

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

April 1, 8, and 15, 2014

Tuesday

April 1, 2014

8:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Ben Hurwitz and Vice Chair Herb Townsend, and Commissioner Rod Brewer.

Road Report:

Bruce Smith, Road Supervisor, reported that he had stopped by Sierra Rock and Dirt and the equipment repair is all done, now they are just waiting on the weather.

He also reported that Ted Jones (from the State) called and said that if we can widen a few places in the road to Rader's turnoff, they will maintain. They are also planning to chip seal the Newlan Creek road.

On the recycling bins, Smith had spoken with Dave Leverett from 4-Corners Recycling about moving gravel in where the bins were to improve the area. 4-Corners Recycling moved the bins temporarily last Friday in order to accomplish that. The County is planning to deliver gravel and the City has agreed to spread it out.

There will be a salesman here next Tuesday, April 8, 2014 to give them information on purchasing a new Grader. Mr. Smith would prefer the same type of Cat that they currently use. They will plan on accepting bids for the purchase of a new grader. Chair Hurwitz stated that right now would be a good time to purchase a grader with the SRS funds available. Smith reported that he was told they are 6 months to a year out if we order a 140 M3; and that the M2's are no longer available.

Chair Hurwitz also requested Mr. Smith to update the other Commissioners on what he had learned over the course of the seminar he and Tim Collins had attended regarding the proper personnel procedures. Smith handed out paperwork and discussed the importance of documentation. The main thing learned from this seminar is to document, document, document. The person who gave this presentation in the seminar can also give presentations to groups, and it was suggested that perhaps something should be done for the Department Heads. The Commissioners thought that MACo should be called first to see if they could do a presentation rather than hiring someone.

The Demolition Derby / Ticket Free Jamboree:

Chair Hurwitz went over the history of the exit audit interview of Sharon Tripp and why we are now being presented with a letter from her clarifying her statement regarding reviewing the records of the Demolition Derby / Ticket Free Jamboree.

Sheriff's Report – Jon Lopp:

Sheriff Jon Lopp and Deputy Sheriff Dave Wendt were present. Sheriff Lopp presented the Sheriff's call report for the Commissioner's review. Sheriff Lopp also gave the Commissioners a list of vehicles with the State contract prices. There was discussion regarding the differences in the vehicles.

Chair Hurwitz showed Sheriff Lopp Sharon Tripp's letter to the County. Sheriff Lopp stated that he had spoken with Mrs. Tripp this morning. She said if someone were going to audit the books it should be the IRS. The IRS did do an audit of Deputy Wendt's personal records and had provided a letter last week that everything was good. Wendt was curious to know if the Commissioners were aware of everything going on and County Attorney's investigation. Chair Hurwitz replied that they only knew that the records were requested and not provided. Chair Hurwitz said he had spoken with the County Attorney at length regarding dropping this matter. The Commissioners wanted to know if Deputy Wendt could work with her professionally. His response was that he could work with her professionally, just not personally.

Deputy Wendt stated that he was ready for this conflict to be done and every time he thought it was, he would receive a new letter from her or something would happen to bring it all up again. The last letter requested reimbursement for equipment used and he stated that he had not used any county equipment. Sheriff Lopp clarified that they were referring to office equipment or supplies but the cost was under \$50.00 and no one was concerned about it. The Commissioners stated that this did not come from them, and they wanted the conflict to end between the two of them. Wendt believes that Deschene is misusing her power as County Attorney to personally do an investigation against him. Wendt asked if the Commissioners had requested that she do the investigation and the answer was no.

The Commissioners were planning on talking with the County Attorney when she came in for her update about the situation and ending the conflict. The Commissioners were concerned that it was to the point of interfering with their jobs. Sheriff Lopp and Deputy Sheriff Wendt agreed to come back at 11:30 to further discuss.

County Attorney:

County Attorney Deschene stopped by to sit in on the Sheriff's meeting; however it had already ended. The Commissioners informed her that they would be back at 11:30 to discuss the conflict between her and the Deputy Sheriff.

They then discussed her moving back into the Courthouse. Deschene stated that she was in a contract with Angie Evans of First American Title until December and she wanted to honor that contract. Commissioner Townsend told her that it might be cheaper for her to move into the Courthouse and let the County continue to pay the rent on the office space. There was also discussion regarding her hiring someone to be her support staff and that she would draw up an agreement for the Commissioners to sign that they would agree that her support staff carry over and become a county employee at the wage she agrees to pay. Commissioner Brewer stated that the Commission could not agree to that.

She updated the Commissioners on the fact that Bonnie Swandal was going to be working part time until May and then would only be helping in cases as needed. The Commission would like Deschene to move back to the Courthouse by July for the new fiscal year, but she didn't want to move until Paula Rasmussen retired which would be in July so she is hoping the Commission would give her until at least August. She stated the only support staff she needed was someone

to answer the phone and agreed that the Commission would be involved in the hiring process since that person would become a county employee.

Chair Hurwitz also showed Deschene a copy of the letter from Sharon Tripp regarding the statement she made during the exit audit interview. He stated that the letter would be attached to the Minutes.

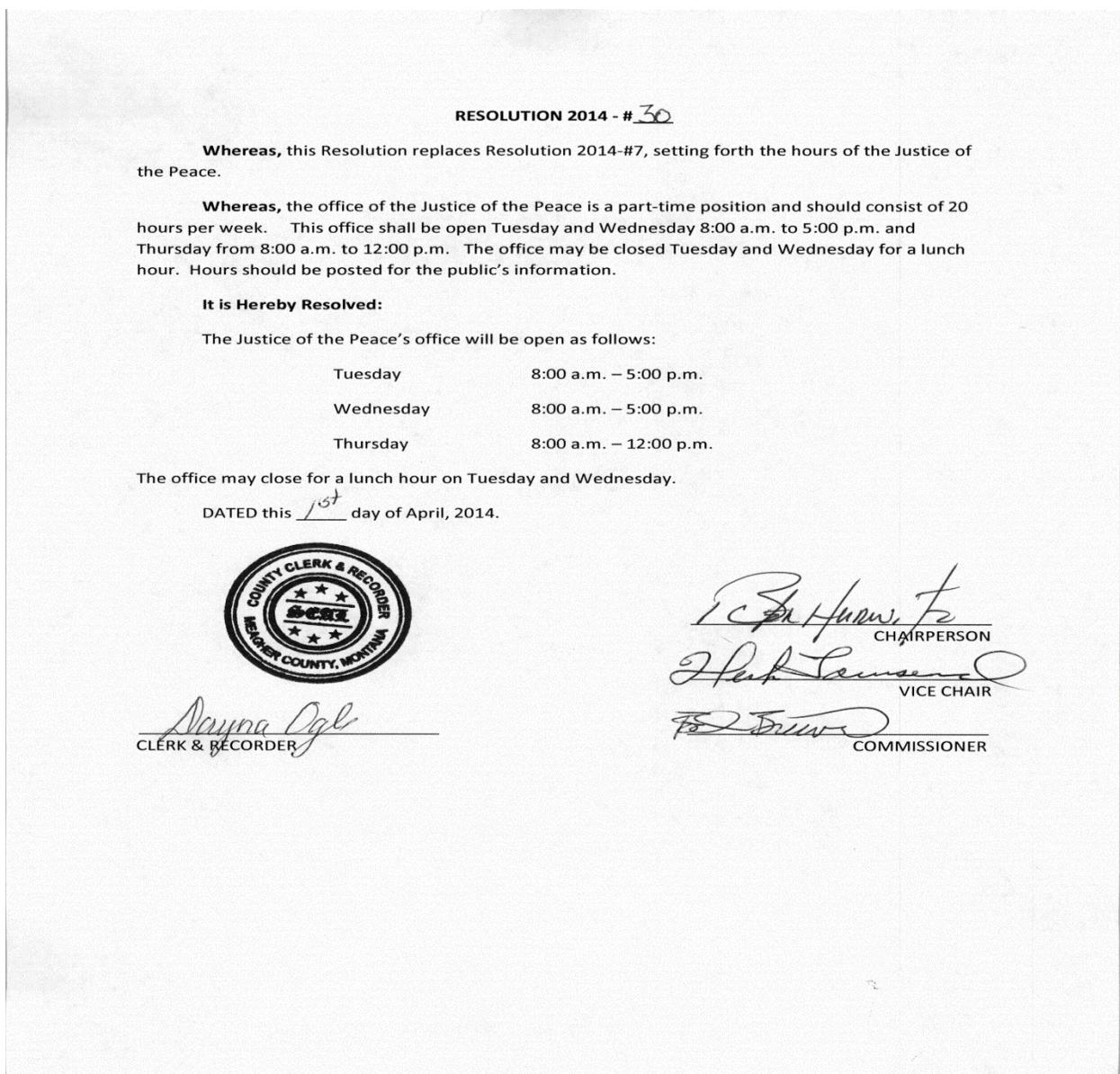
Justice of the Peace – Amended Hours:

Chair Hurwitz brought the other Commissioners up to speed on the Justice of the Peace Hours. Justice of the Peace Wildman requested a change in the hours at the last Commission meeting of March 18, 2014, as set forth by Resolution-2014-#7. Her proposal was discussed, as well as the final decision on her new hours, Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m., with an hour for lunch and Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Action #2:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #30

Vice Chair Townsend moved to approve the amended hours of the Justice of the Peace and Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved as follows:



Stephens Youth Center – Bethany Steinken:

Bethany Steinken provided a budget for the Commissioners to review on expenses of the Stevens Youth Center and the funding it receives.

Vice Chair Townsend wanted clarification on sponsoring or donating and asked what liability the County would have by donating the \$3,000.00 requested. Ms. Steinken assured him the County would not have any liability, and that they receive a lot of donations by businesses and individuals and none of them take on any liability. They discussed where the money would be spent, and Ms. Steinken explained that the non-discretionary funds received as donations generally help with the operating expenses.

Action # 3:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #31

Vice Chairman Townsend moved to give the donation requested to the Stevens Youth Center of \$3,000.00. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

County Attorney Update – Kimberly Deschene:

Present for this meeting were Kimberly Deschene, Nels Swandal, Sheriff Jon Lopp, and Deputy Sheriff Dave Wendt.

Sheriff Lopp advised the Commission that he forgot to tell them earlier that Deputy Slingsby starts at the academy for 12 weeks of training and should be completed on June 27, 2014.

The Commissioners opened the floor by asking how County Attorney Deschene and Deputy Sheriff Wendt could bury the hatchet and resolve the issues and stated they didn't have to like each other, but needed to work with each other professionally.

Wendt feels this has been a personal attack against him by Deschene and would like it to end. Deschene brought up that she had been approached regarding the Demolition Derby / Ticket Free Jamboree and she felt the distinction between whether or not it had been a private or county function had not been clarified. Swandal and Deschene still feel that an audit of the records needs to happen so it is clear whether any embezzlement took place.

Nels Swandal stepped out of the meeting.

Wendt advised that there had been an IRS audit done and that he had a letter stating that they did not find anything inappropriate. He had shown that letter to his supervisor, Sheriff Lopp; and Sheriff Lopp verified he had seen the letter.

The Commission wants this conflict to end; not only that they don't talk about each other, but also to stop any talk going on by others when possible. Both swear that they won't talk about each other.

However, Deschene brought up that her questions had not been answered yet and that she still intended to investigate to see if there was a violation of public trust. Deputy Wendt advised Deschene that if she continue with the personal attack, that his attorney suggested bringing suit against her. At that statement, Deschene requested Swandal return to the meeting.

Deschene then asked Swandal if she didn't have the duty to investigate and he agreed. If there were questions on the event, then it did need to be investigated and an audit needed to be done.

Since Mr. Swandal had been out of the room when the IRS audit was mentioned, Wendt again said that an IRS audit was done on the records and it was found that nothing inappropriate was found. It was requested that Wendt bring the letter in to the County Attorney to verify and it was advised that the letter contained too much personal information; and he was not comfortable doing so. He felt that because he had shown the letter to his supervisor and Sheriff Lopp had confirmed he had seen it, that that should be as far as it should go. With that being said, Mr. Swandal agreed that Deschene should drop it.

Sheriff Lopp asked several times if things could be moved forward and everyone do their jobs. Deschene said she would let it go. Wendt asked if he could get that in writing and the answer was "no."

Commissioner Townsend asked what would happen if the two of them do not keep their word to let it go. Sheriff Lopp said it was easy for him, Deputy Sheriff Wendt could be written up. With County Attorney Deschene, the Commissioners advised that Wendt should go to the Sheriff and the Sheriff could bring it to the Commissioners as a grievance.

Clerk & Recorder:

Dayna Ogle, Clerk & Recorder, presented the Commissioners her response to Sharon Tripp's letter regarding the audit.

She also presented them with an informational spreadsheet regarding the Grassy Mountain taxes that will be corrected.

Lunch:

Commissioners left for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and returned at 1:00 p.m.

Health Insurance Review:

Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle, Deputy Clerk & Recorder, Christy Rogers, Treasurer, Sue Phelan and Deputy Treasurer, Shauna Porter, met with the Commissioners to review the Insurance information provided by Julie Blockey.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Minutes:

Action #4:

Commissioner Townsend moved to approve the Minutes from the March 18, 2014 meeting. Chair Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and was approved.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Voucher #1456, with Check #46671 through Check #46702 totaling \$15,093.66. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

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CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Assistant to the Clerk & Recorder, Penny Plachy.
Distributed April 8, 2014 to Chairman Hurwitz, Commissioner Townsend, Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Ogle

Tuesday
April 8, 2014
8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Ben Hurwitz, Vice Chair Townsend and Commissioner Rod Brewer.

Minutes:

The Commissioners had not had the opportunity to read the Minutes and decided to table approving the Minutes of the April 1, 2014 meeting until the next Commission meeting.

Insurance:

Discussion on insurance and where the Commissioners want to see it going. Commissioner Hurwitz would like a decision made by the Commission today so the county can proceed. Commissioner Brewer was concerned that the quotes were not the final numbers to make a decision on.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Sue Phelan presented the Cash Report for signatures. She then explained that there had been an outstanding \$50.00 check from last month that wasn't realized until preparing this month's report. Treasurer Phelan presented a report for last month and then the normal one for this month for signatures.

Treasurer Phelan then updated them on Tary Buckingham temporarily working for the Treasurer's office in Boulder. That the Treasurer had embezzled money and the current employees in the office did not want the position. Mrs. Buckingham had been in the office getting a refresher before filling in at Boulder.

Road Department:

Bruce Smith and Tim Collins from the Road department were present to discuss the purchase of a new grader. Kraig Pester of Tractor & Equipment Co. of Great Falls, Montana was running a little late this morning. While waiting, there was discussion regarding the City buying gravel from the County, regarding the City's desire to borrow some machinery; and delivering gravel to the recycling bin area behind Edwards Grocery.

Kraig Pester from Tractor & Equipment Co. of Great Falls entered the meeting and discussed the different type of graders. Mr. Pester handed out material regarding the Caterpillar Model 12M3 that he felt would be good for our county.

There was discussion regarding the differences between the motors and horsepower of the different graders available. There was also discussion on tire size between the 1424 tires and 1750 tires.

The price for a model 12M3 grader would be \$265,000.00. The M2's are still being built until July, then the M3's; and they are being built in two locations - Brazil and in Arkansas. It is the

preference of the Commissioners to have the grader an American made product. Mr. Pester assured the Commissioners that even if a grader comes from Brazil, that 65% of that grader has been built in the USA.

Commissioner Townsend inquired about resale value. There was discussion regarding what makes the machinery retain its resale value. There was also conversation on what Meagher County currently had as machinery and hours logged. Meagher County currently has 3 graders – the 140M with 4,000 hours, which is believed to be a 2008; a John Deere with 8,000 hours, which they believe is a 2007; and the 143H that has approximately 10,000 hours. That is believed to be a 2000 or 2001 model. They do not want to trade in any of the current graders, but would like to keep and use the 143H as more of a backup. They are also all AWD which they feel is a must for this area. There was also discussion regarding a steering wheel versus a joy stick, and the desire to remain with a joy stick.

A bid will be put out for the equipment wanted, and Mr. Pester volunteered to provide a bid spec so everyone had the same information to bid on. The Commissioners accepted this offer.

County Health Nurse Update:

Kari Jo Kiff was present to go through her County Health Nurse update. Nurse Kiff provided the Commissioners with a report that she went through with them. She started the meeting by saying that March was a quiet month, but that part of that could have been because she was gone for some of it.

Nurse Kiff also went over the MCH federal grant for \$1,960.00. For a grant that isn't a lot of money, it has increased the reporting requirements and takes a lot of time for the added quarterly reports and to attend a yearly conference. If we decline this grant, we can always get it back in the future. The Commissioners asked if she could do without these funds in her budget and because there is a county match, it is essentially \$500.00 that she would be losing in the budget. This grant is population based, and there is some reporting that is mandated by law and would have to be done regardless of whether this grant is received.

On the Tobacco Fund. Nurse Kiff would like to close out this fund and use the remaining money in the fund - \$863.00 to sponsor the Rodeo, or advertise at the Red Ants Pants or donate to the school for the Red ribbon week or AIM higher or other club. Commissioner Townsend would like to see these funds go to the school to be used. Nurse Kiff will check with the school and see how they can use the funds.

Nurse Kiff then informed the Commission that she has chosen a career change and accepted the position as Director of Nursing at the Mountainview Medical Center. There was discussion regarding her starting date there being May 5th and how we can transition a new County Health Nurse. Nurse Kiff has agreed she will continue her employment with Meagher County through May 25, 2014.

Fire / DES Update:

Fire Chief Rick Seidlitz was present to give his report to the Commission. He would like to see something in writing from MACo regarding being able to put out structure fires and to approve and adopt this fire company.

He also discussed the Northern Rockies training in Missoula. Usually he attends by himself, but this year Maebeth Seidlitz who does the financing and Sara Driemeyer who does the planning will be attending as well. They do the work behind the scenes and he thought it would be good for them to receive training as well.

He is also planning on setting up a booth on wildland fires at the Expo.

Seidlitz also informed the Commissioners that Meagher County is still in a state of emergency. He is holding off removing even though it doesn't look like the County is in an emergency state just in case anything weird happens. There is a larger than normal snow pack in the mountains, and if there is a major warm up with some rain, we could have some more issues. As long as the emergency is on, if anything does come up and causes any trouble, we can combine.

Seidlitz also advised that he was working with Errol Galt on the road name for the road to Louise Galt's house on the south side of the highway. They will be moving into Louise Galt's house and it has a highway address. Therefore they would like to continue the existing road name of 71 Ranch Lane. The Commissioners are acceptable to this change.

Action # 1:

RESOLUTION 2014-#32

Vice Chair Townsend moved to name the road situated on the south side of the highway to the house currently listed as 2334 MT Hwy 294 be included as being on 71 Ranch Lane. Chair Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

Clerk & Recorder – Compensated Absences:

Dayna Ogle, Clerk & Recorder was present and the Commissioners asked her what we needed to do in writing since we can do a structure fire and not just wildland fires. She will look into what is needed.

On compensated absences, when our current Extension Agent, Nico Cantalupo came to Meagher County, the County received \$5,779.09 from Fallon and Carter Counties as compensated absences. Currently it sits in a fund and our County Auditor wants it moved into an extension fund

Action #2:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #33

Commissioner Brewer moved to transfer the funds of \$5,779.09 set aside as compensated absences for the County Extension Agent from Fund #3200 to an extension fund in #2290. Vice Chair Townsend seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

LEPC Lunch:

The Commission broke for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and returned at 12:46 p.m.

Board of Health:

The Board of Health met with the Commissioners and in attendance was Member Sandy Harris; City Appointed Member Julian Theariult; and advisors, County Health Nurse Kari Jo Kiff and County Sanitarian Deen Pomeroy.

Reporting period of January – March wasn't overly busy, with 9 Influenza Type A, and 2 Chronic Hep C cases reported. An investigation was done regarding a suspected Norovirus affecting three counties and traced back to a local eating establishment. The establishment has done everything requested, and it is believed it was caused by staff and being exposed to the

virus at home. The individual can be contagious before there are any symptoms. There was follow-up with the people involved and hospitals – and it was paid for by the State. With this came education – went into the schools, the Senior Center and Mountainview Medical Center.

County Nurse Kiff also advised that the puppy in Martinsdale that had been quarantined last July was released in January. This was the puppy that had played with a bat that tested positive for rabies.

Nurse Kiff also reported on vaccine statuses.

Member Sandy Harris brought in an article from the Tribune in Great Falls regarding County health rankings. Nurse Kiff wasn't sure where they obtained their information, but Meagher County was ranked 38 out of 46 counties. The top 5 ranking counties were Gallatin, Granite, Madison, Broadwater and Fergus. The 5 lowest ranking counties were Big Horn, Roosevelt, Deer Lodge, Blaine and Glacier.

911 Update – Maebeth Seidlitz & Ryan Olson:

Ryan Olson and his wife, Twyla Olson were present regarding Third Signal, LLC of Missoula, Montana. Mr. Olson had previously been here March 4, 2014 to give his presentation regarding updating our 911 Center. At that time, Chair Hurwitz was the only Commissioner present so no decision could be made. County Attorney, Kimberly Deschene and Maebeth Seidlitz were also present.

Mr. Olson went over his background for the Commissioners and what Third Signal could do for our county. Again, he went over developing and organizing operational processes, including manuals on Policies, Procedures, Dispatcher Training, and Manager's and will also provide a Call-Flow Poster and Dispatcher training sessions. A tracking and numbering system will also be implemented that links all manuals and supporting documentation together.

The Third Signal will work with the staff to establish a set of customized procedures for all dispatcher functions, and also establish a policy manual for the 911 center; that will protect the County and Dispatcher from liability.

Third Signal will also work with dispatcher training manuals for call-taking procedures. The procedures can help the dispatchers ask the right questions on incoming 911 calls, which in turn will help the Deputies receive more information regarding those calls. Also the different procedures for Law Enforcement, Medical and Fire Dispatch, Public Safety and DES will be addressed. All Manuals will be custom fit to our County.

The concern the Commissioners had was going to the trouble and expense of setting up manuals that no one would use or continue updating. Mr. Olson said that they would provide a schedule for updates, but they could come back in a couple of years and clean it up.

Mr. Olson was asked how he knew that his procedures were the right procedures to use and he stated that he believed with the experience he had and research he had done they were the correct procedures.

The cost for their program is \$20,000.00. Maebeth Seidlitz felt the 911 Center had the funds that could be spent to update their 911 Center with these manuals.

The consensus of the Commissioners was that Mrs. Seidlitz has been training for 26 years and does a fine job at it. There have never been any issues arise from her training. Mrs. Seidlitz

was concerned that her training consisted of documents she had gathered over the years and they were not legal documents.

County Attorney Deschene stated that she did not see that our county was doing anything wrong at this time and she did find it difficult to envision, as well as the Commissioners, that a dispatcher would have to stop the call to look up the procedure on the call being taken. There are other programs that provide a list of questions to ask as a dispatcher and the Commissioners could not justify the expense of \$20,000.00.

Commissioner Hurwitz stated that we were a small county, and he doesn't believe our county should have the same expense as a bigger county, and with the repetition of updating 911 Centers, the cost should go down. Mr. and Mrs. Olson stated that gathering the history of the county and putting together the manuals takes a lot of time and money to develop, and they are the only ones who do this type of project.

Commissioner Townsend again reiterated that he doesn't believe there is a problem with our 911 center; Maebeth Seidlitz has been training new employees for 26 years and doing a fine job at it and in those 26 years, we have never been sued. The concern the Commissioners have right now is how to pay the County Dispatchers more money in wages.

Twyla Olson stated that perhaps to make it more plausible, they could make it work for \$15,000.00. While the Commissioners and MaeBeth Seidlitz believe it is a good program, it is a lot of money that should be spent in other areas. It was felt it just wasn't justified at this time.

Public Comment:

Jim McDanel

Requested that the Commissioners give him permission to get some training by taking a couple of technical courses online. Each course would be \$104.00 and he would actually like to take 4 or 5 if he could; but would like to start with web design and data base. Since his budget is low, he will wait until the new budget goes through. They are 6-week courses and require 2 hours a week or 2 days a week.

The Commissioners were all for improving his knowledge and approved his moving forward on taking the courses.

Tintina

Nancy Schlepp stopped by for Tintina to update the Commission on Tintina's dropping the decline permit and moving forward with the mine operating permit, because of the current lawsuits filed against Tintina by the environmental groups. It will mainly require them to get information by a different means than originally planned.

Commissioner Brewer asked about continuing to get core samples and she told him yes, that would continue. They are also looking at a 3-year timetable, rather than a lawsuit. But good things will happen with this. There are 87 complaints in the lawsuit filed by the environmentalist and by the 3-year period; all of those issues can be completely be addressed.

Insurance:

New rates had been received, and there was a slight increase in the numbers provided by Julie Blockey – 2% for Blue Cross Blue Shield and 2.7% in Pacific Source.

The Commissioners felt that Pacific Source was the most fair to the employees as a whole and the decision was made to change carriers.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Voucher #1457, with Check # 46703 through Check # 46745 totaling \$35,157.45. All Checks were signed as presented. A Voided Check Report was also represented for Check # 46650 for \$2,941.84. This check was for an incorrect dollar amount and was issued.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Assistant to the Clerk & Recorder, Penny Plachy.
Distributed April 15, 2014 to Chairman Hurwitz, Commissioner Townsend, Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Ogle

Tuesday
April 15, 2014
8:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.
Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Ben Hurwitz, Vice Chair Herb Townsend, and Commissioner Rod Brewer.

Minutes:

Action #1:

Commissioner Townsend moved to approve the Minutes from the April 1 and April 8, 2014 meetings. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Clerk & Recorder – Dayna Ogle – 3rd Quarter Budget Review:

Clerk & Recorder Dayna Ogle presented the Commissioners with 3rd Quarter Budget information. The departments should have 25% left on their budgets, and there were some departments Ogle pointed out that were very close or had less than 25% and would have to be watched.

There was discussion regarding to the Road Department's budget and what was available to make a purchase of a new grader. The County has received funds from the Secure Rural Schools in the amount of \$236,404.85. The Commissioners agreed to move the Secure Rural School money from the Road Fund 2110 to the Road Capital Outlay 4010 fund to use for the purpose of purchasing a new grader. Budget amendments will be needed for both funds.

The grader currently being looked at is at the price of \$265,000.00. The Road Department's capital improvements were budgeted at \$150,000.00 to purchase the new pickups, which didn't cost that full amount; so there were funds left in the account.

Action #2:

RESOLUTION 2014-#34

Vice Chair Townsend moved that the Clerk & Recorder move the \$236,404.85 Secure Rural Schools money from the Road Department Fund 2110 into the Road Department Outlay Fund 4010. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

There will also need to be a Budget Amendment for funds that were moved for the Weed Department to clean up previous grant fund accounts and the Senior Center and County Health Nurse as approved in Resolutions 2014-#22 and 2014-#26.

This meeting was to review the changes needed. There will be two additional meetings for the Budget Amendments needed.

Vehicle Purchase – Sheriff Jon Lopp:

Sheriff Lopp came in to visit with the Commissioners about purchasing a new vehicle for the Sheriff's Department. He stated that \$14,000.00 was paid by the City to contribute for the purchase and he had presented some information on April 1, 2014 during his meeting with the Commissioners regarding State contract prices that were currently available.

The Commissioners reviewed the vehicle options and asked Sheriff Lopp questions regarding the differences in the vehicles. Sheriff Lopp went over what the Sheriff's Department required from a vehicle and the fact a car would not work. They will be looking a 4-wheel drive, F150 Supercab which is listed at \$27,836.00 for purchase at the State contract prices and it will take a couple of months to receive.

There are a couple of trucks that they will sell when they receive the new vehicle. The Commissioners asked that Sheriff Lopp get together with Bruce Smith from the Road Department before any sale takes place to see if there is anything he needs to add to the sell.

Action #3:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #35

Commissioner Brewer moved that Sheriff's Department purchase the Ford F150 Supercab listed at \$27,836.00 for the Sheriff's Department. Vice Chair Townsend seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

Insurance Update:

The Commissioners determined at the last meeting of April 8, 2014, that Pacific Source was the better choice for the employees as a whole for their insurance provider. Therefore, a motion is hereby made.

Action #4:

RESOLUTION 2014 - # 36

Commissioner Townsend moved to accept Pacific Source as the County employee's insurance carrier. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

County Attorney:

County Attorney Kimberly Deschene and Nels Swandal stopped by to see if the Commissioners needed anything from them. Deschene advised the Commissioners that she would have a letter for them next month on the pros and cons of her moving into the Courthouse or staying where she is, but she believed it would be cheaper for the County if she stayed where she was.

The Commission asked when Bonnie Swandal was retiring and was advised that she had not retired yet, and she still had unfinished cases, but that it was coming.

Chair Hurwitz expressed to Deschene that he wants her in the Courthouse. Vice Chair Townsend voiced the same opinion and maybe they needed to sit down and take a look at the County Attorney budget.

There was discussion on what type of staff Deschene wants for her office and Chair Hurwitz conveyed that it was a Commissioner decision on whether staff was needed since whoever was hired would be a county employee. Vice Chair Townsend stated that if she just needs someone

to answer her telephones, there were answering services that could do that. Deschene stated she doesn't need a paralegal, just someone willing to do a variety of tasks that she asks of them. She doesn't believe the private law practice can afford a side office without the County Attorney's office being involved. Deschene has drafted a potential agreement which she has provided to Mike Sehestedt for review.

County Health Nurse – Kari Jo Kiff:

County Nurse, Kari Jo Kiff came in to revisit regarding the MCH Federal contract grant in the amount of \$1,950.00. She went over the additional requirements of this grant and personally does not think that it is worth it. The reporting and training required takes away most of the actual funds paid, plus the County has to match \$1,400.00. The Commission agreed that this grant doesn't seem worth the involvement it takes to receive. If we do not re-apply for this grant this year, we can get it back in the future if requested.

Action #5:

RESOLUTION 2014-#37

Chair Hurwitz moved that we eliminate the MCH Federal Contract grant at this time. Vice Chair Townsend seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Nurse Kiff also discussed the other changes that will be affected in the County Health budget. The billing contract received last year for \$12,000.00 was only for a year, so items that were funded from that account will have to be redirected back in the budget rather than from a grant. This includes Lorna Fox's salary and the electronic billing for instance.

Nurse Kiff then discussed hiring a new County Health Nurse. She advised that to date there had not been any inquiries, but discussed what the pay scale would be if she was asked. There was discussion on what our options would be if no one applied for the position, and where else we could advertise. Chair Hurwitz mentioned advertising with MontanaHelpWanted.com and it was agreed that Nurse Kiff should try that avenue.

Road Grader – Bruce Smith:

Bruce Smith, Road Department Supervisor updated the Commission on the road grader. He has spoken with John Deere and they gave him a price on a 140M, but not a 12; and nothing has been heard from Volvo.

The time frame was discussed between receiving a product from Brazil or receiving from Arkansas on the Cat that was discussed on April 8, 2014 with Kraig Pester. Bruce advised the Commission that if they go with Brazil it could possibly be here by July; if they go with Arkansas, it would be anywhere from October to December.

Mr. Pester had offered to help with specs on a new grader that Mr. Smith could put out there for bids. The Commissioners agreed that Mr. Smith should get with Mr. Pester and move forward with the process.

There was also discussion on the funds available to purchase a new grader.

Public Comment:

Julian Therault, Mayor of White Sulphur Springs stopped by to discuss the City's need to purchase gravel for the Main street project. Mayor Therault is not sure of how much they will

need exactly, but would like to take a price back to the City Councilman on what the County wants per yard. After discussion, it was agreed that he will take the amount of \$1.50/yard back to the City Council, which breaks down to \$1.00/yard for gravel and \$.50 to push up.

The Commission and Mr. Smith assured Mayor Therault that at \$1.50 / yard, the County wasn't making any money, only breaking even.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Voucher #1458, with Check #46746 through Check #46782 totaling \$15462.34. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, May 6, 2014.

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Note: Minutes taken by Assistant to the Clerk & Recorder, Penny Plachy.
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