

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**

July 23, 2024

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

8:30 Pledge of Allegiance.

8:35 Recessed

9:00 Blain moved to approve the Opioid Settlement Agreement with Kroger; Bullock seconded; motion carried.

9:05 Recessed

10:00 Discussed Olness & Associates Audit Agreement; if there is a requirement to bid services (none). Bullock moved to approve the Understanding of Services for Olness & Associates; Blain seconded; Commissioners and Newell discussed the challenges with finding auditors for public entities in the State and the County's reoccurring audit findings for division of duties related to having Olness both help prepare and then audit the annual financial report.

10:10 Recessed

10:30 Geospatial Information Systems Coordinator / Fire Warden Tom Kohley joined the meeting for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Grant Agreement. Bullock moved to approve the grant agreement with DNRC; Blain seconded; Kohley confirmed the grant is to update the County's 12-year-old Wildfire Protection Plan, Kohley is looking at working cooperatively with Stillwater County as they are updating their plan this year as well.

Kohley and the Commissioners also discussed Fire restrictions, and what other counties around the area are doing. Kohley noted no difference in the allowed activities between shutting down the burn permit system and Stage 1 fire restrictions. Kohley and Commissioners also discussed the response to the Cub Creek Fire over the weekend, positive cooperating with BLM and County resources personnel, and the process for equipment reimbursements with the fire being on BLM land. Discussed the possibility of Kohley participating in the DNRC Assist team with the understanding that Kohley will return if needed. Bullock asked if Kohley could stay in the County until Monday through the heat period; Kohley noted opportunities to assist remotely in the meantime. Commissioners agreed.

10:42 Recessed.

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July 23, 2024 (cont.)

10:50 South Central Regional Mental Health Center (SCRMHC) CEO Rod Ostermiller and Clinical Director Jinell Bal. Bullock moved to approve the Contract with the South Central Regional Mental Health Services Agreement for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year; Blain seconded; discussion of the positive impact on client numbers from the addition of the Public Health Community Care Coordinator; Ostermiller had hoped the increase would have been faster, but noted the numbers are trending in the right direction; motion carried.

Bullock moved to approve Alcohol Tax Designation with 100% going to SCRMHC; Blain seconded; motion carried.

Ostermiller noted SCRMHC's continued staffing concerns, especially with front desk positions and the increased volatility from the public.

11:13 Recessed. Blain departed.

11:30 Red Lodge Rural Fire Chief Tom Kuntz met to discuss the interlocal agreement for the County to utilize the Fire District's Public Information Officer.

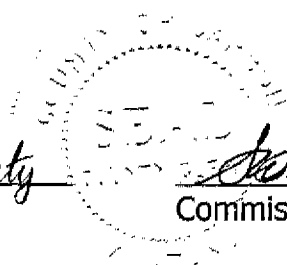
Torsten PrahI regarding the Emergency Medical Services levy.

11:35 Bullock moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of April 9, 2024 minutes missed for approval in the spring, Vendor Invoice for the Roberts Water & Sewer District Well Improvements Grant Drawdown, Purchase request for a new server for the Administration Building, purchase request for the electrical work necessary to modernize the Administration Building's elevator controller, and a purchase request to pay the liability insurance invoice for the Carbon County Joint Airport Board.

11:36 Adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
 Penny Helmuth, Deputy  
 Clerk & Recorder



  
 Commission Presiding Officer

Respectfully submitted: Angela Newell, Administrative Officer