

Judith Basin Co. Commissioner Minutes | FY17

Regular Meeting July 19, 2016

PRESENT: Commissioner Tucker Hughes
Commissioner Cody McDonald
Commissioner James Moore

Also present: Justice of Peace Larry Carver
Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly
Road/Weed/Bridge Supervisor Roger Riley
Sheriff Jon Schmitt

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the Agenda for July 19, 2016 with the additional item phone conference with Staley Engineering, second Commissioner McDonald, and motion passed.

Road Supervisor Roger Riley – discussion of crusher and road north of Town.

Commissioners called Greg Benjamin concerning elevator and west wall; Greg will return the call later this afternoon.

QUARTERLY DEPARTMENT HEAD / SAFETY MEETING

Present: Ambulance Coordinator Suzanne Aune
Justice of Peace Larry Carver
Commissioner Tucker Hughes
Librarian Jeanne Lillegard
Commissioner Cody McDonald
Commissioner James Moore
DES Coordinator Bonnie Ostertag
Clerk of Court Julie Peevey
Road/Weed/Bridge Supervisor Roger Riley
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Suzanne Aune: Talked to everyone about the importance of recognizing the symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Road department, Rod, fire guys, anyone out working in hot weather should be aware of signs, symptoms and what to do if it happens. Handouts were provided to everyone.

Bonnie: Showed a short video of the Ettien Ridge Fire Full Scale Exercise. There was positive feedback on the exercise, good cooperation between all local, State and Federal agencies.

Went into department reports

Ambulance Coordinator Suzanne Aune: Ambulance calls are ongoing; still have the same problem, needing more people to join. Discussion on being able to start IV's. Suz is willing but its extra training to keep certification up.

Sheriff Jon Schmitt: talked to about the Forest Service Short Haul. Forest Service now has a helicopter based out of Helena that can respond to lift a person out of places in the breaks or mountains to transport to waiting ambulances. This is short hauls only. Rodeo weekend went well. Sheriff's Office is working with Malmstrom Security on an exercise in August. MAFB Security will be doing a training portion then a scenario of an attack on a convoy. Other counties and responders will be invited to attend.

Commissioner James Moore: Will be attending mental health meeting in Billings on Friday. One problem is always enough money, and the growing needs for mental health care.

Librarian Jeanne Lillegard: Summer reading program is going on, theme this year is "On Your Marks, Get Set, Read!" in honor of the Olympics. Next Thursday group will be having "Olympics" and picnic on courthouse lawn. Sydney Von Bergen is helping with the program this year for a 4-H project. Library expansion- Decided to go ahead with the building project, with a \$650,000 budget instead of the original plan. They will be meeting on the 26th with the architect to see what they can do with reduced amount. Hope to break ground April 1st.

DES Coordinator Bonnie Ostertag: Used Ominlert last night to send tornado warning message and for the vehicle accident. More are signing up, getting good comments from the public. Full Scale went well, finishing up with After Action Review today. Small fire on FS land last week, Hobson and Forest Service responded ¼ acre. May be more fires with all of the lightning the last few days.

Commissioner Tucker Hughes: FLAP- County hasn't heard back yet. Funds left from sign project with forest service, may be able to use for more signs or bridges. Ross Fork Bridge Project- has to go to 17 Legislature. Weed spraying went well this year. Policy Manual- draft should be done today. Health District now has all offices in one building. There is still a junk vehicle program; if you have vehicles need to call them.

Road/Weed/Bridge Supervisor Roger Riley: Business as usual, doing some mowing. Crusher is down again, but doing graveling when crusher works. If anyone has a weed problem they need to call Roger. Weed Grants- Whitetop Grant is a continuing grant for the Sapphire Village, Judith River area. Asked for \$32,000 this year and received \$17,000. Knapweed Grant is a new grant for the Raynesford area. Asked for \$17,000 and received \$10,000.

Commissioner Cody McDonald: Working on budgets. There are budget increases over last year. Cody thanked all departments for watching their budgets.

Clerk of Court Julie Peevey: Transportation meeting today, routes is set for this year. Had a two day jury trial last week and several upcoming trials. There is a big concern in the courtroom with all of the electrical cords that are strung across the floor. This is a huge safety issue. There are only two outlets to take care of all the electronics being used for trials.

Justice of Peace Larry Carver: Jury trial on Thursday, will probably last all day. There are two more trials coming up in October or November. The lack of electrical outlets is an issue and safety concern.

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Elevator update: will be talking to the engineer this afternoon about west wall project and elevator. Want to make sure it is done right, so will look at all the options.

Absent:

Clerk & Recorder Amanda H. Kelly
Extension Agent Katie Hatlelid
Treasurer Tammy Zier
County Attorney Heather Perry
Maintenance Rodney Ridgeway

Commissioner McDonald moved to appoint Rosalie Bruchez as the Consumer Representative and Commissioner Moore to the Area II Agency on Aging, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the July 12, 2015 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Sheriff Jon Schmitt – discussed new pickup options. Jon is awaiting a call from dealer.

Sheriff Jon Schmitt & Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly – worked on the Undersheriff and Deputies Compensation and Work Hours draft resolution.

Call from Greg Benjamin – Elevator proposal is close to \$500,000.00, discussed West Wall Project and is carpeting an option for the acoustics in the courtroom?

Work with Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly on the draft of the Employee Personnel Manual.

Commissioner Hughes called Jim Yeagley and told him Judith Basin County wanted to continue contracting County Planning Services with him.

Department of Transportation phone call about Railroad Crossing in Windham meeting on July 27th.

ATTESTED:


CHAIRMAN TUCKER HUGHES


CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA KELLY

**PUBLIC HEARING
HOBSON POOL PROPOSAL
July 20, 2016
Hobson Senior Center**

Present at the hearing: Commissioner Cody McDonald
Commissioner James Moore
County Attorney Heather Perry
Hobson Mayor Loren Drivdahl
Hobson Clerk Bill Spratt
Hobson Councilperson Larry Denton
Hobson Councilperson Paulette Matlosz
Hobson Councilperson Ronald Peevey
Public: Dale Longfellow, Nealy Campbell, Gary Durfey and Judith Basin Press
Vicky McCray

Cody and Heather explained the reason for the meeting and the role of the county commissioners with regard to accepting a request from the Town Council to forward the issue of continuing the special pool district to the voters by a mail ballot.

Discussion was held regarding the special pool district which was voted into place 5 years ago. Discussion included duration, expected expenses, and whether or not to continue to use the school district boundaries.

The Town Council and Mayor provided Jim and Cody with financial statements and other information. Everyone present spoke in support of continuing the special district rather than reverting back to the private fundraising done in the past through the pool fundraiser and other events. No one spoke in opposition to the special pool district.

The commissioners will prepare a detailed resolution for review at a public hearing and will set the matter for action at the next regular meeting after the public hearing. If the resolution passes the issue will be put to the voters in the Hobson School District by mail ballot before December 31, 2016.

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