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COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

April 18, 2024

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

8:30 Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Mark Schubert in attendance to discuss the Planning Board meeting for Salt sand Shed on the County's property. Schubert noted he has a lot adjacent to the building site and lives on White Avenue. He is concerned that the property was cleaned up and is now going to be developed, Schubert is concerned about the increase of large truck traffic and possible reversion of the lot to a place for discarded materials." Schubert believes it is an understatement of full future intents for the property. Bullock asked about the location of Schubert's Lot; it is across the irrigation ditch. Bullock noted the continued battle with history and lack of other options to relocate road maintenance facilities and future consideration for Red Lodge Road Shop needs. Bullock noted current sand shed is rotted out and it is more expensive to replace the building at the shop than new construction at the new location. Bullock discussed the lack of space on the Road Shop's current lot and offered to provide shielding for the new building with fencing or foliage.

Commissioners discussed Ambulance Levy presentations in Joliet yesterday.

Commissioners discussed last night's Edgar Sewer community meeting. Blain noted it was well attended, Sue Cross, Denise Mass, Pam Woodard, and Scott Langford volunteered to be on board with Nev Harding as the Chair and Cross as the secretary. Other Board members include Ken Metzger and Craig Nelson.

Clerk and Recorder Macque Bohleen noted she has sent out the 3rd round of letters for Tax liens and provided Commissioners with an updated list of possible tax deed properties.

Blain provided an update on the Fromberg Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) project; all permits have been issued except the Floodplain permit.

Bullock and Blain were both in attendance at Monday's Fair meeting and at Tuesday's Bear meeting in Joliet. No County business was discussed.

9:50 Red Lodge Mayor Dave Westwood met for his regular meeting. Discussed the Renaissance Fair, Sally Birkelo joined and provided information regarding the rental, securing of deposit, conversations with Fair Chair.

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10:10 Contract Civil Attorney Jacque Papez met for the regular County Attorney meeting. Blain moved to close the meeting for a litigation discussion regarding Windstream; Miller seconded; motion carried.

10:40 Sheriff Josh McQuillan and Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) Coordinator Cyrina Allen joined the meeting to discuss Radio Tower additions and costs associated with the proposal to construct three new towers to enhance radio coverage: one in Joliet (at the Weed Shop), one in Roscoe (on State land), and one in Warren (on Loyning property). The majority of cost for the Joliet and Roscoe tower sites will be covered by Industrial Settlement Proceeds. Warren is proposed to be covered with Wind Impact Fees. Discussion of maintenance costs for the Simulcast Radio System; the remaining Industrial Settlement money will cover replacing repeaters for the next 10 years and the Sheriff has started transferring 911 money to the capital fund for other capital replacements. Commissioners approved moving forward with tower construction.

11:30 Public Health Coordinator Erin Cross met with Commissioners. Bullock moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services for a reimbursement for the Jot Form subscription; Miller seconded; motion carried.


Commissioners approved the amendment to Task Order Number 22-07-4-51-012-0 extending the term for the STD DIS Intervention Specialist grant.

Bullock moved to approve the Application Studio Renewal for the GovOS online permitting system; Blain seconded; motion carried.

Bullock moved to approve Commissioners' Proceedings for April 4; Blain seconded; motion carried.

12:00 Adjourned.

ATTEST:


Clerk & Recorder


Commission Presiding Officer

Respectfully submitted: Angela Newell, Administrative Officer