

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

March 6, 13, 20, 2012

Tuesday

March 6, 2012

9:00am-3:00pm

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Schlepp called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Nancy Schlepp, and Vice Chair Ben Hurwitz. Commissioner Herb Townsend joined the meeting by phone.

Ray Ringer and Bruce Smith—Road Report/Review Road Applications:

Road Department Supervisor, Ray Ringer, and Road Department Foreman, Bruce Smith, met with the commissioners to give their monthly report.

Fuel Tax Road Maps

First they reviewed the fuel tax road maps received by the Montana Department of Transportation. Vice Chair Hurwitz signed.

Job Application Review

Smith told the commissioners he had a few good candidates out of the pool of applicants. He was concerned, however, that it might be necessary to offer a bit more than the usual starting wage of \$13 to attract the top candidate away from his current job. Chair Schlepp told him she wasn't sure they could go much higher. Commissioner Townsend suggested setting up interviews for the following commission meeting, when he will have returned from his vacation. It was agreed to set up interviews with the top four candidates during a closed session as part of the following week's meeting.

Road Report

Smith told the commissioners that David Voldseth had told him the County could crush gravel on his property. All he asked in return is that the County gravels the road out to his guest ranch, about four miles. Smith added that the road is a County road and does need gravel. Schlepp told him to put the cost of crushing into the Road Department budget for the coming fiscal year. Townsend suggested getting a written agreement.

Transfer Site Issues:

The issue of water at the transfer site was discussed next. Ringer told them that the plan that was tentatively agreed on a few years ago was to run a city water line to the site. With water rates increasing as they have though, he was not so sure that was a good idea. He said another option was to deepen the well that is there. It is 160 feet and can be dug deeper. The pump might need replaced as well, he added.

Action 1:

RESOLUTION 2012-#11

Hurwitz moved to deepen the well at the County Transfer Site and to replace the pump if necessary. Schlepp seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (3-0). It is therefore resolved.

Advertise for Contract Handyman:

Action 2:

Hurwitz moved to advertise for a contract handyman on an hourly, as-needed basis. Schlepp seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (3-0).

Sign Revised CTEP Project Agreement:

Action 3:

Schlepp moved to accept and sign the revised CTEP Project Agreement as presented by Jim Richard the previous meeting (February 28, 2012). Hurwitz seconded. A vote was held and passed unanimously (3-0).

Action 4:

RESOLUTION 2012-#12

Schlepp moved to allocate the \$4000 available to the County in CSBG funds from HRDC in the following manner: \$2000 to the Summer Youth Employment Program and \$2000 to the Public Health Nurse for the 9/1/2001-8/31/2012 CSBG period. Hurwitz seconded. A vote was held and passed unanimously (3-0). It is therefore resolved.

Transfer Site Issues:

Roger Bridgeford, General Manager of Montana Waste Systems, joined the commissioners to discuss some issues related to the County Transfer Site. The commissioners told him they had already decided to deepen the well and replace the pump at the site, if necessary. Bridgeford said he would look into helping out with some of the other issues at the site: heating, repairing the plumbing, keeping the site clean. He brought some pictures of wind damage to the building on the site, which has already been repaired, to submit to the insurance company.

He told the commissioners that when he worked for a different company, he had presented the County with a quote to do a county-wide garbage pickup service, in which everyone would have a mandatory garbage fee assessed with their taxes in return for having their garbage picked up. Hurwitz and Schlepp agreed it would be nice to clean up the County but did not want to add any more taxes to what taxpayers were already paying.

Bridgeford concluded by telling the commissioners he cannot locate an agreement between Disposal Service and Meagher County for the site. He said he would draw something up. There is an operating agreement, however, that is on site.

County Attorney:

County Attorney, Kimberly Deschene, dropped by to visit with the commissioners regarding several matters.

Treasurer Update:

County Treasurer, Sue Phelan, visited with the commissioners regarding removing some trailers from the tax rolls and forgiving the taxes on them. She gave them a list of the trailers and owners in question. In all cases, the trailers were either gone or had burned.

Action 5:

RESOLUTION 2012-#13

Hurwitz moved that the following trailers be removed from the tax rolls and taxes forgiven: Ralph McAllister (trailer is gone; \$193.71 owed as of 3/6/2012); Joe Polensky (was Elsie Babcock's trailer but has burned down; \$280.50 owed as of 3/6/2012); Kristy and Nathan Link (trailer is gone; \$130.90 owed as of 3/6/2012); Richard Ingwaldson (died, trailer is gone; \$232.26 owed as of 3/6/2012); William McDonald (died, trailer burned; \$211.18 owed as of 3/6/2012); Bob Gaydos (being double billed; second half of 2011-\$293.85); Jason Collins (two trailers, both gone; \$115.43 owed on the first and \$17.73 on the second, as of 3/6/2012). Schlepp seconded. A vote was held and passed unanimously (2-0). It is therefore resolved.

County Insurance Discussion:

Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle, and Carol Anderson joined the meeting to discuss health insurance. Hurwitz spent some time explaining to Anderson the recent decision by the commissioners to stay with the MACo Health Care Trust after all, instead of switching to Blue Cross/Blue Shield, as had been decided at a previous meeting.

Ogle then explained that not enough of the money that comes in from the State to supplement the County Attorney's health insurance has been getting allocated to the right fund.

Action 6:

RESOLUTION 2012-#14

Schlepp moved to transfer \$823.50 from the General Fund (1000.000.000.101000.000) to the Health Insurance Fund (1000.000.000.341025.000). Hurwitz seconded. A vote was held and passed unanimously (2-0). It is therefore resolved.

Ogle then explained how the Request for Proposal (RFP) process would work come spring. Townsend suggested they talk to Carbon County, who has been through this process of changing insurance carriers recently, to get advice. He also suggested they request proposals from more than just two entities.

Townsend left the meeting at 1:20pm.

Marc Pryor—Boiler Maintenance:

Marc Pryor met with the commissioners, along with his wife Muriel, to discuss becoming the boiler maintenance person. He told them he spoke with the boiler inspector and learned that since he does have a boiler operator license and is only going to be doing boiler work, he does not need an independent contractor license. Schlepp said they would run things past County Attorney Deschene. Hurwitz said they would have a contract drawn up. Pryor asked about working on weekend. Hurwitz said Monday through Friday would be sufficient. Pryor gave the commissioners a copy of his boiler license. It was agreed that Deschene would write up the contract.

Minutes:

Action 7:

Hurwitz moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting (February 28, 2012) as amended. Schlepp seconded. A vote was held and passed unanimously (2-0).

County Health Nurse Update:

County Health Nurse, Kari Jo Kiff, met with the commissioners to present her monthly health report. Of note, she has hired Cynthia Stuhlberg as the Emergency Preparedness Assistant, effective March 1, 2012. She replaces Kiff's previous assistant, who resigned. She also discussed the allocation of CSBG funds.

Sheriff Report:

Sheriff Jon Lopp met with the commissioners to give his monthly Sheriff report. He told them about a few incidents but said generally February was a quiet month.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

Claims:

Commission was presented Voucher #1255, CK#43725 through CK#43749 totaling \$13,830.91. Commission approved and signed checks as presented. Also presented was Health Insurance Adjustment Voucher #1254, CK#43720 through CK#43724, totaling \$25,032.62. Commission

approved as presented. The following checks, all dated March 5, 2012, were voided: CK#43672 to Blue Cross/Blue Shield, for \$14,253.02; CK#43674 to Guardian Dental, for \$1395.65; CK#43679 to Blue Cross/Blue Shield, for \$3358.05; and CK#43693 to Guardian Dental, for \$112.19. Void reports were approved and signed.

Meeting Adjourned:

Chair Schlepp adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Assistant to the Clerk & Recorder, Nathan Sanders
Distributed March 13, 2012 to Chairman Schlepp, Commissioner Hurwitz, Commissioner Townsend, and Clerk & Recorder Ogle

Tuesday
March 20, 2012
8:45am-2:45pm
Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Schlepp called the meeting to order at 8:45pm.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Nancy Schlepp, Vice Chair Ben Hurwitz and Commissioner Herb Townsend.

County Attorney Update:

County Attorney Kimberly Deschene met with the commissioners to give them an update. Clerk and Recorder Dayna Ogle was present as well. She briefly discussed a local establishment she has to prosecute due to multiple complaints of violations of the Clean Indoor Air Act. Hurwitz asked her if the County could take the tax money already collected for the TV District, give it to them, and stop collecting taxes temporarily. She then informed the commissioners that an area district court judge who will be retiring at the end of the year has offered to become a special deputy county attorney for a year to mentor her. All he would ask in return is a travel stipend. She then asked the commissioners if it would be okay to use money remaining in her budget to purchase a new iPad. She said it has an app for Westlaw, a criminal database she uses regularly. It was agreed that she could if the money was available. Deschene left the meeting at 9:40am.

Budget Workshop:

Ogle remained with the commissioners and led a brief budget workshop.

IT Upgrades:

Jim McDanel met with the commissioners briefly to discuss the necessity of upgrading the County's network and adding back-up capability. Schlepp told him they would review his budget at a later date.

Public TV Survey Update:

County Treasurer Sue Phelan and Deputy Treasurer Shauna Porter visited with the commissioners to give them an update on their survey of public TV usage and support. Also present were B.J. and Charles Hawkins, Vera Towery, and Mike Vennard.

Phelan began by handing out a sheet containing results of what they had found, namely that, of the people they were able to reach, 186 people were in favor of public TV and 121 against. There were many people they simply could not reach. A lot of people, she added, did not realize public TV was even an option. And there were others who do not use it but support it anyway for those who do. Schlepp asked if they came across anyone who should be charged but is not, and conversely anyone who is charged but should not be. Phelan replied that they had. Hurwitz added that he had spoken with some people who are being billed but do not even own a house. Porter argued that the system needs revamped. Phelan said it would be time consuming. Schlepp contended that it needs to be done. Hurwitz offered that one option would be to make it voluntary. Phelan countered that if the TV tax were voluntary, people would come out of the woodwork arguing they should not have to pay a library or an airport tax, for example, if they do not use them.

Schlepp wondered if the County was assessing the right amount for the service. With \$70,000 in the bank, could they give the taxpayers a tax holiday for a year or two? She also wondered if the County can reduce the fee to \$35 annually since they are banking excess money. B.J. Hawkins reminded her that the surplus is there to pay for upcoming digital conversion. And the equipment will need replaced eventually as well. She warned not to spend down the surplus too significantly.

Townsend said he was concerned about the 40% of taxpayers who are against public TV. Porter suggested cutting the fees to gather more support. (TV District Chair) Tim McGuire had told the

commissioners, she reminded them, that he could do with half of what comes in for him. Schlepp asked what the minimum is that they can charge and still supply the service. Hurwitz contended that he still leaned toward a voluntary situation. Hawkins argued that some people would lie if it were made voluntary. Townsend said he was not interested in that option. Schlepp concluded by saying there would be no decision made that day but that they would revisit it at a future date after the actual costs were ascertained. She said the boundaries should be reviewed along with the actual costs and then they could decide if they were assessing the right amount.

Vennard said he would dump the Dish that he has and keep the public TV if he knew it would still be available. Hawkins pointed out that if public TV were killed the County would lose a lot of emergency broadcast capability. Towery said she used to listen to public radio through the TV translator and now it is gone. She wondered if there was somebody in town, besides Hawkins and McGuire, who could help people with public TV matters.

Minutes:

Action 1:

Townsend moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting (March 13, 2012) with one change. Hurwitz seconded. A vote was held and passed unanimously (3-0).

Ambulance Project:

Jack Berg, Sara Driemeyer, Rick Seidlitz, and Jon and Denise Lopp, from Meagher County Ambulance, met with the commissioners to discuss a project to build a new ambulance garage. Berg began by explaining that since 1981, the ambulance has been storing excess revenue in a building fund. They currently have accumulated \$75,000. The structure alone, that they would like to build, will cost \$51,000. Driemeyer has applied for a Bair Grant to cover part of the cost he added. The original plan was to build a three-bay structure, with a sewer connection and a bay large enough for decontamination. Land is an issue, as the current ambulance barn is on school property, as would be the new structure. However, the school track is on property owned by the Sheriff Department. Driemeyer added that the school is willing to swap land but they want a survey done, which would cost at least \$800. The land has already been surveyed and Otto Ohlson found the original survey pins. The school district is worried about a 99-year lease they have with Van Owens. If they infringe on inch on the property the lease becomes null and void. Berg said they would get on the agenda of the next School Board meeting to discuss this further.

Seidlitz added that Fire needs a new bay too, and suggested the possibility of using one of the bays in the new garage. Hurwitz asked him how they funded the Fire Building at the airport. He told them they secured a low-interest-rate loan through the bank. Driemeyer told the commissioners they have been adding about \$2000-3000 annually to the building fund. Berg added that they usually have revenue greater than expenses so it should be more than enough to pay off a loan. Hurwitz pointed out that all that is without a mil. Driemeyer told them she had asked for \$30,000 in the Bair Grant. Townsend asked for a total cost estimate. Driemeyer replied that it would be about \$107,000 total with considerable volunteer labor.

Hurwitz suggested that just one mil, or approximately \$7000, on a 30-year loan would be sufficient to pay principal and interest the entire time. Berg said they were looking at including showers, a space for decontamination, a billing office, and zoning of the building so that individual parts could be heated separately. Schlepp pointed out that the ambulance has more money than they thought they did.

Ogle joined the meeting, with budget figures. The Ambulance Capital Outlay Fund has \$205,000 in it, she told them. Berg pointed out that \$80,000 of that should be kept aside for ambulance replacement. Driemeyer suggested \$100,000, which still leaves \$105,000 for the building. She added that they might not need a loan after all. Seidlitz suggested they get the loan anyway. Berg added that they do not want to draw the account down too far.

Townsend and Hurwitz both wondered why the school district needs that land. Hurwitz added that it would be a shame to tear down the current ambulance barn. Seidlitz told the commissioners they need the storage room, and it would also be possible to use the land next to the fire hall for a new garage. All that would be needed is a camera. Jon Lopp added if they did use that land, they would have plenty of room for everything. Denise Lopp pointed out that Search and Rescue needs room for storage too.

Schlepp asked them just to let the commissioners know what they decide.

Fund Balance Designation:

Clerk and Recorder Ogle remained with the commissioners to discuss fund balance designations.

Action 2:

The following resolutions were passed:

MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA
RESOLUTION # 2012 - 17

COMMITTING FUND BALANCE RESOURCES
FOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS (GASB54)

WHEREAS, The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued its Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, requiring amount other things, all state and local governmental entities to adopt a policy (Resolution) committing fund balance resources for special revenue funds; and

WHEREAS, Meagher County receives inflows of property tax, State Entitlement share, investment earnings, grant funding and other revenues including but not limited to certain lease revenue and fee and permit revenue for expenditures on the specific purpose (function) of certain Special Revenue Funds; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioner to adopt this resolution to restrict and commit the fund balance resources of special revenue funds in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and GASB 54, and intends to continue to allocate and report the activity of the specific purpose in Special Revenue Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Meagher County Commissioners that it designates the corpus of an endowment fund as *non-spendable*; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Meagher County Commissioners that it designates grant revenue, revenue from legislation, and revenue from permanently voted mills for expenditure on the specific function of the Special Revenue funds as *restricted* and the Clerk & Recorder and / or the Board of County Commissioner dually have the power to spend such money in compliance with the restriction of such revenue; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Meagher County Commissioners that it designates the interest earnings for expenditure on the specific function of the Special Revenue funds as *committed* and the Treasurer, Clerk & Recorder and Board of County Commissioner dually have the power to spend such money by a resolutions by the Board of county Commissioner; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Meagher County Commissioners that it designates allocated general tax, State entitlement, floating mills and any other general mills not associated with voted mills on the specific function of the Special Revenue funds as *assigned* and the Clerk & Recorder and / or the Board of County Commissioners dually have the power to spend such money.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the specific amount formally committed will be determined by the Clerk & Recorder, in conjunction with the Board of County Commissioner by means of the following: (1) review fund balance as of June 30th each year (2) determine necessary cash / reserve to be maintained in the fund, and (3) determine if excess fund balance will be retained in the fund as a commitment for the specific purpose or transferred to the General Fund.

DATED THIS 20 DAY OF MAR 2012



Angela Ogilvie
Clerk and Recorder

BAORD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mark Higgins
Chairman

Ken Hummel
Commissioner

Herb Lorenson
Commissioner

MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA
RESOLUTION # 2012 - 195

ADOPTING RESOURCE CATEGORIES AND EXPENDITURE ORDER FOR RESOURCE CATEGORIES FOR ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (GASB 54)

WHEREAS, the Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) has issued its Statement NO. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, requiring, among other things, all state and local governmental entities to adopt a policy regarding spending priorities of fund balance in governmental and proprietary funds; and

WHEREAS, the governmental funds will expend those resources; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to adopt this resolution to affirm that the fund balance resources of the County's governmental funds will be categorized according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for state and local governments, to identify the expenditure order of resource categories for all governmental funds and to designate the county Clerk & Recorder and / or the Board of County Commissioners, individually and / or collectively, as having authority to express assignments in the County's governmental funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioner of Meagher County that the fund balance resources of the County's governmental funds will be categorized as follows:

RESOURCE CATEGORIES

- ❖ Non-spendable: Resources not in spendable form (ex: inventory) or those legally required to be maintained intact (ex: principal portion of permanent trust funds);
- ❖ Restricted: Constraint is externally imposed by third party (grantor, contributor, etc.), State Constitution or by enabling legislation by the State Legislature;
- ❖ Committed: Constraint is internally imposed by local government by resolution;
- ❖ Assigned: Constraint is internal expressed intent by government body or authorized official
- ❖ Unassigned: No constraints;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of county Commissioner of Meagher County that the expenditure order of resource categories for all governmental funds, when restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned are available, be as follows:

EXPENDITURE ORDER FOR RESOURCE CATEGORIES

- ❖ First: Restricted
- ❖ Second: Committed
- ❖ Third: Assigned
- ❖ Fourth: Unassigned

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioner of Meagher County designate the County Clerk & Recorder and / or the Board of County Commissioner, individually and / or collectively, as having authority to express assignments in the County's governmental funds.

DATED THIS 20 DAY OF MAR. 2012



Amya Dgl
Clerk and Recorder

BAORD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mark Johnson
Chairman

Bob Hummel
Commissioner

Herb Johnson
Commissioner

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Claims:

Commission was presented Voucher #1257, CK#43785 through CK#43816 totaling \$12,692.51. Commission approved and signed checks as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Chair Schlepp adjourned the meeting at 2:45pm.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, April 3, 2012.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Assistant to the Clerk & Recorder, Nathan Sanders
Distributed April 3, 2012 to Chairman Schlepp, Commissioner Hurwitz, Commissioner Townsend, and Clerk & Recorder Ogle

Tuesday
March 13, 2012
9:00am-4:45pm
Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Schlepp called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Nancy Schlepp, Vice Chair Ben Hurwitz and Commissioner Herb Townsend.

Library Board:

Gordon Doig and Leone Michalec from the Library Board met with the commissioners to discuss a few issues. First they told them that library card holders can now borrow books by downloading them on Nooks or Kindles. Doig stated that the library has 15,640 books right now, and last year 11,390 materials were circulated. There are 1304 library card users.

Doig mentioned that the library copier needs repaired. He then told the commissioners that the second half payment from the City last year came in late. It was not included in this year's budget but it is sitting there not being used. He told them it needs swept into the library's depreciation reserve, from which they can use it to take care of the copier. He thought they would need a budget amendment.

County Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle, joined the meeting at 9:05am to discuss doing a budget amendment. Ogle told Doig and Michalec that the County had decided to wait till June to make all the required budget amendments for the year. She said she could transfer the money now though. All she would need, she added, is a letter requesting the transfer from the Library Board. It was agreed.

Airport Board—Update/Resolution for Airport Loan:

Airport Board Chair, Ed Roatch, and Airport Manager, Kurt Burns, met with the commissioners to give them an update on recent board activity. The first item for discussion was a loan approved for the County to help cover the County's portion of the cost of the airport fence project. Hurwitz called Mike Beckhoff at Stelling Engineers to get an overview. The County was approved for a grant of \$9347 and a loan of the same amount at annual rate of 1.625% for ten years, from the Aeronautics Division of the Montana Department of Transportation. It was discussed and agreed to accept the grant and the loan.

Action 1:

RESOLUTION 2012-#15

LOAN RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-#15

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED; "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF White Sulphur Springs AND COUNTY OF Meagher, APPROVING A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,347.00, TOGETHER WITH INTEREST THEREON AT THE RATE OF 1.625% PER ANNUM ON THE UNPAID BALANCE OF THE PRINCIPAL UNTIL PAID, FROM THE AERONAUTICS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA TO THE CITY OF White Sulphur Springs AND COUNTY OF Meagher, FOR THE PURPOSE OF: paying a portion of the sponsor share of costs (local match) for the Wildlife Fence Project

AT THE White Sulphur Springs AIRPORT, LOCATED IN White Sulphur Springs MONTANA, PROVIDING FOR THE REPAYMENT OF LOAN, AND THE TERMS THEREOF,"

WHEREAS, the City of White Sulphur Springs, and County of Meagher, hereinafter known as "SPONSOR", has approval from the Aeronautics Division of the Department of Transportation of the State of Montana, hereafter known as "DIVISION", for a loan of State funds in the amount of \$9,347.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 1.625% per annum of the unpaid balance of the principal until paid, for the purpose of Airport Improvements described above.

The DIVISION, has prescribed the terms and conditions under which loan is to be repaid, to wit: Said sum of \$9,347.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 1.625% per annum on the unpaid balance of the principal until paid, must be repaid to the DIVISION, in annual installments in such payment amounts and in accordance with the schedule

of repayments as set forth in the repayment schedule attached hereto and marked EXHIBIT "A".

The SPONSOR accepts such DIVISION monies and agrees to expend same upon such terms and conditions as are prescribed by the DIVISION, and in accordance with the Airport Aid Application Part Four (Representations), Part Five (Sponsor Assurances) and Part Six (Project Agreement) and by this reference incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the City of White Sulphur Springs, and County of Meagher, known herein as SPONSOR, as follows:

1. SPONSOR, hereby agrees to receive and expend such loan totaling \$ 9,347.00 for the improvements of the White Sulphur Springs Airport, located in White Sulphur Springs, Montana, in the manner and form applied for, and as approved by the DIVISION.

2. That in consideration of said loan, that SPONSOR, hereby obligates itself during the period of time as set forth in EXHIBIT "A", to repay to the DIVISION, the loan of \$ 9,347.00, together with interest thereon at the rate of 1.625% per annum on the unpaid balance of the principal until paid, in annual installments in accordance with EXHIBIT "A". The first of said payments, in the amount as stated in EXHIBIT "A" will be made on or before the date set forth in EXHIBIT "A", in the full amount of the loan together with interest as aforesaid; and

3.) The SPONSOR shall have the right of prepayment of the principal and interest of the loan, or any part thereof, without penalty, at any time. Any prepayment shall be applied first to interest then accrued at the time of payment and the balance of the payment shall be applied to the principal balance of the loan at the time of prepayment. Any prepayment of principal shall accordingly reduce the amount of interest to be paid on the loan. The prepayment shall not relieve the Sponsor from making the next succeeding payment installment or installment when due until the total balance of the loan is paid in full.

4.) SPONSOR, in consideration of said loan does hereby obligate itself to include within its budget for the period of time during which loan is to be repaid, sufficient funds to pay and discharge loan together with interest thereon in the amount as stated in EXHIBIT "A".

Unanimously passed and approved by the City of White Sulphur Springs, and County of Meagher, this 13th March day of 20 12


Chairman, County Commissioners


Mayor

Witnessed by:


Certificate of Sponsor's Attorney
Airport Development Aid Application and Acceptance

I, Kimberly Deschene, acting as attorney for
Meagher County Board of Commissioners (herein referred to as "SPONSOR")
do hereby certify:

That I have examined the Airport Aid Application and the proceedings taken by SPONSOR relating thereto, and find that the acceptance of this offer by the SPONSOR has been duly authorized and that the execution thereof is in all respects due and proper and in accordance with the laws of the State of Montana and in my opinion, the airport aid application constitutes a legal and binding obligation of the SPONSOR in accordance with the term set forth.

Dated this 14th day of March, 2012



Sponsor's Attorney

Roatch then informed the commissioners that the board had selected Burns to be the new manager of the airport. Burns said he had already received from calls from pilots from the FAA website. Burns said he would take over the duties of checking the fuel tank from Jim McDanel, while McDanel would continue to maintain the airport computer. Roatch mentioned the likelihood for increasing demand of jet fuel in the near future as well. He mentioned the large helicopters here doing seismic surveys looking for heavy metal deposits. Burns said many jet will not come to White Sulphur Springs because there is no jet fuel. He suggested that the mark up on jet fuel, if they chose to have it, might be enough to pay for a new tank over the course of a summer. Schlepp suggested he look into the cost for a new tank for jet fuel, and then they could contact Mike Beckhoff for assistance in acquiring one.

Jocelyn Galt—Representative from Denny Rehberg's Office:

Jocelyn Galt visited with the commissioners to give them an update from Representative Denny Rehberg. She said he has been busy fighting to save Montana's rural post offices, without much luck, she conceded. Veterans' issues have also been high on his list as veterans' healthcare benefits have been cut recently.

She mentioned that Fort Harrison is one of four VA hospitals nationwide that is taking part in a pilot program to streamline the claims process. The goal is to process claims within 120 days with a success rate of 98%. Presently they are at 96%. She did say the main problem facing the facility was a lack of resources to keep up with the need for psychiatric care.

Townsend shared his frustration that veterans cannot use their veteran benefits to stay at the rest home here in town. They have to go to Townsend. Hurwitz agreed, adding that he does not understand why vets cannot receive even basic services, lab tests for example, here in town. Galt told them that it is actually cheaper to pay vets' travel expenses to travel to Helena than it is to reimburse local facilities even for basic treatment. Hurwitz shared his concern for the soldiers returning from places like Afghanistan, suggesting there could be more of a need for medical services than during previous wars.

Schlepp told Galt there were not many significant issues the County is concerned about. She said they were following developments with the Mining Act very closely, given the copper mine going in. Townsend told Galt she felt energy would be a big issue for Rehberg. She agreed, saying he is a huge supporter of the Keystone Pipeline.

Travis Monroe—Representative from Max Baucus's Office:

Travis Monroe met with the commissioners to give them an update from Senator Max Baucus. He told them he handles veterans' affairs for Baucus. He talked about the pilot program Fort Harrison is a part of and how there is a dreadful shortage of psychiatric resources there. He also mentioned some morale issues among employees who resent the head of the facility.

Hurwitz commented that Baucus must be upsetting the President with his support of the Keystone Pipeline project. Monroe said Baucus is concerned more about what is best for the people of Montana. Townsend commented that Canada has said they can just as easily build the pipeline to the coast instead and ship their crude oil to China.

Monroe asked about Meagher County issues. Townsend mentioned the copper mine and how they are still in the exploratory phase. Schlepp told him they had received an update a few weeks ago on the progress Tintina Resources is making. She added that the DEQ is pleased with how environmentally conscious Tintina is.

Hurwitz asked Monroe what Baucus felt about the Bush tax cuts, whether they would be extended. Monroe said things are still up in the air and it's hard to say which way things will fall.

Minutes:

Action 2:

Townsend moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting (March 6, 2012). Hurwitz seconded. A vote was held and passed unanimously (3-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Todd Klassy—Triangle Communications Right-Of-Way Agent

Todd Klassy met with the commissioners to give them an update on Triangle's progress laying fiber optic cable in the County. The city and north of the city should be completed by the end of June. They will then go to Ringling and work their way north from there. Grassy Mountain would be a challenge, he said, as many landowners do not live in the state. He mentioned a few other issues with people who refuse to sign easements.

Hurwitz asked if TV would ever be carried on that cable. Klassy replied that he was not sure but thought it was unlikely given the direction the industry is heading.

Nico Cantalupo—County Extension Agent

Nico Cantalupo dropped by to let the commissioners know he can help anyone who needs hay get hay.

Action 3:

RESOLUTION 2012-#16

A resolution was passed appointing a Special Deputy County Attorney from the State Attorney General's office for prosecutorial assistance in a case. There will be no cost to the County. The resolution was signed, dated and filed, due to its confidential nature.

Claims:

Commission was presented Voucher #1256, CK#43750 through CK#43784 totaling \$9,132.47. Commission approved and signed checks as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Chair Schlepp adjourned the meeting at 4:45pm.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Assistant to the Clerk & Recorder, Nathan Sanders
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