

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA
March 3, 2015

Tuesday March 3, 2015

8:40 a.m. – 2:05 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Commissioner Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Ben Hurwitz and Commissioner Rod Brewer.

Treasurer, Sue Phelan, presented the Commissioners with the yearly fuel tax and aerial Meagher County maps that needed the signature of Vice Chairman Brewer, updates of any abandoned roads and then returned to the state. Mrs. Phelan will take care of mailing the maps back to the state.

Road Report- Bruce Smith

Road Supervisor, Bruce Smith was present to update the Commissioners on the road department.

Mr. Smith confirmed with Commissioners that he was ordering a sign to post at the corner of 6th Ave Se and Dump Road with the transfer site hours on it.

Commissioner Hurwitz inquired about the soon to be increased usage of the Smith River Road as float season is upon us. Hurwitz asked Mr. Smith to ask Ted Jones to place a counter on the road now, during float season, and again during big game hunting season. Hurwitz would like this done so that we can get an accurate count of usage on the road.

Commissioner Hurwitz will be meeting with Grant Gresack of the Fish Wildlife & Parks Department in Great Falls this next week to discuss money that may be available for the upkeep of the road. Hurwitz was quoted prices from WE Dust Control for road maintenance. The three prices included:

\$1.03 for magnesium chloride per foot of road

\$1.08 for magnesium chloride and watering per foot of road

\$1.22 for magnesium chloride, watering and blading per foot of road

Hurwitz has talked with other counties and found out that they even encourage residents to contribute to maintaining the road. When a resident contributes then the road along their residency is maintained. Hurwitz is hoping that between the Fish Wildlife & Parks Department, Smith River Road residents, and Meagher County that something can be done to help dust control on the road during busy times.

The Commissions inquired about fuel prices. Mr. Smith stated he had purchased fuel last month at \$1.75 per gallon and gasoline at \$1.69 per gallon, and noted that it was a great price because this month price are already above \$2.00

Mr. Smith also noted that Rick McDaniel of Sierra Rock & Dirt had delivered equipment to the Volseth Pit, but has not started crushing rock.

Sheriff Report- Jon Lopp

Sheriff Jon Lopp presented his report for the month of February. Lopp indicated that Cody Wilson is half-way through with his schooling, doing very well, and looking forward to him finishing.

Lopp noted that the sheriff's office is responsible for doing standbys, which is when the sheriff or deputies are required to be at a resident's home while a person is removing their belongings. The officers are there to ensure that only the belongings of the person are removed and that nothing happens. The issue is that sometimes this process can be stretched out unnecessarily where the officer is detained for long periods of time.

Sheriff Lopp has spoken to other counties and found that they are charging for this service. Lopp is asking the Commissioners for a fee to be placed in order to encourage this process to happen in a timely manner. It was found that a \$50.00 flat fee was the most common charge. Commissioners ask Sheriff Lopp what he thought of \$50.00 for the first hour and \$25.00 for every hour thereafter. Lopp agreed.

Action # 1

RESOLUTION-2015 # 20

Vice Chair Brewer moved that a fee be set for standbys with the Sheriff's Department. The fee will be \$50.00 for the first hour and \$25.00 per hour thereafter. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

Sheriff Lopp also asked the Commissioners for approval of an increase in the fee for the Concealed Weapons Permits. The Sheriff's office is now including book and plastic cards with the permit that cost money. Sheriff Lopp is asking to raise the fee from \$55.00 to \$65.00.

Action # 2

RESOLUTION-2015 # 21

Vice Chair Brewer moved that the fee for the Concealed Weapons Permit be increased to \$65.00. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and approved. It is therefore resolved.

Minutes:

Action # 3:

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the Minutes from the February 17, 2015 meeting with corrections. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and was approved.

Central Montana Tourism- Deborah Eby and Sally Stewart

Deborah Eby and Sally Stewart from the Central Montana Tourism Committee, were present to update the Commissioners on the impact that tourism has on our county and state.

Montana's tourism and recreation department want to have tourists experience the true Montana and have set goals to help the state attain these goals as follows:

1. Improve economic benefits;
2. Preservation of assets and quality of life; and
3. Improved visitor experience.

Tourism is one of the leading industries in the state and if tourism was considered a service export it would have been Montana's #2 export, surpassed by our overseas trade of bulk grain. The Central Montana Tourism committee looks at the communities and tries to show how tourism can be a sustainable industry for these communities.

Ms. Eby pointed out that the Montana Tourism and Recreational Department spends hundreds of thousands of dollars on advertising the Smith River.

Ms. Eby's and Ms. Stewart's term of office will be up this summer and stated that they both would like to be reinstated and that there is a third position open on the Central Montana Tourism Board and if there was anyone interested in the position Ms. Eby and Ms. Stewart encouraged an application to be filled out. The position does require traveling once a month. Gayle Fisher, Executive Director of Central Montana Tourism Committee, will also be contacting the county on the reappointment of Eby and Stewart.

County Attorney- Kimberly Deschene

County Attorney, Kimberly Deschene asked if she could meet with Commissioners at this point because she had court at 11:00 am. Ms. Deschene said she really didn't have much to report. Commissioners asked if process was being made on the 4-H buildings and stated that they want everything completed by next Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Ms. Deschene said she was working with First American Title and will have the deed ready by the March 10, 2015 meeting.

Deschene has been in contact with Hydrometrics and Laura Alvey and they are working on the action plans for checking the well at the county shop buildings.

Ms. Deschene reviewed with the Commission the need to post a Public Notice at the bottom of the staircase regarding handicapped access.

Cemetery- Gene Harris and Chuck Lucas

Chuck Lucas was present to answer any questions regarding the price increase in cemetery charges. The Cemetery Board would like to raise the winter rates and add weekend rates for their services. The Cemetery Board presented documentation with the new rates.

Gene and Sandy Harris entered meeting.

The Commissioners reviewed the rates with Mr. Harris.

Action # 4

RESOLUTION 2015- # 22

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to accept the Cemetery Board's new fees for burial services which include weekend rates and winter rates. The new rates are available in the Clerk and Recorders office. Vice Chair Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved. It is therefore resolved.

Mr. Harris advised the commission that the Cemetery Board has discussed setting up a Perpetual Care fund. They wanted to do a percentage of each fee charged, but upon discussion with Clerk and Recorder, Dayna Ogle, and the Commissioners all came to an agreement that a flat fee would make the accounting easier. Mr. Harris will present this information to the Cemetery Board and report back to the Commissioners with their decision. The Perpetual Care fund will be set up at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Chairman Herb Townsend

Chairman Herb Townsend called to check in. Commissioners Hurwitz and Brewer informed Commissioner Townsend of today's activities.

Townsend wanted to discuss the signs being placed in the building. He pointed out that he would also like to see a sign at the back door entrance that states that the handicap entrance is on the front side of the building. All agreed this was a good idea.

Townsend said he will be here for the March 17, 2015 meeting. The commission discussed passing a resolution to support the American Lands Council in their effort to transfer federal land back to state control. It was decided to table this discussion until Commissioner Townsend returns.

April Stuart- presented her certificate of completion for her anger management home-study training.

Library- Librarian Six Month Review

Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle, presented the Commissioners with a letter from the Library Board regarding Jessica Ketola's position with the Library. Ms. Ketola has completed six months of probation as Librarian. The Library Board did a 6-month review and is very pleased with Ms. Ketola's work. She is working at getting her Librarian's Degree and is close to finishing. Ms. Ogle is asking, on behalf of the Library board, that Ketola receive a pay increase and be placed in a salaried position. The board is requesting an increase equivalent to the former Librarian which was \$28,080.00, effective 2-27-15.

Action # 5

RESOLUTION 2015-# 23

Chairman Brewer moved that Librarian, Jessica Ketola, be placed in a salaried position and increase her pay to be \$28,080.00 a year, effective 2-27-15. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and approved. It is therefore resolved.

Lunch:

Commissioners broke for lunch at 11:35, and returned at 12:45.

Ambulance Bid- Jack Berg

Jack Berg was present to get things rolling with the Call to Bid for the new Ambulance Station. An ad will be placed in Meagher County Newspaper for the next two weeks with a "walk through" scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the Ambulance Station, bids will be due Friday, March 27, 2015 at 4 p.m. and the bid opening will occur on Monday, March 30, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.. Hurwitz called Rooney's Construction to finalize the dates and times with Bob Rooney.

Mr. Berg informed the Commissioners that new ambulance will be driven to Montana from the manufacturing company back east. It is mandatory that it is driven to its destination. The predicted time of arrival is the first of June.

Mr. Berg asked if the previously discussed 1 mil is what the Ambulance Department will be receiving in the next fiscal year. The Commissioners agreed that the Ambulance Department would receive 1 mil next fiscal year.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Voucher # 1546, with Check # 47942 through Check #47995 totaling \$35,572.40. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday March 10, 2015.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Assistant to the Clerk & Recorder Melody Forkin..
Distributed March 10, 2015 to Chairman Hurwitz, Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Ogle

Tuesday
March 10, 2015
8:40 a.m. – 2:22 p.m.
Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Ben Hurwitz and Commissioner Rod Brewer.

Minutes:

Action #1:

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve the Minutes from the March 3, 2015 meeting with changes. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and was approved.

Treasurer- Sue Phelan

Treasurer, Sue Phelan, presented the monthly report to the Commission for signatures.

Treasurer Phelan informed the Commissioners that Cindy Mesecher inquired if the Cemetery Board could open a savings account themselves instead of going through the county. The Commissioner feels that any donations should be ran through Meagher County and that Ms. Phelan could get a saving account set up for them.

Treasurer Phelan presented the Commissioners with an update on the progress with Black Mountain. The Treasurer's Office has spent a lot of time reviewing information with Black Mountain. Treasurer Phelan wanted to know if the Commissioners wanted to continue with a "shortcut" for the Department of Revenue computer. Phelan explained that by having the "shortcut" it gives the Department of Revenues office access to information only at the Meagher County Courthouse. The Commissioners thought that we should continue this procedure. The Commissioners will need a letter drafted and signed to confirm that they want the "shortcut" for the Department of Revenue.

Forest Service Law Enforcement- Jeremy Smart

Jeremy Smart, the new Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer, stopped by to introduce himself to the Commissioners. He moved here in January and is enjoying the community and countryside quite a bit. Mr. Smart is responsible for patrolling the entire Lewis & Clark Forest. His job involves education for the community since there has not been a Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer in the community for about five years. He will help John Lesofski of FWP and Jon Lopp, Meagher County Sheriff as needed. He will also oversee poaching, cutting of live trees, and campgrounds.

Southwest Chemical Dependency- April Stuart

April Stuart stopped by and updated the Commissioners. She advised that she is staying very busy and is here in Meagher County three (3) Tuesdays of every month.

Health Nurse- Eva Kerr

County Health Nurse Eva Kerr is keeping very busy with her regular duties, educating the community on Measles, and doing 80 hours of on-line education on STD's before her training she will be attending in April.

Locally, Mr. Kerr is checking that all employees at the Meagher County Hospital and the schools are immune from the Measles. There are no reports of Measles in the state of Montana, but every state surrounding Montana have had cases reported. In turn, Ms. Kerr feels we will eventually see some cases soon.

Ms. Kerr explained that: 1) anyone born before 1957 is generally considered immune; 2) the Measles germ can be found in the air for up to 2 hours after someone with the measles have been in the area; 3) if not immune a person has a 90% chance of getting the Measles if exposed; and 4) a person can get the vaccination up to 72 hours after exposure and most likely not get the measles.

Ms. Kerr also needed a signature on the Truck Wreck Local Protocol which is a guide line for when an accident happens that involves food, drugs, cosmetics, or other consumer products.

Clerk & Recorder- Dayna Ogle- Sick Leave Grant and 2140 General Weed Fund

The Commissioners asked how the transition with Black Mountain is going. Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle, said that she has spent the last two week reviewing reports.

Clerk & Recorder Ogle presented to the Commissioners on the behalf of Carrie Sibley the possibility of receiving Sick Leave Grants. The Commissioners granted this request.

Ms. Ogle discussed information she found out about the Cemetery Board's request to have a perpetual fund drawn up for them. It was discovered that perpetual funds the Cemetery Board is only allowed to use the interest of the money in the fund. Ms. Ogle will look further into this situation and present information to the Commissioners and the Cemetery Board at next week's Commissioners meeting, March 17, 2015.

Clerk & Recorder Ogle requested permission to repay the loan to Checkerboard Weed Fund 2845. The money to repay the loan will come from the Weed Fund 2140.

Action # 2

Resolution 2015- #24

Commissioner Hurwitz moved that Clerk & Recorder Ogle will repay the loan to Checkerboard Weed Fund 2845 from the Weed Fund 2140. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved. Therefore it is resolved.

Ms. Ogle also requested to move the remaining balance of \$75.30 out of the Checkerboard Weed Fund 2845 and put into Weed Fund 2140 to close out the Checkerboard 2845 account.

Action # 3

Resolution 2015- # 25

Commissioner Hurwitz moved that Clerk & Recorder Ogle remove the remaining balance of \$75.30 from Checkerboard Weed Fund 2845 and put it into Weed Fund 2140 and close out the Checkerboard 2845 fund. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved. It is therefore resolved.

Ms. Ogle discussed the claims the county has received from the settlement of the Ellington case and the Sheriff's repairs to his truck. These claims will be paid out of the Liability Insurance Fund 2384. Ms. Ogle requested the remaining entitlement money be used to offset the cost of these expenses. The amount for Ellington's claim is \$5,000.00 and the amount for the sheriff's truck repair is \$2,000.00 totaling \$7,000.00.

Action # 4

Resolution 2015- # 26

Commissioner Brewer moved that Clerk & Recorder Ogle move \$7,000.00 (Ellington's Settlement Claim of \$5,000.00 and Sheriff's truck repair of \$2,000.00) from HB124 Entitlement Fund 7950 into Liability Insurance 2384. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and approved. It is therefore resolved.

Ms. Ogle also expressed to the Commissioners that the total cost for repairs to the sheriff's truck was \$6,270.42. The county received \$4,270.42 from insurance. The money was put into the General Fund but should have been put in the Liability Insurance Fund. Ms. Ogle is requesting that the money be moved from the General Fund into the Liability Insurance Fund.

Action # 5

Resolution 2015- # 27

Commissioner Brewer moved that Clerk & Recorder Ogle move \$4,270.42, received from insurance on the Sheriff's truck repairs, from the General Fund 1000 to the Liability Insurance Fund 2384. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and approved. It is therefore resolved.

Ms. Ogle also asked permission to move \$1980.40 out of the General Building Cash Line into the General Cash Fund.

Action # 6

Resolution 2015- # 28

Commissioner Hurwitz moved that Clerk & Recorder Ogle move \$1,980.40 out of the General Building Cash Line 1000.213.101000 into General Cash 1000.000.101000. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved. It is therefore resolved.

The Martinsdale TV Board is a board that is a non- functioning board that the county is still receiving money from. It is unclear who the board members are. Ms. Ogle is still trying to determine if the district is intact and what direction the board wants to go.

Coyote Hunt-

Commissioner Hurwitz relayed to Commissioner Brewer that Dennis Biggs of the United States Department of Agriculture flew for 5 hours on March 3, 2015 and killed 43 coyotes.

Chairman- Herb Townsend

Ben called Chairman Herb Townsend and a left message. Within minutes, Mr. Townsend called back and the Commissioners gave an update of today's agenda. Commissioner Hurwitz followed up with the draft of a proclamation stating Meagher County is in agreement that the state of Montana should take part in the American Lands Council Act. Mr. Hurwitz and Mr. Brewer decided that the wording "proclamation" should be changed to "resolution". Commissioner Hurwitz talked with Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties Executive Director. Mr. Blattie had no objections to Meagher County making a resolution to the ALCA. Mr. Blattie did inform Mr. Hurwitz that MACO is not weighing in either way but National Association of Counties is for the ALCA. Mr. Townsend will look over the document emailed to him and when he gets back they will discuss it further.

Triangle- Anne Booth- Living in a Connected Community

In attendance- Buddy Hanrahan, Sally Stewart, Jess Secrest, Cal Moore, Jessica Ketola, and Howard Skjervem of NorthWestern Energy.

Anne Booth, a representative from Triangle Communications, came to recognize our community as a Smart Rural Community.

The Rural Broadband Association recently honored Triangle Communications as one of 13 rural communications firms in the U.S. and Canada with the Smart Rural Community Showcase Award.

Triangle has been working very hard in its communities to upgrade to the highest quality of communications available at the time of conversion. Triangle is proud to say that they have upgraded all the schools in the counties so that the schools are able to meet the need of the Federal Government Standards for testing.

By providing the improved telecommunications, Triangle is able to help deliver technologies that make rural living communities vibrant places in which to live and do business.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Booth for all the hard work Triangle has produced to give Meagher County such wonderful technology. It is duly noted whenever a person from Meagher County goes to a larger community and uses the technology available that person immediately observes that our county has better technology.

Ms. Booth presented the Commission and public businesses with either a sign that comes in a larger and small version that states that this is a "Smart Rural Community" to display around town or at businesses. They also have the choice of using an open/closed sign with the same logo on it. Ms. Booth plans to visit several businesses in the community and offer these choices for them also.

Lunch:

Commissioners broke for lunch at 12:25 p.m., and returned at 1:33 p.m.

At lunch, NorthWestern Energy Representative, Howard Skjervem made a note to the Commissioners that the county could be saving up to 40% on their electrical bill if the ballasts and bulbs were changed in the florescent lights in the building. Hurwitz will talk with Ken Martin, building maintenance man.

Senator Steve Daines Office- Morgan Darlington

Senator Daines Field Representative, Morgan Darlington, was present to inform the Commissioner of Senator Daines activities and to answer any questions the Commissioners may have.

The Commissioners wanted to know what Senator Daines' opinion of losing a large portion our Secure Rural Schools Act money. Ms. Darlington understands the frustration the Commissioners feel with the issue of SRSA and reassured the Commissioners that Senator Daines is a strong supporter of SRSA.

Ms. Darlington informed the Commission that Senator Daines is keeping very busy in Washington, DC. Senator Daines is on 4 committees and 12 subcommittees.

Ms. Darlington asked what type of projects the Commissioners where working on. The Commissioners stated that Tintina Resources and the Gordon Butte Pump Station were the two projects in the county.

The Commissioners asked that Ms. Darlington inform Senator Daines that the Commissioners are composing a resolution stating that Meagher County is in favor of having the state of Montana take control of their public lands through the American Lands Council. Ms. Daines informed the Commissioners that Senator Daines has studied this issue and feels that the issue is unattainable. The Commissioners gave a little history of the American Land Council and stated that the first state to attain its own land took 30 years of fighting to get it. The Commissioner understand the uphill battle this issue will take, but the Commissioners wanted to set a precedence in making this resolution for Meagher County.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

CLERK & RECORDER

SEAL

CHAIRMAN

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Tuesday
March 17, 2015
9:00 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.
Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Commissioners Present:

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

Fire/DES- Rick Seidlitz

Fire Chief, Rick Seidlitz, presented his monthly report to the Commissioners.

Mr. Seidlitz continues working on going through the wildland truck to prepare it for summer. The type 6 engine (truck) arrived last week. This truck will replace the old Eagle Creek truck.

Mr. Seidlitz completed the VFA Grant, and received \$7,000.00. Mr. Seidlitz, also applied for a Federal Grant for protective gear for the fireman, worth \$13,000.00. Mr. Seidlitz will double check how much the county will have to pay, but knows it is either 5% or 10% of the cost.

Mr. Seidlitz ensued conversation about a new truck to replace the old truck at Two Creeks. The truck needs to be replaced. It is impossible to keep good working brakes on the truck. Everyone agrees that the truck may need replacing, it is a matter of where the money would come from to fund the truck. Commissioner Hurwitz asked how the new truck at Eagle Creek was funded. Mr. Seidlitz stated that DNRC funded the Eagle Creek truck. Commissioner Hurwitz asked if DNRC would be interested in funding another truck. Mr. Seidlitz informed the Commissioners that DNRC already provides 8 trucks for the county to use, and that most counties only have 1-2 trucks. Mr. Seidlitz and the Commissioners discussed whether it was beneficial to look at a used truck versus a new truck. All agreed, with what the price of what a used truck is, getting a new truck made more sense. Along with purchasing a truck, some work would have to be done to put fire equipment on the frame of the truck.

Cemetery Board- Perpetual Fund

Present for meeting: Mike Wofford, Chuck Lucas, Gene Harris, Sandy Harris and Clerk & Recorder Dayna Ogle

Upon reviewing what a perpetual care fund entails, the Commissioner and the Cemetery Board felt that this fund would not be a favorable fund to pursue at this time. Ms. Ogle advised that the county is governed under Title 7 which states that a public cemetery should have a perpetual fund. The county would have to create a board of trustees to oversee the perpetual care fund. These trustees would have to be appointed by the District Court Judge.

The Cemetery board stated they would like to still consider putting money into a fund. Clerk & Recorder Ogle presented the option of creating an outlay fund for the purchase of capital expenditures over \$5,000.00. The Commissioners and Cemetery Board all agreed this would be a good idea. During discussion it was brought up that the Cemetery's Budget would be affected

if a portion of the sale of lots went to fund the outlay fund. The Cemetery board will try to find a way to offset the cost of funding an outlay fund. The Commission will review this option during the next budget.

Action # 1-

Resolution 2015 - # 29

Commissioner Townsend moved to create a new outlay fund- 4240 Cemetery Outlay. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved. It is therefore resolved.

The 4240 Cemetery Outlay Fund will be created and funding will start at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Commissioner Townsend asked if the entitlement money the Cemetery had received last year was expended. Gene Harris informed the commission that the money has not been used and that the fund balance is \$39,848.00. This money is to be used for the underground sprinkler system. If the Cemetery Board receives the Bair Grant of \$15,000.00, the Cemetery Board may be able to request a call for bids for the underground sprinkler project.

“Walk Through”- Ambulance Station

Commissioners went over to the Ambulance Station to observe who came to the “walk through”.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

University of Montana/ PBS Documentary

Students from the University of Montana that are working on a documentary about small communities and the impact industries have on them were present to record the meeting with Tintina Resources.

Tintina Resources

Present for meeting: Nancy Schlepp and Jerry Zieg

Tintina Resources Representatives were present to update the commissioners on the most recent activities. Tintina has started a pre-feasibility study. This study is used to gather information so that Tintina can file an application for a Mining Operating Permit. Tintina is trying to gather enough information to be able to submit the application this year. At the end of the process, as long as Tintina does not meet any mitigation, they should have a permit within 2 years.

Tintina presented a VERY rough draft of the facility planning they are working on. The map gave examples of where Tintina would like to place the structures needed at the site. It also showed the four (4) locations Tintina are considering for the decline. On any given day the favorite site changes between the four.

Mr. Zieg reported that things are going good. Having funding has made things move along easier. All technical results coming in are favorable also. Mr. Brewer asked how the time line was progressing. Mr. Zieg stated that Tintina lost about six months of progress when they had to look for more financing. Mr. Zieg reported that everything involving the DEQ is good also. It is

in Tintina's best interest that they inquire with the DEQ each time they begin a project. By asking the DEQ what requirements Tintina needs to meet, Tintina goes above and beyond the requirements so that there shouldn't be a problem.

Commissioner Townsend thought it was important to keep encouraging the community of the progress. Commissioner Hurwitz thanked Tintina for keeping the Commissioners informed.

Mr. Zieg expressed that the new investing company Sandfire compliments the community continuously for being the reason that they chose to invest.

Minutes:

Action # 1:

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the Minutes from the March 10, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and was approved.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #50000 through Check #50065 totaling \$44,861.37. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 30, 2015.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Assistant to the Clerk & Recorder Melody Forkin.
Distributed March 30, 2015 to Commissioner Townsend, Commissioner Brewer, Commissioner Hurwitz and Clerk & Recorder Ogle

Monday
March 30, 2015
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Commissioners Present:

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

Ambulance Barn Bids

Present: Jack Berg, Bob Rooney, Clerk & Recorder Dayna Ogle, and Pam Reed via conference call.

Bob Rooney opened and presented the bids for call to finish the Ambulance Building:

COMPANY	BASE BID	ALT 1	ALT 2	ALT 3	TOTAL
Reed Mountain	\$154,555.00	\$ 1,645.00	\$20,732.00	\$ 268.00	\$177,200.00
Bjorn Johnson	\$207,186.00	\$22,945.00	\$ 2,103.00	\$1,150.00	\$233,384.00
EJ Carpentry	\$200,969.00				\$200,969.00
Golden Eagle	\$197,000.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$25,352.00		\$223,952.00
Battle Ridge Builders	\$259,575.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$31,500.00	\$1,800.00	\$294,775.00
Paul Kroeger	\$182,564.17	\$ 2,347.00	\$28,210.00		\$213,121.17
Diamond Construction	\$218,390.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$36,900.00	\$ 300.00	\$257,290.00

Battle Ridge Builders was rejected because the bid did not contain proof of Workman's Compensation or Liability Insurance.

After discussion, it was decided to accept the bid from Reed Mountain for the total cost of \$177,200.00. The commissioners asked Mr. Rooney to contact the applicants and let them know the results.

Mr. Rooney expressed concerns with the northwest side of the foundation. Mr. Rooney feels that thrust blocks will need to be installed on the northwest corner for support. Mr. Rooney suggested getting the contract done with Reed Mountain Construction and then talk with them about a change order for this part of the project.

Action #1:

RESOLUTION 2015- #30

Commissioner Townsend moved to accept the bid for the completion of the Ambulance Building from Reed Mountain Construction for the total amount of \$177,200.00. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved. It is therefore resolved.

Minutes:

Action #2:

Commissioner Townsend moved to approve the Minutes from the March 17, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and was approved.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #50100 through Check #50133 totaling \$17,237.83. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Assistant to the Clerk & Recorder Melody Forkin.
Distributed April 7, 2015 to Chairman Townse