

Judith Basin Co. Commissioner Minutes | FY18

Regular Meeting
February 7, 2018

PRESENT: Commissioner Cody McDonald
Commissioner Don Hajenga
Commissioner James Moore

Also present: Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly
County Attorney Heather Perry
Maintenance Rodney Ridgeway
Sheriff Jon Schmitt
County Treasure Tammy Zier
Diamond Construction Nate Pierce & Melvin Desmukes

Commissioner Moore, moved to approve February 7, 2018 Agenda, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion carried.

Rod – stopped to check in and reported that he would be home the rest of the day.

Commissioner Hajenga moved to approve the January 31, 2018 minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion carried.

Tammy – discussed county's liquid funds –vs- invested funds and the importance of communication between the Commissioners and herself. Depending on the cash flow it might be necessary for Tammy to dip into the invested funds. Tammy will work with Stockman Bank on the best solution if it is necessary to cash a CD early. Commissioner McDonald stated that spending will not exceed budgeted expenses.

Melvin Desmukes – stopped to discuss carpet installation in the courtroom. It was decided to install February 15, 16, 17 & 18 if necessary. Melvin will be on site to supervise.

Jon –

1 – discussed remodeling of the Sheriff office, (wall separating DES from SO Deputies, security window & counter, dispatcher desk and security camera for interview room). Big Bear Construction walked through the project and will getting an estimate to the Commissioners. Commissioner McDonald called Plagi Plumbing to move heater in the Extension office.

2 – SO is currently advertising for Reserve officers and they have received a few phone calls from interested people. Jon expressed the need of hiring an addition deputy. Jon will research the availability of the COPS Grant program and Clerk Kelly will run budget projection reports for the Commissioners and Jon to review, prior to advertising for an additional officer.

Tammy & Mandy – reviewed County Reconciliation report. Commissioner Moore moved to accept January 2018 Report, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

County Attorney Heather Perry & Commissioners: Executive Session

Heather – discussed Speed Limit Ordinance that the commissioners are proposing and the legal steps necessary. First reading of the Ordinance will be placed on the February 21, 2018 Agenda at 11:00 p.m. If the reading passes, the Ordinance will be posted in the JB Press, County Website and the designated bulletin board for public viewing and comment. Second reading and Public Hearing will be held on March 14th at 11:00 p.m., if the Ordinances pass on the 14th, it will go into effect 30 days later.

Heather provided the Commissioners with a copy of Senator Daines Wilderness Bill, Commissioners briefly discussed the bill and will keep the subject open on the Agenda to receive public comment.

2nd Reading Resolution FY2018-15 Temporary Closing South Peak Road; Commissioner Hajenga moved to approve, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioners discussed letter that the County received from the MT Department of Revenue and the implications of the local office closing. DOR will be in attendance at the MACO Mid-Winter conference next week to visit with the counties.

Commissioner McDonald received a call from Pondera Co. Commissioner Kuka concerning the airport courtesy car at the Pondera Co. Airport. After discussion it was decided to call Airport Co.-Manager Tyler Youderian informing him that the courtesy car cannot be placed on the County's Liability Policy due to the fact that the car would be driven by non-employees. Commissioner Hajenga gave Tyler a call.

Nate & Melvin (phone Engineer Greg Benjamin) – reviewed #7 Pay Application for the Courthouse Renovation and change orders #33-#35. Change order #33 was the modification to the Judges Bench, Greg stated that the addition cost of \$943.00 will be a cost to the Architect & Engineer (not the county) appropriate adjustment will be made to the draw) Commissioner Moore so moved to approve, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed. Nate will revise #8 Pay Applications and email the correction to Clerk Kelly, Commissioner McDonald and Engineer Greg Benjamin. Group also discussed heat for the elevator and area rescue phone installation.

Commissioners and Clerk Kelly updated JB County Capital Improvement Plan, preparing the document for Public review and comment.

ATTESTED:


COMMISSIONER CODY MCDONALD


CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY