

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

September 26, 2024

Commissioners Scott Miller, Scott Blain, and Bill Bullock, Clerk, Katrina Kruger and HR Administrator Kate Asbury were present.

8:30 Pledge of Allegiance.

8:35 Public Comment Period. Bill Bullock attended the City Planning Board last night. He reported the County representative to the board, Marie Olson, is interested in the possibility of stepping down and Bullock requested Commissioners to keep in mind the idea of a replacement for the County representative to the board.

Scott Blain reported he checked on the rip rap project in Fromberg. He met with some adjoining land owners who had concerns, but feels that those complaints have been resolved to a certain extent, however he advised land owners if they wanted to rip rap to the top of the riverbank, they are welcome to do so with their money, their engineers and their materials. Fromberg youth and volunteers are planting trees today. Discussion was held regarding the scope and cost of the project, including the limited amount of private funds gathered.

Scott Miller attended the Belfry Water and Sewer Board yesterday. Conversation was had about the lighting district resolution, which was last updated in 1945. They feel that the lighting district board resolution needs to be updated. Angela Newell is working on an updated resolution for the lighting district.

8:45 Recess.

9:00 Employee Time Status Review. HR Administrator Kate Asbury noted that Sanitarian, Barbara Krizek, was given approval for deviation and overtime. Kate is aware we get reimbursed for fire time, however, she has a concern from a safety standpoint, regarding the idea of working 18 to 20 hour days regardless of whether it is behind a computer or fighting fires. Bullock requested that Kate review the CAT3 agreement.

9:08 Recess

9:30 City of Red Lodge. Mayor Dave Westwood joined the meeting. Mayor Westwood thanked Bill Bullock for coming to the planning meeting last night. Discussion was had about the map of the buffer around the City of Red Lodge. Bullock has concerns as to the map and the perception it creates. Mayor Westwood said that the

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future use document is the most challenging item for city planning. The map is intended as a first pass draft. Bullock questioned the map as there are certain usages of property included in the map that are already out of the question. Discussion was held regarding water and sewer capacity in the event of annexation. Dave Westwood said that impact fees have been being collected and that is the use for which those are intended. Bullock suggested that the City Planner, Jeremy Battles, and contract County Planner, Forrest Mandeville, sit down first to discuss a plan and then move to administration guidance. Mayor Westwood asked if the County Commissioners have had any discussions with the Renaissance Fair people. Bullock said he understands that they have been in contact with the Fair Board. Mayor Westwood said they are looking at the possibility of opening up parking at the airport, but that falls to the Airport Board. Discussion was held regarding parking and shuttle options.

After close of discussion, Mayor Westwood excused himself from the meeting.

10:00 County Attorney, Alex Nixon joined the meeting.

Discussion was held regarding whether county ordinance regarding garbage and nuisance complaints online is the most current version.

Commissioner Scott Miller let Alex know that he had talked to the Belfry Water and Sewer District Board regarding updating the Belfry Lighting Board resolution and Angela is working on the resolution.

Commissioner Bullock shared the City's buffer zone map with Alex Nixon for his review.

County Attorney Alex updated the Commissioners on upcoming trials and whether there will be any large expenditures upcoming.

Commissioners agreed to move agenda items from Tuesday, October 1 to Thursday, October 3, as the graveside memorial service for David Davidson is scheduled on Tuesday at 10AM.

After close of discussion, County Attorney, Alex Nixon, excused himself from the meeting.

10:20 Recess

10:30 (10:41) Fix Price of Bearcreek Original Plat Lot 27, Block 4 for Tax Deed Sale. Resolution 2024-28 attached.

Bill Bullock moved to fix the price for the tax deed sale at \$1,530.41. Scott Blain seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

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10:46 Recess.**11:00 Accept General Election Judge Placements.** Copy attached.

Election Administrator, Crystal Roascio joined the meeting. Crystal reported the placements have been updated from the primary election based upon suggestions from staff and post-election interviews with judges from the primary election. Discussion was held regarding eligibility requirements. Scott Blain moved to approve the list, Scott Miller seconded, Bill Bullock abstained. Discussion, Scott Miller asked if the election administrator keeps records of the certification for the judges. Election Administrator, Crystal Roascio confirmed she has the training and certification records for all judges. Scott Miller asked if there are any concerns with polling locations as far as size and security. Crystal reported she did not have any and had received approval for a grant for law enforcement at all polling places. Election Administrator Roascio has created an internal 6-page process document and reported that there will be an outside, non-partisan group of observers from the Montana Election Observation Initiative (MTEOI) which will observe Carbon County's processes and give input and suggestions following the election. Election Administrator Roascio said she is looking forward to the input and welcomes the observation. After no further discussion, motion carried.

11:30 Consent Agenda.

Bill Bullock moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Minutes of Commissioners' Proceedings dated July 30, 2024, August 1, 2024 and August 6, 2024. Scott Blain seconded. No discussion, motion carried.

Commission Presiding Officer, Scott Miller announced the cancellation of the October 1, 2024 meeting, due to the passing and memorial service for previous County Commissioner, David Davidson. Items from October 1, 2024 will be moved to October 3, 2024.

12:00 Adjourned.

ATTEST:

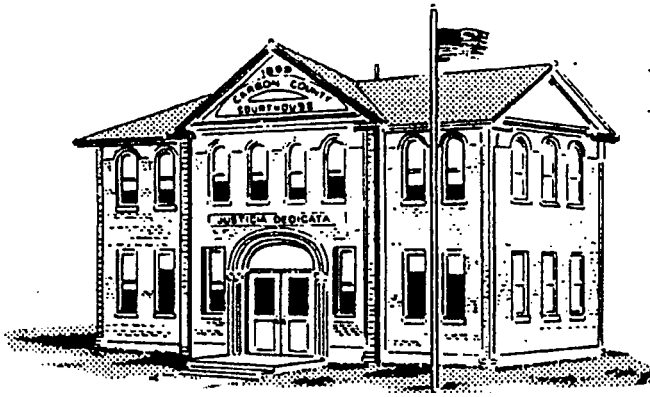


 Clerk & Recorder



 Commission Presiding Officer

Respectfully submitted: Katrina Kruger, Clerk



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RESOLUTION 2024-28 FIX PRICE FOR TAX DEED SALE

WHEREAS, Carbon County issued a Tax Deed on the following real property described as BEARCREEK ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 27, BLOCK 4, on file in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder of said County, under Resolution 2024-23; and

WHEREAS, Unpaid Property Taxes total \$950.23, Interest Totals \$129.13, Penalties total \$19.02, and costs associated with Tax Deeds are \$292.00, and the estimated cost for noticing the sale is \$140.00 or a total of \$1,530.41, and

WHEREAS, the status of mineral rights on the property is unknown, but should any mineral rights exist with the deed the Commissioners wish to retain 6 ¼% of royalty interest per 7-8-2305(2) MCA.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, the Carbon County Commissioners Fix the minimum sale price as \$1,530.41.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Carbon County Commissioners that the Clerk and Recorder of Carbon County is hereby ordered, pursuant to § 7-8-2301 (MCA) and other authority, to notice the sale of the above Tax Deed property for sale at auction Carbon County Commissioners' Office on October 22, 2024 at 11:00 am pursuant to §7-8-2302 MCA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Carbon County Board of Commissioners this 26th day of September, 2024.

CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Scott C. Miller
Commissioner Dist. #1


Scott Blain
Commissioner Dist. #2


Bill E. Bullock
Commissioner Dist. #3

ATTEST:


Macquie L. Bohlen, Clerk and Recorder

