

By Macque L. Bohleen

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

August 27, 2024

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

8:30 Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners discussed Weed Shop Roof repairs and mold remediation, Airport funding and setting the Airport Fund mill levy, the Airport Runway Rehabilitation Grant from the Friends of the Red Lodge Airport, Road Capital fund allocation for a new sander, and the Airport Interlocal Agreement.

9:00 Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) Coordinator Cyrina Allen, Red Lodge Fire and Rescue Chief Kuntz, and Assistant Chief of EMS Torsten Prah, and Robin Harper from Joliet EMS were present. Bullock moved to approve Resolution 2024-24 Establishing Carbon County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board; Blain seconded; motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the EMS Board's powers, the process to advertise for board positions, and the Board's meeting schedule.

9:30 Blain moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Montana Predator Control Fund Wool Growers; Bullock seconded; Newell noted revenues were down significantly in 2023-2024; motion carried.

Recessed.

10:00 Public Hearing on Rural Special Improvement District Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Nev Harding, Mike Cross, Molly Metzger, Ken Metzger, Greg Nelson, Steve Carrington, and Randy Black were present. Blain moved to open the Public Hearing to increase and set RSID Assessments for Edgar Sewer and Belfry Lighting Districts; Bullock seconded; motion carried. Blain noted the Edgar Sewer Board held a public hearing in the spring to increase the maintenance assessment to \$8/mo for sewer services. There was a discussion of assessments affecting for all properties with a hookup. Harding noted issues with the annual \$2,500 cost of cleaning the sewer line due to the Edgar Bar and the grease that is being put into the lines. Harding asked if it was possible to assess specific properties differently or if that cost had to be spread out uniformly. Commissioners will have to defer that question to the County Attorney.

Carrington and Newell discussed the history of the Belfry Lighting Board being assigned to the Elected Board members of the Belfry Water and Sewer District.

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Carrington reiterated the desire for a more formal appointment of Lighting Board members or an Interlocal Agreement to facilitate the Water and Sewer District taking over the administration of Lighting Rural Special Improvement District.

10:48 Blain moved to close the Public Hearing; Bullock seconded; motion carried.

Recessed.

11:00 Public Health Director Erin Cross met to receive grant application approval and approval of the Task Order for Maternal Child Health. Blain moved to approve applications for the Community Health Assessment / Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)/ Work Force Grant Applications; Bullock seconded; Bullock asked about the Grants impacts to Cross' workload; Cross noted the CHIP Task Order is the production of the CHIP which is a state requirement. Bullock asked about hiring for vacant positions. Will be making offer for Crisis Coalition Clerk; motion carried.

Task Order renewal for the Maternal Child Health (MCH) Block Grant. Cross noted the Task Order is similar to past years and that funding levels for this grant have been relatively steady. The MCH Grant helps pay for prevention programs and Fetal, Infant, Child & Maternal Mortality Reviews (FICMR). Blain moved to approve MCH Block Grant Task Order; Bullock seconded; motion carried.

11:12 Interstate Engineering's Brent Moore discussed progress on various County projects. Edgar Sewer's camera investigation has discovered that the slope of the main does not meet State standards; a variance will need to be considered as part of the Department of Environmental Quality's review. Moore noted that Tyler Lindbloom is now a certified Professional Engineer and will be able to stamp plans. Moore discussed flood restoration projects on Dorvall and Granite Roads that had rip rap damage and loss during spring runoff. Moore has proposals from Martin Construction to repair that damage and it could be processed as a change order under the existing contract. The County will need to determine if the projects are eligible for a change in scope for the additional costs as there is not additional funding available through FEMA's small project cost netting process. Moore and Commissioners also discussed the possibility of housing being constructed on Federal Forest Lands adjacent to resort communities, the development of a scope of work for Meeteetse Road Repair, continued challenges with Montaqu Bridge abutment repairs and the status of the maintenance permit, and concerns with the channel migration effects to Fox East Bench Road.

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11:30 Commissioners and Newell discussed overtime allocations for septic permit processing and inspections and disease investigations. Blain moved to approve employee time; Miller seconded; motion carried.

Blain moved to approve the consent agenda; Bullock seconded; motion carried.

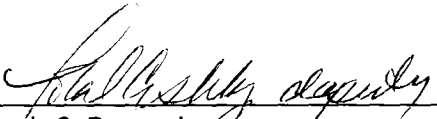
Commissioners discussed request from Beartooth RC&D to replace windows in the building they lease. Upon review of the lease agreement, Beartooth RC&D is responsible for non-capital repairs.

11:35 Recessed until 1:00

1:00 Brad Canton from the Red Lodge Area Community Foundation was in attendance. Blain moved to approve Resolution 2024-25 Resolution to Affirmatively Participate in the Montana Community Reinvestment Plan by Identifying and Approving HAB Development Corporation as Carbon County's Community Reinvestment Organization; Bullock seconded; Canton noted Red Lodge Area Community Foundation fully supports the designation; motion carried.

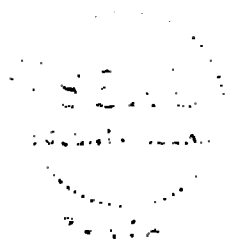
Adjourned.

ATTEST:


Clerk & Recorder


Commission Presiding Officer

Respectfully submitted: Angela Newell, Administrative Officer





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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-25

Resolution to Affirmatively Participate in the Montana Community Reinvestment Plan by Identifying and Approving HAB Development Corporation as Carbon County's Community Reinvestment Organization.

WHEREAS, the Carbon County Board of County Commissioners recognizes every community within Carbon County has been impacted by a lack of affordable, attainable workforce housing, which in turn has led to a variety of issues for constituents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana, through enactment of House Bill No. 819 (HB 819), has established the Montana Community Reinvestment Plan (MCRP), which is an innovative public-private platform to help middle-class income earners find an attainable pathway to owning their own home. The MCRP program calls for formation of a Community Reinvestment Organization (CRO) to provide facilitated assistance for workforce housing and related services within Montana, and to which state money is allocated based upon a county's gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS, the MCRP program will provide the opportunity to meet significant community development needs and will enhance economic stability within Carbon County; and

WHEREAS, HAB Development Corporation ("HAB") is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that was founded in 1994 and is directly affiliated with HomeFront, which is the largest municipal housing authority in the State of Montana. HAB qualifies as a CRO pursuant to the statutory requirements of HB 819. Each county must "opt into" the MCRP program by choosing one CRO within which to participate. Each CRO must establish a revolving fund which holds the state's allocation; and

WHEREAS, the Carbon County Board of County Commissioners believes, after examining the program materials and considering the needs and potential benefits to its residents, participation in the MCRP program is important to the continued health, welfare, and economic prosperity of the County's constituents and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED.

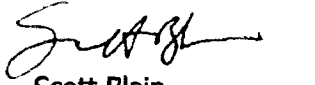
The Carbon County Board of County Commissioners selects HAB Development Corporation as its chosen Community Reinvestment Organization for purposes of participation in the Montana Community Reinvestment Plan.


The Carbon County Board of County Commissioners is prepared to work with regional governmental partners and interested stakeholders to support HAB with its undertaking to effectively and efficiently implement housing solutions for eligible participants in Carbon County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of August, 2024.


CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Scott C. Miller
Commissioner Dist. #1


Scott Blain
Commissioner Dist. #2


Bill E Bullock
Commissioner Dist. #3

ATTEST


Macque L. Bohlen, Clerk and Recorder