

By Macque L. Bohleen

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COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

April 25, 2024

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

8:30 Pledge of Allegiance.

8:50 Road Union Stewards Nick Teesdale, Tyson Bauwens, Shawn Mains, and Eric Walker met to discuss salary increases as agreed upon in last year's Union negotiations. Per the agreement in July the County will increase Foreman's wages to 95% of the Commissioners base wage and increase the post probationary crew to 90% of the Commissioners' base wage.

9:05 Bullock departed to attend the Flood Recovery Economic Conference.

9:30 Red Lodge Mayor Dave Westwood met for his weekly appointment. Discussed FFP Surplus equipment; Airport Interlocal Agreement and Boundary; and the possible Annexation of City of Red Lodge into Rural Fire District #7 – Red Lodge.

10:15 Blain departed. Meeting recessed.

11:08 Sheriff Josh McQuillan met to request hiring authorization for School Resource Officer position. The position would be an assigned position within the Sheriff's Office staffing levels. McQuillan has discussed the program with superintendents from Roberts, Belfry, Fomberg, and Joliet. McQuillan has not discussed with the Red Lodge or Bridger schools as both have a local police department. Bullock requested that McQuillan also discuss and offer the program to the Luther School. Bullock moved to approve the School Resource Officer job description with the addition of Luther and to authorize hiring for the position; Miller seconded; motion carried.

Commissioners approved the Sheriff's Purchase Request for used Mobile Data Terminals.

Bullock moved to approve the disposal of the following Sheriff Vehicles for Surplus Auction: 2016 Ford, 2020 Ford, 2017 Dodge, and 2001 BMW; Miller seconded; motion carried.

11:15 Bohleen met to discuss the file cabinets in the work room and requested they be relocated. Commissioners looked at options for relocating the files for access by Environmental Health Staff.

11:25 Blain returned.

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11:30 Tom Tschida and Andrew Amresh from the Carbon County Resource Council met regarding C-PACE program. Department of Recourse staff Mark Herron and Kathy Smiley, Carolyn Jones from the MFFA – C-PACE Program, Theresa Whistler, and Kathleen Healy were in attendance. Jones presented the program which allows financing terms to match the life of the improvements. Statewide administrator (not something the county needs to absorb). County sends money to state and they track and disburse funds. Discussion of lender / borrower benefits including the longer term, fixed interest rates. Blain would like to discuss with local lenders and what affect the program may have on them.


Blain expressed concerns about why this program has an incentive for lenders. Miller expressed concerns about the local government being involved in commerce by collecting a loan at the expense of the tax payers. Concerns about loan default and the tax deed process and the administrative burden that could be placed on the local government. Discussion of the tax assignment process. Jones noted there are currently 13 local governments participating. Missoula and Park were the first to sign on in 2022. Nationally there has never been default on payments under the program. It was noted that there are 2 potential projects in the County.

12:55 Bullock moved to approve Open and Closed Proceedings for April 11; Blain seconded; motion carried.

Bohleen requested schedule change for Ashby to work on Wednesdays to assist with School and Primary Elections. Bullock moved to approve the temporary schedule change for Ashby as requested; Blain seconded; motion carried.

12:00 Adjourned.

ATTEST:


Clerk & Recorder


Commission Presiding Officer

Respectfully submitted: Angela Newell, Administrative Officer