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Commissioners Minutes

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

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COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

May 16, 2024

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

8:30 Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners discussed the elevator Modernization project, electrical upgrade components, and whether or not the additional costs will add value to the building.

Bullock departed to join Allen for the State Administration and Veterans Affairs Interim (SAVA) Committee meeting.

9:00 Sanitarian Barbara Krizek, Sanitarian Jesse Gutierrez, and Sanitarian Assistant Lori Kane in attendance for the Environmental Health Department update (report attached). Discussion of Groundwater Monitoring Data, the low snowpack/precipitation this year, and the County's discretion as to whether or not to accept that data (Missoula is not accepting groundwater monitoring this year, some counties are evaluating the monitoring on a drainage by drainage basis). Krizek is looking at annual precipitation thresholds as more precipitation is coming as rain and not adding to the snowpack. Krizek's approach is to encourage design for more conservative monitoring thresholds and look at last year so as not to halt development on those parcels that would need groundwater monitoring. Krizek noted the costs to landowners for monitoring and her desire to allow development to continue. Commissioners support Krizek's use of discretion to allow development to continue by accepting monitoring. Discussed stripping of topsoil at lot in 7D Subdivision, Bullock noted it does not look like there has been any digging; Krizek believes that the disturbance violates the DEQ approval for the subdivision. Krizek requested to adjust her schedule to 4, 10-hour shifts starting June 2nd. Blain moved to approve the temporary schedule change request starting June 2nd; Bullock seconded; discussion of likely revising again in the fall when kids go back to school; motion carried.

9:35 Pete Critelli joined the meeting. Discussed the City's consideration of annexing Remington Ranch Subdivisions. Discussion of snow plowing hurdles and other service barriers that may exist for the City.

10:00 County Attorney Alex Nixon joined the meeting. Discussed the City of Red Lodge agenda on Tuesday which did not include the Airport Interlocal Agreement.

10:05 Commissioners viewed the SAVA regarding disaster response.

10:50 Blain moved to approve Commissioners Proceeding for April 30th; Miller seconded; motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

May 16, 2024 (cont.)

Miller noted his road crew is continuing to remove election signs in the County's road right of way.

11:20 Blain moved to approve May 2nd Minutes; Miller seconded; motion carried.

Blain moved to accept the revised agreement with Langlas and Associates for the construction of the Red Lodge Road Sand Shed; Miller seconded; motion carried.

11:30 Geospatial Information Systems Coordinator / Fire Warden Tom Kohley met regarding the Volunteer Firefighter Capacity Grant Application for \$12,000. Blain moved to approve; Miller seconded; discussion of passing along the funding to rural districts as has been done in past years; motion carried.

11:40 Adjourned.

ATTEST:

Clerk &/Recorder

Commission Presiding Officer

Respectfully submitted: Angela Newell, Administrative Officer



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MONTHLY RE-CAP MAY 16, 2024

ENVIRONMENTAL/ON-SITE WASTEWATER

- 57% greater volume of Septic Applications (2023 YTD = 23 applications; 2024 YTD = 36 applications).
- Consulting/Coordinating with DEQ/other Counties regarding 2024 Ground Water Monitoring to determine whether data collected this year can be accepted per Circular DEQ-4 (75% of normal levels for Snowpack Water Equivalent or annual precip). Expecting approx. 25 sites (plus East Rosebud).
- Inquiry from DEQ Public Water Supply Bureau regarding high Nitrates at Cooney State Park Campground

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS/RESPONSE

- June 2022 Flood: East Rosebud Lake Association issues: "Ownership" and Ground Water Monitoring. Conference call conducted April 12. Awaiting Ground Water Monitoring proposal.
- Bridger Train De-Railment: Clean-up and well monitoring in progress until remediated. BNSF/DEQ Regular Update forwarded to Commissioners' email.

LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS (DPHHS)

Goal: 15 non-Short Term Rental (STRs) inspections per month for end of October completion (ie "90%"+).
 ON TARGET: 61 non-STRs completed through Apr (15 in Apr); 12 STRs inspected through Apr (3 in Apr)

COMPLAINTS:

- OLD: Lonesome Spur Dude Ranch new wedding venue (Group-2/Septic) Family Transfer Plat needing Sanitary issues resolved; Boyd RV sites ("subdivision"); 12 Palisades Path reported by Contractor; Castaway (Planning); Vargas (Septic)
- <u>NEW</u>: 7D Draper Subdivision Lots 7-8 re: DEQ COSA Compliance (property owner Croell, Inc); Illegal Tattoo Parlor in McCampbell Bldg; Code Enforcement Protocol/Software Meeting scheduled by Newell for May 16

MISC:

- "New" Stillwater County Sanitarian (Spry) mutual aid agreement for Truck Wreck back-up (required) and other misc as-needed
- Krizek/Gutierrez awarded full scholarships to attend National Environmental Health Conference in Pittsburgh July 14-18; Engineering West currently slated as back-up for inspections.
- Krizek accepted as Mentee to MEHA Registered Sanitarian Mentorship Program: visit scheduled with Mentor in Lewis and Clark County May 8-22.
- Budget: For FY 25 will be proposing to advertise for Permanent Part-Time (16 hours) Clerk
- Krizek request to resume "4-10" Mon-Thu schedule in-line with school schedule (June 2)
- Leave: Kane May 20-23; Gutierrez June 7-10, June 14; Krizek June 12-14, FMLA June 24-27
- Additional Projects (In order of priority. Would require overtime or additional staffing to accomplish):
 - Sanitarian Cross-training: Cross-train Krizek for Licensed Establishment protocols/inspections;
 Cross-train Gutierrez for Certificate of Survey Routing slips (DEQ Exclusions)
 - o Carbon County Wastewater Regs Update (current edition = 2019). Revised goal = January BOH meeting
 - o Reconcile ImageSilo discrepancies (unscanned DEQ COSAS; incomplete scans of COSAs). SALLY BIRKELO
 - o Follow-up on Compliance issues/complaints
 - o Ground Water Monitoring geographical/historical GIS layer of inventory over time
 - Site Evaluator qualifying criteria/test
 - o GIS layer of septic systems (start with 2021 on...) linked to permit information