

JUDITH BASIN CO COMMISSIONER MINUTES / FY16

REGULAR MEETING

June 7, 2016

Present: Commissioner Tucker Hughes
Commissioner Cody McDonald
Commissioner James Moore

Also present: DES Coordinator Bonnie Ostertag
Clerk of Court Julie Peevey
County Attorney Heather Perry
Road/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley
Sheriff Jon Schmitt
Treasurer Tammy Zier
Dennis Hatlelid
Robert & Sarah Ozment
Vance Todd
Jason Boggess, Jessica Goodhart & Ward Smail DOR

Commissioner Moore so moved to approve June 7, 2016 Agenda, second Commissioner Hughes, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore so moved to approve May 26, 2016 minutes, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Public Meeting to Discuss Ownership and Taxation Issues on Property Mistakenly Deeded

As scheduled on the duly noticed Agenda, the Judith Basin County Commissioners held a public meeting on June 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to meet with various affected parties concerning real property mistakenly deeded by the county in 1984.

Present were: Commissioner Tucker Hughes, Commissioner Jim Moore, Commissioner Cody McDonald, County Attorney Heather Perry, Pat and Sarah Ozment, and Department of Revenue Employees Jason Boggess, Ward Smail, and Jessica Goodhart.

Commissioner Hughes called the meeting to order and asked for a statement from Ozments to explain the issues with ownership and taxation of the property at issue. The property at issue is referred to as the Moccasin football field and is about 1.0 acre in size. Jason Boggess responded to the concerns of Ozments on behalf of their granddaughter Kaitlyn Campbell.

Based on historical deed and taxation research it appears the Moccasin School mistakenly transferred the property to the Stanford School and following several other transfers to non-profit entities it was transferred to the County. The County mistakenly sold the property to David Arnott in 1984 even though it appears the County did not have clear title to do so. The property has been owned by the Combellick family since 1947 and the current owner has paid taxes on the parcel

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under his deed since 1983. No actual determination of ownership has been made by the District Court with regard to this parcel.

In the fall of 2015 Sarah Ozment realized they had not been paying taxes on the parcel and paid the last 5 years of taxes. After much discussion the Commissioners asked the Department of Revenue to prepare a notice for them to review so they could approve a refund to Kaitlyn Campbell for the amount of taxes paid last fall.

Tammy Zier – FY17 Wage proposal Gloria Hungate

Heather Perry – FY17 Wage proposal Amanda Steele

Julie Peevey – FY17 Wage proposal Bonnie Soulsby

Jon Schmitt – FY17 Wage proposal Part-time officers and Jennifer Taylor

Bonnie Ostertag – discussion of Fire Exercises and quote on conference phone for the meeting room; \$1,200.00, Commissioners requested Bonnie to order the phone.

DOR Jessica Goodhart presented Cancellation Order No. 347 for Katlin R. Campbell, Chairman G.C. Tucker Hughes signed.

Vance Todd – discussed unimproved roads.


Dennis Hatlelid – discussed the Benchland Road and its much improved with gravel

Roger Riley – FY17 Wage proposal options for Road Department employees.

ATTESTED:



Amanda H. Kelly; Clerk & Recorder



G.C. Tucker Hughes, Chairman