



**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**

December 19, 2024

Commissioners Scott Miller, Scott Blain, and Bill Bullock, Deputy Clerk Katrina Kruger and Administrative Officer Angela Newell were present.

8:30 Pledge of Allegiance.

8:35 Public Comment. Seeing none, Presiding Officer Scott Miller recessed the meeting until the next agenda item.

9:00 Employee Time Status Review

9:30 City of Red Lodge. Mayor Dave Westwood joined the meeting. Westwood and Commissioners discussed the C-PACE program and the Renaissance Fair rental of the Fairgrounds and parking concerns. Bullock and Westwood reported on the meeting they attended with the FAA regarding funding denial, airport fences, boundary adjustment approval, and lease revenue should the property be used for non-aviation purposes. Westwood reported on the public meeting regarding the Brewery Hill Trail; the primary discussions centered around safety and location of the trail. Newell advised Mayor Westwood the County Commissioner's meetings on December 26, 2024 and January 2, 2025 have been cancelled. Presiding Officer Scott Miller recessed the meeting until the next agenda item.

10:00 County Attorney Alex Nixon was unavailable for the meeting. Presiding Officer Scott Miller recessed the meeting until the next agenda item.

10:30 Consent Agenda. Tom Kohley GIS/Fire Warden joined the meeting. Blain moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Hiring Authorization Form for Sheriff's Deputy and Sergeant; Purchase Request form from Public Health to Attend Preparedness Summit; Minutes from Commissioners' Proceedings dated November 26 and December 3, 2024; Job Description revision for Public Health Nurse; Request for Direct Grant of Sick Leave; Purchase Request Form from Road and Bridge Department for an Undercarriage Repair Kit for Bulldozer; and Extension of Rural Fire Capacity Grant. Bullock seconded. Motion carried. Presiding Officer Scott Miller recessed the meeting until the next agenda item. Kohley left the meeting.

11:00 Interstate Engineering - Project Updates: Grove Creek, Granite/Dorvall, SB 536. Tyler Lindbloom and Brent Moore with Interstate Engineering and Cyrina Allen DES Coordinator joined the meeting. Lindbloom advised Grove Creek is designed for the largest flow path possible and reported upon the design, engineering, and construction for the Grove Creek project. Excavation materials will be required and bid prices will be dependent upon the location of the excavation materials and ease of delivery.

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Lindbloom discussed timelines, noticing, and set bid opening for February 4, 2025 at 9:00 am. Miller opened the conversation about Meeteetse Trail and reported people are driving on private property in order to avoid the washed-out areas. Discussion was held regarding bringing BLM, Forest Service, and private property owners together to discuss repair options. Lindbloom presented the change order for Granite/Dorvall to add Montaquaa Road to the project and a permit application for Willow Creek. Bullock moved to approve the change order and permit application and to authorize Blain and Bullock to sign on behalf of the Commission, Blain seconded. Motion carried. Lindbloom opened the conversation about Tuttle Lane North Bridge. Bullock advised he asked legal counsel to review the easement and requested a legal opinion as to ownership of the Tuttle Lane North Bridge. Counsel advised the bridge is within County Right of Way and therefore is a County Bridge. Notice has been given to the property owners along the road in order to open public comment. The discussion was held regarding the funding and evaluation of replacing the Tuttle Lane North Bridge that was destroyed in 2022 flooding.

11:26 Presiding Officer Scott Miller adjourned the meeting until Tuesday December 24, 2024.

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Clerk & Recorder  
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Commission Presiding Officer

Respectfully submitted: Deputy Clerk, Katrina Kruger