

Judith Basin Co. Commissioner Minutes | FY18

Regular Meeting
March 7, 2018

PRESENT: Commissioner Cody McDonald
Commissioner Don Hajenga
Commissioner James Moore

Also present: Ambulance Coordinator Suzanne Aune
Extension Agent Katie Hatlelid
DES Coordinator Michael Howell
Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly
County Attorney Heather Perry
Road/Weed/Bridge Supervisor Roger Riley
Sheriff Jon Schmitt

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

Commissioner Hajenga moved to approve the February 28, 2018 minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion carried.

Election Administrator Amanda Kelly reported that she canceled the Judith Basin Rural Fire District, Hobson Rural Fire District, Geyser Water/Sewer District and Surprise Creek Colony Water Sewer District Trustee Elections as the candidates filed equal the positions open on each of the boards. By law the Commissioners have the option to pass a Resolution requesting that the elections be held. Commissioner Hajenga moved to accept the Cancellations, second by Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioners and DES Coordinator Mike Howell held a conference call with Supervisor Recovery Specialist/MT DES Tim Thennis on questions concerning an Emergency Declaration and Declaring a Disaster. Tim explained that the Chairman of the Board has the ability as he sees fit to make an Emergency Declaration, but if a Disaster is declared it is a Board Resolution. The resolution would give the board the authority to mill up to 2 mills. (Maximum millage is 2-mills per budget year) Tim also pointed out that the Disaster mills cannot be used to help with budgeted items in other words a normal item that has exceeded spending; for example plowing snow would only be allowable if it related to emergency services (ambulance, fire or Sheriff office operations) Declarations without 2 mills; activates Emergency Operation Plans. When a Presidential Disaster is Declared and FEMA enters into the picture a county would still have options on adding the 2 mills or not. But they are obligated to meet the value of 2-mills if federal funds are used.

County Attorney Perry – discussed Buffalo Canyon Road. (area in question is from Pat McNulty's residence south to forest service access). Heather will contact B Hopkins legal counsel at MACO for clarification on the term Road District.

Sheriff Schmitt

1– reported that the generator testing has not worked since the new wiring into the building was installed.

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2- lights are not working on towers west of Stanford

Ambulance Coord. S Aune. – in to discuss Geyser Ambulance (hit deer).

Extension Agent K Hatlelid - Commissioners asked for clarification on a claim that was submitted by Katie on a 4-H program used for Fair entries.


JB County Insurance Board meet with MACO Health Care Trust Pam Walling to discuss preliminary rates, Health screening scheduled for April 4, plan changes (retirees will be allowed to change plans mid-year, OPED medication controls have been tightened up and plans are moving from PPO's to Referred Base Pricing) and Open Enrollment/April 1st – June 15. The Trust is working on Plan Performance Reports and a Standardize Form/CDL Physicals. Pam will send final rates for FY18-19 by March 21st, at that time the insurance board will reconvene and make a benefit recommendations to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Moore called Bob McCray on a rotunda railing. Bob will come and look and get back to him.

Commissioner Hajenga moved to accept February 2018 Reconciliation Report, Commissioner Moore, second, motion passed.

R Riley – updated the commissioners on road conditions and equipment.

ATTESTED:


COMMISSIONER CODY MCDONALD


CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY