPPLY	68058	122.33
1452 VALLEY CO COUNCIL ON AGING	68059	36.00
473 VALLEY CO HEALTH DEPT	68060	122.00
614 VALLEY CO TRANSIT	68061	999.50
1087 VISA	68062	61.58
3559 VISA	67944	742.72
4061 VISA	67945	1,149.56
4652 VISA	67946	741.12
4050 VISA 9210	67947	2,317.92
4547 VISA 7644	67943	1,049.00
188 WESTERN DRUG INC	68063	371.12
4444 WESTERN STATES FIRE PROTECTION MISSOULA	67974	283.00
190 WILLS OFFICE WORLD/RADIO SHACK	68065	601.19
193 ZERBE BROS INC	68066	92.33
Total: 237,941.37		

Payroll for the month of March was approved in the amount of \$393,443.77