

Judith Basin Co. Commissioner Minutes | FY18

Regular Meeting
July 11, 2017

PRESENT:
Commissioner Cody McDonald
Commissioner Don Hajenga
Commissioner James Moore

ALSO PRESENT:
Ambulance Coordinator Suzanne Aune
Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly
Clerk of Court/Supt of Schools Jennifer Taylor
Road/Weed/Bridge Supervisor Roger Riley
Stahly Engineering Greg Benjamin
Diamond Construction Nate & Ted
Linda O'Connor

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the July 11, 2017 Agenda, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion carried.

Commissioner Hajenga moved to accept the July 5, 2017 Minutes as corrected, second Commissioner Moore, motion carried

Commissioner Moore moved to sign Lease for the Department of Revenue office space (July 2017-June 2019), second Commissioner Hajenga, motion carried.

Linda O'Connor – wanted permission for the Geyser/Raynesford Senior Center to buy a new sink for the kitchen. The commissioners approved the purchase from the building maintenance funds.

Suzanne Aune – discussed the resolution for EMT Training reimbursements. Suzanne will consult County Attorney Heather Perry.

Roger Riley – discussed issues on the South Fork Road, Steamboat Butte Road and Echo Lake Road.

3rd QUARTER DEPARTMENT HEAD

Present:
Amanda Kelly, Clerk & Recorder
Katie Hatlelid, JB County Extension Agent
Tammy Zier, Treasure
Don Hajenga, Commissioner
Roger Riley Road/Weed/Bridge Supervisor
Rodney Ridgeway, Maintenance
Suzanne Aune, JB County Ambulance Coordinator
Jon Schmitt, Sheriff/Coroner
Jim Moore, Commissioner
Jeanne Lillegard, Librarian
Cody McDonald, Commissioner
Jennifer Taylor, Clerk of Court

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Attending late: Larry Carver, Justice of Peace
Heather Perry, County Attorney

Absent: Michael Howell, DES/Safety Coordinator

Rodney – hot weather is making it a challenge to keep the lawn, everything else routine.

Suzanne – Full Scale Exercise held in June was a success and well attended. Stanford and Geyser Ambulances have been quiet and Hobson busy. Reported ongoing phone issues; questioned if we should keep waiting on Michael or find another person to maintain the system? Plans to offer EMT Class in October, have been working with the Commissioners to establish a stipend to volunteers for training. EMT's must have 48 hours of continuing education every 2 years. *when county employees respond to (Fire/Ambulance calls), they are not required to take vacation and are paid regular time/stipend for calls is not paid. Sheriff Schmitt reported problems in the Geyser Area with the page out.

Jon – office has been busy. Year-end Jail budget was exceeded, worked with the Commissioners for the FY17-18 budget. Dispatcher has been hired and will be starting July 24th, in the meantime the officers and Jon have been handling the daily office duties (really makes you appreciate what that position takes care of). *Commissioners requested the SO patrol the South Fork Road!

Jim – Commissioners attend MACO District meeting, topics of discussion included Legislative updates, budgets, funding cuts, etc. Mental Health and Council on Aging meetings have also been discussing funding cuts.

Jeanne – building project is underway; subcontracting is higher than anticipated so adjustments have been made to accommodate the added expense. Normal operations in the Library include Summer Reading Program and the normal increase of children on the computers, etc.

Roger – county has purchased gravel from the Deichmann pit so the crew is busy hauling. Fielding road complaints as the conditions are just too dry to be blading.

Cody – Ackley Lake Club that has been formed is a great bunch and are working hard to get everything in line to start receiving donations, etc. (Everything was ready before the 4th) However, the State Parks board keeps throwing problems at them; they want to change the MOU before donations can be accepted. *Fish and Game have been onsite and patrolling. HRDC Board is also facing budget and program cuts.

Jennifer – Attended Clerk's convention and working on the Jury Pool. E-Filing training coming in August and new software system for Full Court in the near future. Supt of Schools duties; been working on Retirement and Transportation funding and Hobson/Moore Consolidation that they are looking into.

Katie – Busy season in Extension; Camps, 4-H Congress and preparations for the JB County Fair (registrations 14-steers/36-pigs/20-sheep). Fair Board is in the process of having a new Sheep Building constructed at the Fair Grounds with hopes of it being done in time for the fair. (Donations and Grants raised to-date \$26,350.00) JB County is hosting the State 4-H Horse Show (Lewistown Fairgrounds). Katie will take volunteers!

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Don – Commissioners are working with Engineer, Architect on the building project. Central MT Health District is constructing a new Junk Vehicle pad in Lewistown at the airport and the District Funding is stable. Working on the FY18 Budget went smooth, Don thanked everyone. Discussed 3rd July Fireworks in Utica and alternative ideas for safety during the very popular event.

Mandy – Preliminary FY18 Budget Hearing is set for this afternoon at 3:00 pm, after receiving Taxable Values from the DOR in August final adjustments and a Public Hearing will be set shortly thereafter. Financially we are in good shape. All departments are very conscience of keeping expenses in check and taxes as reasonable as possible. Clerk & Recorder's Convention is scheduled for August 7th and this District is in charge, now that budgets are compete work can be concentrated in that direction.

Tammy – Been working on end of the fiscal year, school transfers and closing out the Revenues. HB18 has changed the procedure of Tax Liens so the office is implementing those changes.

Heather – courts are very busy.

Larry – court is very busy.

Meeting adjourned.... followed by an employee sponsored luncheon for all to attend.

Greg, Nate & Ted – reviewed the work schedules on the Courthouse/Elevator Project. Established weekly update and walk thru of the project.

PUBLIC HEARING; FY18 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Present: Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner Hajenga, Commissioner Moore and Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly.

Reviewed the Preliminary Budget report (compared mills from FY17 to FY18); the county is looking at a slight increase but is still significantly below the maximum allowed by law. The cash reserves will continue to be at the maximum level, capital accounts will remain on the books allowing for future planning of the larger ticket items. Final Budget will be completed upon the receipt of the Taxable Value no later than August 15, 2017.

ATTESTED:



COMMISSIONER CODY MCDONALD



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