

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

February 4, 11, 18, 2014

Tuesday

February 4, 2014

8:35 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Ben Hurwitz and Commissioner Rod Brewer. Commissioner Herb Townsend attended briefly by conference call.

Minutes:

Action #1:

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the Minutes from the January 21, 2014 meeting. Chair Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and was unanimously approved.

Road Report:

Bruce Smith, Road Supervisor, advised that there wasn't much to report on. Chair Hurwitz asked what Mr. Smith had the road crew doing, and Mr. Smith advised that they were finishing the painting project and invited them to come and see the results. The Commissioners are planning on going to visit the building after lunch.

There was discussion on the machinery and condition of road plows. Chair Hurwitz informed Mr. Smith that there were funds available to update as needed. He also told Mr. Smith to have a priority of what needs to be replaced or purchased. Chair Hurwitz was glad to see that during their down time they were improving the shop.

Stelling Engineering:

A letter was received from Stelling Engineering that was reviewed. The Commissioners requested an update as to the final payment, so Christy Rogers, Deputy Clerk & Recorder, joined the meeting to discuss the current status.

Mrs. Rogers informed the Commissioners that the County still owes \$7,325.00, and that we have paid them a total of \$47,175.00. Final payment was being held because of the lock issue on the man gate. When Mike Beckhoff left Stelling, the final paperwork was not submitted to the FAA by Steve Brown for the final close out until approximately October, 2013. The grant was closed out a couple of months ago; however, the issue with the man gate and lock has not been resolved. The Airport Board did not want to make the final payment until everything was made right. Stelling had taken the gate and lock and replaced it; however, it still didn't fit properly in the frame.

Grizzly Fence has not been in contact with the County regarding the amount still owing to them in the sum of \$12,651.95. Chair Hurwitz then called Grizzly Fence and spoke with Rob about the situation. He informed Rob that the Airport Board did not want to make that final payment until the man gate was fixed. Rob informed Chair Hurwitz that when he had been in the area and checked the gate and lock it worked fine. He also informed Chair Hurwitz that Steve Brown had been in White Sulphur Springs this past weekend and fixed the gate and it was working fine. Chair Hurwitz advised Rob that the County would like to get this matter wrapped up as soon as possible and we would check with the Airport Board on the status and if everything met with their approval, final payment would be sent.

After checking with Kurt Burns, Airport Manager, Mrs. Rogers informed the Commissioners that Steve Brown had apparently been over this past weekend, but that Mr. Burns had not had the opportunity to make sure everything worked properly yet.

Sheriff's Report:

Jon Lopp was present to give the Commissioners an update on the Sheriff's Office. He gave them the Sheriff's Report for the month. He also discussed the Nixle programming. It is for text messaging on email or on phone or both. Would like the school to sign up for because it provides reports on school closings or when teams are late getting back from games. .

Sheriff Lopp also requested that the Commissioners increase Nick Rauser's wages 2%. He has been there for 5 years and his employment status was discussed.

Action # 2:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #13

Commissioner Brewer made a motion to approve a 2% wage increase for Deputy Sheriff Nick Rauser effective January 27, 2014. Chair Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

Sheriff Lopp also advised that Deputy Dave Wendt was back to work the previous evening. He had four (4) doctors' releases and he's still a little sore but it went well. Chair Hurwitz thanked Sheriff Lopp for the Sheriff's Department keeping their overtime to a minimum while Deputy Wendt was on leave.

County Attorney, Kimberly Deschene, joined the meeting.

There was then discussion regarding the Law Enforcement Agreement presented by the City Attorney. Sheriff Lopp had attended the City Council meeting the previous evening and said the City Council did not like the changes the County proposed. They did not want a cost breakdown and wanted the word discretion under the Prisoner Board and Meals to remain in place.

Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle joined the meeting.

After discussion on how to re-word that portion to include the amount of \$5,000.00 and remove the word "discretion", Chair Hurwitz called Mike Eby to discuss. While Chair Hurwitz said they could concede on the breakdown of what is being paid, the County would not budge on the word "discretion" being removed from the Agreement. He informed Mr. Eby, if the expense for Prisoner Board / Meals went over the \$5,000.00 amount, the City owed the money. The word

discretion appears to the County as if the City has the option not to pay. In history, there was only one year that the expense didn't go over the \$5,000.00 amount.

The conversation was left that the breakdown could possibly be left out; however, the discretion wording had to be removed. Mike gave his consent on removing the wording, and hoped the remainder of the councilmen would agree.

Safety Program Approval:

County Health Nurse, Kari Jo Kiff, County Attorney, Kimberly Deschene, and Helen Hanson, Safety Team Coordinator, were in attendance to go over the final Safety Program Manual. The original will be kept with Mrs. Hanson as the Safety Team Coordinator, both in original paper Manual and electronically. They will print copies at the Newspaper office and meet with Department Heads to go over their responsibilities.

County Attorney advised that the Commissioners should approve the final draft as written and the language regarding any guarantees was eliminated and a disclaimer added. This document was only to put in place policies to make a safe workplace, train employees, and get employees back to work as soon as possible.

The Safety Team had the Commissioners read the portions of the Manual that related their responsibilities as an elected official and as county commissioners.

Action #3:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #14

After discussion and review of the revised Safety Program Manual, Commissioner Brewer moved to accept the Safety Program Manual as presented. Chair Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

Recycling Site Agreement:

Action #4:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #15

A Site Agreement was prepared at the request of Cheri Bailey at Edwards Grocery Store. It gives the County the ability to obtain liability insurance around the recycling bins that have been placed on the property of Edwards Grocery. Chair Hurwitz had been in contact with Mrs. Bailey and was going to personally take the Site Agreement to Edwards Grocery for signature after the meeting.

City / County Law Enforcement Agreement & Golf Course Easement:

Action #5:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #17

Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle, presented documentation to be signed by the Commissioners on the revisions to the City / County Law Enforcement Agreement and the Golf Course Easement. County Attorney Deschene was also present. The Golf Course Easement was signed by the Commission.

The City / County Law Enforcement Agreement was again discussed.

County Attorney Report:

County Attorney Deschene went over the school incident and presented a letter she had written to be sent out to students involved. The County Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Department and the School were trying to get together to make a reasonable reaction to the situation. The letter being sent out will be from the County Attorney and the Sheriff combined.

Herb Townsend joined by conference call AT 11:08 a.m.

Chair Hurwitz brought Commissioner Townsend up to speed on the items covered in today's meeting. Commissioner Townsend inquired about the hiring of a librarian and was informed that the Library Board was now interviewing candidates for the position.

Budget Amendment:

Clerk & Recorder Dayna Ogle re-addressed the Library Budget Amendment with the Commission as the second hearing on this issue. She presented a Budget Amendment transferring unexpected revenue of \$2,581.00 from the Library Fund (2220) to the Library Depreciation Fund (2224). There is also an outstanding balance of \$.78 in the Library Grant Fund (2221) and the Library Board would like to transfer those funds into the general Library Fund (2220).

Action # 6:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #16

Chair Hurwitz moved to approve the following Resolution, and Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously, it is therefore resolved.

Resolution 2014 – #16

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2013-2014 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Library Fund (2220) has unexpected revenue totaling \$2,581.00 and,

WHEREAS, the Library Fund (2220) would like the unexpected revenue totaling \$2,581.00 to be transferred into the Library Depreciation Fund (2224) and.

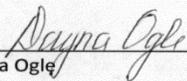
WHEREAS, the Library Grant Fund (2221) has an outstand balance of \$0.78 and the Library Board would like the cash transferred into the general Library Fund (2220).

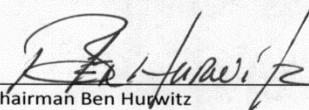
NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioner are amending the budget for the Library Fund (2220) for unexpected revenue of \$2,581.00 (two thousand five hundred eighty one dollars and no cents)and the revenue will be transferred to the Library Depreciation Fund (2224) and to transfer the remaining cash in the Library Grant f Fund (2221) of \$0.78 (seventy eight cents) to the general Library Fund (2220).

Dated this 4th day of February, 2014

Attest:

Board of County Commissioners:


Dayna Ogle


Chairman Ben Hurwitz


Commissioner Rod Brewer

Clerk & Recorder:

Dayna Ogle, Clerk & Recorder discussed the fire district annexation with the Commissioners and how it is going to work. Since we are annexing into the Meagher County Rural Fire District, (which previously was known as the Castle Mountain Fire District) versus creating a new district, there may be some issues on funding. If the annexation proceeds, an election will need to be done to update and correct the amount generated from taxes to operate the fire district. Because the community does not want taxes to increase for the fire district, it was suggested that there be a mass mail out prior to the election to inform citizens how the fire district needs to be funded and how their taxes will look. Also if any additional funding is needed, it doesn't have to be a permanent mill.

The choices are to create a new fire district and consolidate the Castle Mountain Fire District with the new district, which would require new Petitions to be signed; or continuing the way it's going and annex everyone into the Meagher County Rural District and hold an election to set new taxes which may have limitations on the mills and funding.

It was agreed that the Clerk & Recorder will keep looking into it.

City / County Law Enforcement Agreement:

County Attorney Deschene called into the meeting that she had received a new draft of the Agreement from City Attorney Younkin. She had forwarded the document to the Clerk & Recorder's office to be printed and presented to the Commission.

Attorney Younkin's document was reviewed and discussed. This Agreement was similar to the original Agreement the City had provided. Chair Hurwitz called City Attorney Younkin to discuss this document.

The City Councilmen had decided not only did they not want a breakdown of money that was being contributed to the various items in the Sheriff's Office; they did not want the items specified either. They just wanted to pay a lump sum to the County, and the County could do with those funds as it wanted.

Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle, made her argument on why the breakdown of funds was important to include in the Agreement and to be specifically in writing. The County's Auditor, Sharon Tripp, was in the building, and joined the meeting to discuss the City's coding of the funds paid versus how the County needs to track the payments received into the various items that the City is contributing to.

After much discussion on that portion of the Agreement, the Commissioners agreed that they could accept the lump sum wording in the Agreement and that it would be revisited at the end of this Agreement, June 30, 2015. The Commissioners however, informed City Attorney Younkin they would not budge about the wording "at the City's discretion" when it came to paying any dollar amount over \$5,000.00 for prisoner board and meals. The Sheriff's office would have documentation that they would provide, and the City needed to be responsible for those expenses. The other option would be to take the prisoner board and meals out of the equation and let the City pay those expenses as they are incurred.

City Attorney Younkin said she would present the County's changes to the City Council, but she was not sure whether they would have a special meeting to review those changes, or if they would just meet again next month at their regularly scheduled meeting.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Voucher #1446, with Check #45457 through Check # 46501 totaling \$17,982.66. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, February 11, 2014.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Assistant to the Clerk & Recorder, Penny Plachy.
Distributed February 11, 2014 to Chairman Hurwitz, Commissioner Townsend, Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Ogle

Tuesday
February 11, 2014
8:30 a.m. – 11:32 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 and Commissioner Rod Brewer.

Minutes:

Action # 1:

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve the Minutes from the February 4, 2014 meeting with one change. Chair Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Sue Phelan, presented the Commissioners with her monthly update and paperwork for signature.

There was some discussion regarding FDIC insurance on each account containing \$250,000.00. The Commission would like the Treasurer to watch the accounts to make sure we are not going over that \$250,000.00 amount.

Treasurer Phelan also brought to the attention of the Commission that since she has been in office, the Treasurer's office has never been written up by the auditors that were here last week. She mentioned that our auditors are always providing tips on how to keep things looking good in the office.

Treasurer Phelan also inquired about eliminating the liquor license tax. There was discussion regarding the tax amount being \$50.00 a year and who pays regularly and who has never paid

Action #2:

RESOLUTION 2014 – #18

Chairman Hurwitz moved to eliminate the \$50.00 per year county liquor license tax. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

Treasurer Phelan will have their office write a letter to the taverns informing them of this Commission decision.

Commissioner Brewer asked Treasurer Phelan about delinquent taxes. Treasurer Phelan told the Commission things were going pretty good on delinquencies and that they have worked hard getting them taken care.

City / County Agreement:

Action # 3

RESOLUTION 2014 - #19

The Commissioners reviewed the latest draft of the City / County Law Enforcement Agreement and agreed that rather than making any additional changes, they would sign this Agreement and re-address concerns at renewal, June 30, 2015.

The two items that still need to be addressed are the daily rate for incarceration being \$72.00 per day to \$75.00 per day, and the 5th of the month for billing the City may need to be changed to a different date.

Library Board – Librarian Update:

Gordon Doig from the Library Board was present to give an update on the Librarian position and also concerning the Library Board vacancy. The Library Board brought to the Commission two recommendations; one for the Library Board and the other as Librarian.

First, Mr. Doig presented his recommendation for the Library Board. The Board recommends Maggie Johnston to fill the Library Board vacancy created by the resignation of Leone Michalec. Her term will continue through June 30, 2018.

Action #4:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #20

Commissioner Brewer moved that the Commission accept the recommendation of the Library Board to accept Maggie Johnson to fill the Library Board vacancy through June 30, 2018, created by the resignation of Leone Michalec.

Mr. Doig informed the Commission that they had received 8 applications for Librarian; 3 locals 5 out of state. One of the out-of-state applications was from an individual who would like to move back to White Sulphur Springs. He also mentioned that two of the applicants backed out when they were informed of the salary. The Library interviewed the applicants, and chose Malvina Libman, who is currently residing in Arizona. She can begin her employment in 3-4 weeks. The Library would like the Commission's approval to hire Mrs. Libman. Both Commissioners approved the Library Board's recommendation to hire Libman.

Mr. Doig also mentioned the Library may need a Budget Amendment to transfer funds if they provide a relocating allowance to help defray her moving cost.

As a final note, Mr. Doig informed the Commission that the Library Board hired Buddy Hanrahan as their IT person. He also advised that they were in receipt of the preliminary drawing for a new library.

Minutes – Exit Audit interview:

Action #5:

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the minutes from the exit audit interview with Sharon Tripp of Tripp & Associates. Chair Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Public Health Report – Kari Jo Kiff:

County Health Nurse, Kari Jo Kiff, presented her monthly report to the Commissioners for their review.

She discussed her month being busy because of the reporting that is due in January.

On the Data loggers, which are the temperature probes for refrigerators, while her system is provided an update by the State; she had upgraded the Clinic’s a couple of months ago to keep their system the same as hers, so she is upgrading again to match her system. She is going to send the old ones to be recalibrated and will use those on transport monitoring and as a backup.

She also has her Bair Grant application finalized and presented a letter to the Commission for signature supporting her filing for the Bair Grant.

Public Comment:

Lenep School Closing:

Helen Hanson, Superintendent of Schools stopped by to make sure she had advised the Commission of the Lenep School closing. She wanted to make sure that the Commission had received the “official” letter on the closure from Kari Marks.

County Attorney:

Nels Swandal informed the Commission that he had been asked to serve as the temporary County Attorney for Park County for 8 months. He advised that he would still be over to White Sulphur Springs to help the Meagher County Attorney a couple of times a month.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Voucher #1447, with Check #46052 through Check # 46522 totaling \$25,239.33. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Tuesday
February 18, 2014
9:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.
Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Ben Hurwitz and Commissioner Rod Brewer. Commissioner Townsend called in briefly for a conference call.

Minutes:

Action #1:

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the Minutes from the February 11, 2014 meeting with one spelling change. Chair Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Cemetery Board – Sprinkler Bids:

Action #2:

The Commission rejected all bids because specs were not adequate for contractors to bid correctly.

Present for this meeting were Gene Harris, Cemetery Sexton; Chuck Lucas of the Cemetery Board; Sprinkler Contractors, Shane Sereday and Hal Haugan; and Dan Devore of 2M Company, Inc.

Chair Hurwitz inquired of Mr. Haugan where he had come up with the blueprints he brought to the meeting. Mr. Devore's company had previously done the blueprints last year when there was a call for estimates. Chair Hurwitz then asked Mr. Sereday if he had the same set of blueprints to go through. He acknowledged that he had a similar set of plans, but not the exact same ones, however, he had been in contact with Mr. Devore regarding the plans.

Chair Hurwitz gave the unopened bids back to Mr. Haugan and Mr. Sereday and requested Mr. Harris return the bid to Marc Nelson of Whitehall as well. He then explained what the Commission would like to see happen with this bid. The Commission would like to see all contractors work off the same blueprints and the same specs in order to be fair to everyone.

The Commission would like to purchase the current set of blueprints from Mr. Devore's company in order that the County has a set of plans. On the recommendation of the contractors, they would also like the plans to be modified to reflect where sprinklers would go by doing a walk-through of the Cemetery. The older part of the Cemetery has a lot of obstacles, while the newer section would be easier.

Jim Richards is currently working on a Bair Grant Application for the Cemetery, so awarding the bid will be contingent on funding. This is a project that needs to be done, but the Commissioners would like it done correctly and done fairly.

There was then discussion regarding the digital type systems, and the systems that Mr. Devore's company has previously done. Mr. Devore also explained how the current systems work and there was discussion on trenching and no trenching. The pump was mentioned and the fact it was 20 years old and probably needs to be replaced in order to facilitate a new sprinkler system.

Chair Hurwitz apologized for the request for bids going out before the Commission was ready. Mr. Haugan thought this plan would be fair to everyone and also then the county will know what they are going to have.

Dayna Ogle, Clerk & Recorder entered meeting.

There was discussion on the Bair Grant and whether or not the project will need to be done in phases. The Bair Grant Application deadline is the end of February and by April, the County will know if they will receive the grant. Chair Hurwitz told the group that the County will kick in something.

Materials were discussed if this project were done in phases. Mr. Devore said similar materials are consistently used for projects such as this.

Mr. Haugan mentioned that the warranty on labor is generally 1 year and 5 years on product. That could be extended to 2 years on labor if the Commission wanted to make that change. The Contractor also needs to be licensed and insured.

Mr. Lucas then asked about trenching or pulling. It was his understanding that it was better to trench, but when it crosses the roads, will it be able to handle the traffic. Mr. Devore answered his questions for him.

Chair Hurwitz then ran down the plan with the group.

- 1) Get the blueprint plans modified by having someone from 2M Company, Inc. walk the Cemetery; and the County will purchase the plans;
- 2) The County will check into replacing the pump;
- 3) Another meeting needs to be set with Contractors, Mr. Harris and Cemetery Board; and
- 4) Plans and Specs to be provided for bid.

The County should know about the Bair Grant by April and the bid will be contingent on the Cemetery receiving the grant. Also, 10% will be held back for any punch list to be finalized by the Contractor who would receive the bid.

Mr. Harris would like to see that the risers are left alone so he has some sort of back up for watering or during the phases of the project. No one saw a problem with that request.

Clerk & Recorder:

Obligate Title 3 Funds:

Clerk & Recorder Ogle discussed federal money and the need for a public hearing on how to spend the money (fire). Then there needs to be 45 days for public comment. The \$36,216.00 which was received cannot be spent until these procedures are followed.

Action # 3:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #21

Commissioner Brewer moved to obligate funds received in the amount of \$36,216.00 federal money by holding a public hearing on how the funds should be spent, and following procedure by allowing 45 days for public comment. Chair Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

Weed Fund Consolidation:

Clerk & Recorder Ogle also requested approval from the Commissioners to clean up the Weed Department accounts. She explained that there were several weed accounts from when Mr. Ohlson received previous weed grants. There are several funds with money still in the funds and she would like to move those funds to a levy fund to use for operating. She would like to see him have 2 accounts – one grant fund and one levy fund for use for operating and rename one of the funds Checkerboard WMA. This was also one item that the auditor wanted cleaned up.

Funds that need to be moved are as follows:

2840 to 2843

\$ 3,087.20

2840	to 2140	\$55,916.70
2842	to 2140	\$20,121.82
2843	to 2140	\$ 881.91
2848	to 2140	\$34,134.22
2851	to 2140	\$ 3,424.90
2140	to 2140 (Restricted Cash)	\$21,124.33
2230	to 4030	\$10,617.34

There was also discussion regarding the Weed Board 3 voted mills. They have to receive 1.6 mills to be able to receive grants. They currently have operating funds, but the Commissioners would like them to continue with the 3 voted mills.

Action #4:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #22

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the transfer of funds for the Weed Department accounts as needed from and to the following Accounts:

2840	to 2843	\$ 3,087.20
2840	to 2140	\$55,916.70
2842	to 2140	\$20,121.82
2843	to 2140	\$ 881.91
2848	to 2140	\$34,134.22
2851	to 2140	\$ 3,424.90
2140	to 2140 (Restricted Cash)	\$21,124.33
2230	to 4030	\$10,617.34

Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and all approved. It is therefore resolved.

Create New Fund Accounts and Activate Fund Accounts:

Clerk & Recorder Ogle also presented to the Commission for approval the need to activate funds. The Capital Assets will be 9000. The second fund would be Long Term Debt and will be 9500. Clerk & Recorder Ogle explained both funds and why they need to be activated.

On the Senior Center funds that the County contributes, there needs to be a new fund created in a special revenue fund rather than a 7000 fund which is a fiduciary fund. A new fund account 2280 will be created to track those donations.

The Soil & Water Conservation District Fund also needs to change. Currently, the County uses fund 2311. Clerk & Recorder Ogle proposes a new fund account of 7350 and to discontinue using the 2311. She will create the new fund; but it will not be utilized until FY 14.15.

Clerk & Recorder Ogle also recommends creating a new fund to track and save the money for the new vehicle to be purchased by the Sheriff's Department. Since the new Law Enforcement Agreement has been signed and she has to divide the funds paid by the City into different funds anyway, Clerk & Recorder Ogle would like to create a Sheriff's Capital Improvement Fund of Account 4109.

Action #5:

RESOLUTION # 2014-#23

Commissioner Brewer moved to activate and/or create the following new funds pursuant to Clerk & Recorder Ogle's recommendations:

9000 - Capital Assets
9500 - Long Term Debt
2280 - Senior Center
7350 - Soil & Water
4109 - Sheriff's Capital Improvement

Chair Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

Fund Balance Designation:

There was discussion on committed and non-assigned designations. This item was tabled until Clerk & Recorder Ogle speaks to Auditor, Sharon Tripp.

Commissioner Townsend called in for conference call.

Public Comment:

Jim Richards stopped by for the public comment in order that he could get the Commission to sign the application for the Bair Grant for the Cemetery sprinkler project.

Jim said he had spoken with Penny Doak regarding the Bair Grant and thought \$80,000.00 was a huge amount for a grant and suggested doing this project in two phases and only requesting \$40,000.00. The Commission felt this amount was low, but agreed that it would work and if the project needed to be in three phases, then that's what would happen.

The County will be helping with this expense and if needed would use PILT money. Also, the cemetery has also received \$9,000.00 from the Fun Run which would also help.

Mr. Richards will talk with Penny Doak and see if the County should do three phases and if \$40,000.00 is too much, could we receive less.

Chair Hurwitz also told Mr. Richards that the County is willing to kick in funds and that they will be paying to get a modified set of blueprints and also by purchasing a new pump.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Voucher #1448, with Check # 46523 through Check # 46551 totaling \$37,506.36. All Checks were signed as presented. A Voided Check Report was also represented for Check # 46376 for \$40.00. This check has not been received by the vendor, so was re-issued.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

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COMMISSIONER

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

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