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Commissioners Minutes

Macque L. Bohleen, Clerk & Recorder, Carbon County, MT

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COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

April 4, 2024

Commissioners Scott Miller, Scott Blain, and Bill Bullock, and Administrative Officer Angela Newell were present.

8:30 Pledge of Allegiance.

Denise Rivette in attendance.

Commissioners and Rivette discussed the County's asphalt preservation planning efforts and financial limitations to preserve current asphalt and insufficient funding to add asphalt.

Blain moved to sign the Montana Association of Counties' (MACo) Letter regarding the SB 442 Veto Override; Miller seconded; Commissioners discussed the State's surplus funds and questioned what the State's intent is with the marijuana revenues if it is not passed to Counties for road improvements. Blain noted local governments are closer to the will of the people and expressed his frustration with Representative Brad Barker who was not in favor of the Bill. Bullock again questioned if the State intends to divert funds to law enforcement and what are the specific expenditures being contemplated; motion carried.

9:05 Blain departed.

Public Health Director Erin Cross met with Commissioners for her monthly update (report attached). Cross noted the Request For Proposals for the Crisis Diversion Grant should be out this month. Also discussed was the addition of a generator at the Personal Service Building and making sure the generator is secured if it is placed.

Commissioners approved the purchase request for truck repairs and asset disposal of wheelchairs and walkers to the Red Lodge Fire Rescue CARE Team.

Bullock moved to approve Commissioners Proceedings for March 19 and March 21; Miller seconded; motion carried.

9:30 Mayor Dave Westwood met for his regular update. Discussed garbage at the Eagles Nest Motel; the owner should be here to clean up the property over the weekend. Westwood will be meeting with the City Attorney regarding Airport Interlocal redlines tomorrow.

10:00 Contract Civil Attorney Jacque Papez joined the meeting. Bullock moved to close to discuss litigation strategy regarding Windstream and Bennett; Miller seconded; Motion carried. Rivette departed.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

April 4, 2024 (cont.)

10:35 Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) Coordinator Cyrina Allen met with Commissioners.

Bullock moved to approve the probationary termination of the Public Information Officer; Miller seconded; motion carried.

Allen discussed the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Application. She noted supplemental funding has been eliminated and State funding continues to decrease. The Federal Government has cut preparedness funding by 9%. The EMPG Grant continues to be a 50% cost share, Allen has increased the grant request although she expects the award to be reduced from the current Fiscal Year's amount. Discussed budget proposal, and options to amend the grant budget if necessary. Bullock moved to approve the EMPG Application as presented; Miller seconded; motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the long-term effects on mitigation funding and the shift in focus away from mitigation and preparedness to response.

Commissioners approved Allen's purchase request for an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) laptop for better functionality and access to documents for additional staff brought in emergency response and the purchase of food for the Home Hardening Workshop.

11:00 Allen provided her monthly department update (attached). Discussed whether or not the County was interested in maintaining a stream gauge for the East Rosebud Lake area. Allen discussed the revision of the Emergency Operations Plan. Discussed eliminating the use of Digital Sign Boards for event advertising; Allen noted repeated damage from event use and concerns that event use is not in compliance with Federal DOT guidelines. Commissioners approved eliminating the use of digital sign trailers for tourist events and would like to limit the use to emergencies and road work.

11:40 Discussed preparations for emergency response should there be another disaster this year. Fromberg Mayor Tim Nottingham joined the meeting. Discussed Emergency response documentation, the need for more pictures, time & materials contracts, permanent work vs. non-permanent, approved material sources, disaster declaration process, FEMA project cost thresholds, and FEMA Reimbursements.

12:00 Adjourned.


COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

April 4, 2024 (cont.)

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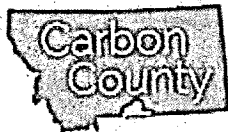
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Commission Presiding Officer

Respectfully submitted: Angela Newell, Administrative Officer





Public Health

Carbon County Public Health Department

Commissioner Report April 2024

Important Updates:

SERVICES/PROGRAMS

❖ CRISIS COALITION/Mental Health

- **General Updates:**

- RFP Coming hopefully in next few weeks
 - **Community Prevention Subcommittee- Lead Mary Cameron**
 - QPR trainings for community groups
 - **School Prevention Subcommittee – Lead Laura McHugh**
 - Mental health screenings for Bridger School
 - Mental health expansion project for Bridger Schools
 - **The Night Crew – Lead Josh McQuillin**
 - Behavioral Health Care Coordination model and process
 - Crisis intervention and follow up for community members
 - Barrier reduction for mental health, physical health, socioeconomic issues that affect mental health
- Brooke and Campbell AmeriCorps for the summer term, June-August. Working on housing for Campbell
- Request for Judy LaPan contract to assist PH with Crisis Coalition, and misc. PH projects.

❖ SCHOOL HEALTH

- Schools have M-F on call nurse access
- Upcoming Kindergarten Roundup's

❖ IMMUNIZATION

- Have been asked by DPHHS to present at the annual vaccination workshop in Fairmont about our progress we have made as a department. – but unable to attend.

❖ PHEP / COMMUNICABLE DISEASE MONITORING

- **NEW:**
 - Have been requested by DPHHS to present about our PHEP related assessments (CHA) and post flood response and recovery experience.
 - Approval from PHEP and COVID IZ Grant holders to purchase and put in a generator for PH and EOC.
 - Attended Prep Summit

- Ongoing
 - KSP monitoring and compliance
 - In house STI testing and treatment policies and protocols in progress
 - AFN (Access and Functional Needs) population project. On hold due to time constraints

❖ **MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH**

- Promise 686 Program –
 - 2 Families provided for in past 2 months - approximately 775.00 in assistance.
- Collaboration with Riverstone for WIC services continues
- Collaborating with RL EMS – free car seats
- Collaborating with DSVS on preventative services that they offer to the schools, Conscious Discipline classes, etc.
- Project Linus – Contact with all new parents in Carbon
- FICMMR Investigations – have one investigation to do
- Assistance in obtaining public assistance programs

❖ **SENIOR SERVICES**

- Senior visiting days – Good feedback. Collaborating with LIFTT, Extension Office, and others.
- Fromberg Senior Center contract is in process

❖ **CLINICAL SERVICES & UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Upcoming Events
 - Monday RL School – Health hygiene talk
 - Tuesday & Wednesday Body changes classes
 - Tuesday 9th Belfry Senior Center
 - Friday April 12th Joliet Kindergarten Round-up
 - Wednesday 17th Red Lodge Senior Center
 - April 24th Red Lodge K-Round up
 - April 25th Boyd Senior Center TBD
 - Friday 26th Roberts K-roundup
 - Tuesday 30th Fromberg K-Roundup
 - Wednesday May 1st Belfry K-round up.
- Education classes
 - Breastfeeding and newborn support group to start First Wednesday of every month from 10-11. Start goal: April.
 - Chronic Disease Support Group to be third Thursday of each month start goal: May
- BG, BP's, foot checks, Weight checks for infants, STD Point of Care Testing's and treatments in progress

❖ **PREVENTION SERVICES**

- Tobacco Prevention education and awareness
 - No complaints through CARS
- STD/HIV Prevention
 - State is adjusting the TO's for this calendar year, they will hold availability for Delaney, but will not be supporting other staff members.
- Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
 - Collaborating with the Mental Health Center to build out prevention, intervention, and follow up model
 - Crisis Coalition assisting in prevention work

STAFFING

- Positions open
 - RN
 - Crisis Coalition Coordinator
 - Full time Directors Clerk – posted internally
 - Full time office clerk

PROJECTS Breakdown

- Community Health Worker program – Getting Mary working on certification
- Case Management Services
- Crisis Diversion
- PHEP plans review – State is requesting to increase trainings for this next upcoming year.
- School services
- Senior Services
- Initiating CureMD EHR
- Billing catch up and corrections

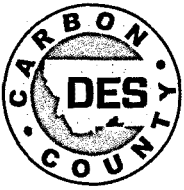
LONG TERM GOALS

- Continued stability of department
- Moving towards accreditation
- Hire and onboard at least one more of the positions posted
- Defining workflow for current staff
- Working with DES on PIO training, and increasing outreach on social media and news via County PIO
- Solidifying working relationship between the Mental Health Center and Public Health

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE UPDATES:

Measles:

- Currently no cases in MT – DPHHS closely monitoring, tool kits and preparation is in works
 - As of March 14, 2024, there have been 58 confirmed cases of measles in 17 states.



Monthly DES Update to County Commissioners

April 4th, 2024

Incidents

- Spring 2022 Flood-update
 - Still in closeout phase for most county projects
 - Plans for Edgar Lagoon?????
- Spring/Summer 2023 Bridger Road District Damages
 - Working with Angela, Sam, and FEMA PDMG on projects
 - Grove Creek Architecture and Engineering Report????
 - Meeting with Interstate Engineering on April 9th
- Working with FS to get RAWS station setup just south of Vista Point.
 - Plans to install this Spring
- SNOTEL-monitors reading 60-75%
- NWS update from LEPC regarding weather front moving in over the weekend

Grants

Emergency Management Planning Grants (EMPG)

- FY2023-24 EMPG
 - Awarded \$101,980 (\$50,990 county cash match)
 - Completing quarterly submissions as required
- FY2021 EMPG ARPA Grant (Submitted as FY22 EMPG Reverted Funds)
 - Awarded \$5400 (\$2700 cost match split) for Mobile EOC radio and EOC radio cache.
 - Purchases complete. Working on closeout.
- FY2024-25 EMPG Application open
 - Application Due 4/5/2024

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

- DR4655 Mitigation grant apps
 - Joliet Sewer Lagoons
 - Submitted to State DES and now FEMA
 - County projects-Road and Bridge Infrastructure Master Plan
 - Submitted to State DES and now FEMA
 - Sand Creek Canal
 - Submitted to State DES and now FEMA
 - Rock Creek Clear Creek Ditch
 - Still working with Conservation, DNRC, State DES, and the Dept. of Commerce
- DR4508 Supplemental Funding for Dr4655 Floodplain Costs
 - Carbon County awarded \$228,000 (75/25 cost match)
 - Reimbursement program via paper trail ☺

State Homeland Security Grant Program

- N/A

Other Grant Opportunities

- Stream Gauge Grant for East Rosebud Lake/Alpine area

911 Communications

- Radio Committee meetings monthly on the 3rd Wednesday
 - Radio Committee working on new tower site information
 - Joliet priority, then Roscoe and Warren
 - Working on basics: location/property, foundation, building, power, etc....
- ProQA is finally in the implementation phase
 - Go Live late March 2024, Dispatch working through it

Training /Exercises/Education

- Participated in the Paradigm Pipeline meeting and exercise on March 7th in Billings
- Participated in the Enbridge Pipeline TTX on March 19th in Billings
- Preparedness Summit Cleveland, OH March 25-28th
- SAR Evac training on 4/3/24, evacuation exercise on 4/21/24
- EMI FEMA Emmitsburg, Maryland April 8-12th

Emergency Operations Plan

- Started the initial update of the Records of Distribution contact info and the Promulgation Document
- May update DES hopes to have a partial document to present

Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

- Monthly Eastern Regional Hazard Plan meetings with State DES and Wood Consulting
 - Public review and comment period started yesterday March 4th and is open through March 18th. Link will be added to Carbon Alert social media today.

LEPC

- April meeting both the DEQ and NWS gave a presentation
- Next meeting June 5th, 2024
- Planning and Outreach subcommittee meeting on off months, Training and Exercise subcommittee working on member involvement in their specific subcommittee

Public Health Officer

- Attempting monthly meetings with PH Director and Sanitarian

Miscellaneous

- Monthly IPAWS tests
- Bi-Monthly State DES Coordinator calls
- Helping with new county website implementation
- Update on County traffic device rentals-still working on
- New river forecast website
- Water Supply Conditions meeting tonight for Clarks Fork and Rock Creek