

# JUDITH BASIN CO COMMISSIONER MINUTES / FY16

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## REGULAR MEETING

March 8, 2016

Present: Commissioner Tucker Hughes  
Commissioner Cody McDonald (afternoon)  
Commissioner James Moore

Also present: Deputy Treasure Gloria Hungate  
Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly  
DES Coordinator Bonnie Ostertag  
County Attorney Heather Perry  
DOR Jessica Goodhart

Commissioner Moore moved to approve March 8, 2016 Agenda, second Commissioner Hughes, motion passed.

Jessica & Gloria – Tax Cancellation Order’s 334, 335, 336, 337 & 338 for Phillips 66 Pipeline Protested tax settlement. Signed by Chairman Hughes

Bonnie – question on Extension/Rural Addressing Pickup?

Heather – July 2016 would be the best time work on the acoustics in the courtroom.

### **PUBLIC HEARING: Judith Basin County’s Bridge Replacement Program**

Present: Commissioner Tucker Hughes  
Commissioner Cody McDonald  
Commissioner James Moore  
Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly  
County Attorney Heather Perry  
Road/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley  
Stahly Engineering Greg Benjamin  
Stahly Engineering Robie Culver

Chairman Tucker Hughes opened the Public Hearing at 1:30 p.m.

Stahly Engineering Greg Benjamin distributed handout entitled “Judith Basin County 2016 TSEP Grant Application” Bridge Funding and Structure Selection. The Preliminary Engineering Report written for this year’s application for TSEP Grant Funding will review existing condition of Judith Basin Counties 22-bridges over 20-feet in length that are inspected by MDT. Of the 22 bridges only 3 bridges have a sufficiency rating of less than 50, they are Birch Road over Ross Fork Creek, Hauck Cooley Road over Ross Fork Creek and Riverside Ranch Road over the Judith River. The Riverside Ranch Road bridge was re-decked in February 2016. Of these 3 bridges the Hauck Cooley Road Bridge MDT #L23028002+04001 scores strong for the grant application purpose. TSEP Grant committee will award funds to entities that do their homework behind making a decision on which bridge is chosen. Additional information needed for the application is an inventory of all bridges in the county that falls under 20-feet. Greg has asked Roger to provide him with that information prior to the May 4, 2016 application deadline.

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TSEP Applications are scored and ranked on seven criteria: Health and Safety problems, financial need, Design approach, Long-Term Co. Planning, Funding package, Economic development and Community support. Montana Department of Commerce ranked TSEP applications are presented to the 2017 Legislature for final approval.


Greg explained there are 3 types of TSEP Grants: 1-Preliminary Engineering Report & Plans for application, 2-Planning for Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and 3-funds to complete bridge inventory with NBI & load ratings. Possibly the next grant application cycle the county commissioners should consider applying for a grant to help with the expense for the under 20-foot bridge inventory. In the meantime the county needs to establish how they want to handle bridges under 20-feet. The county is responsible for documentation & inspection every 2-years on every bridge. Greg also suggested keeping a culvert inventory.

Being no further comment, Stahly Engineering will complete the TSEP application for the May 4, 2016 deadline, requesting funding to replace the Hauck Cooley Road Bridge.

Elevator Feasibility – The Judith Basin County Commission requested Stahly Engineering to look into cost of installing an elevator in the JB County Courthouse. Greg presented 3-options; option 1-Limited Use/Limited Application Elevator in existing side stairwell, option 2-Vertical Platform Lift in existing side stairwell and option 3-Commercial inclined stair platform lift (stair rail mounted). After discussion option 3 – lift was dismissed. Preliminary figures are between \$100,000 and \$250,000 for elevator option 1 & 2. However, Greg would like permission to sub-contract an Architecture firm to look at installing an elevator in the center of the rotunda. Greg believes the cost would be equal to or less and also the installation of an elevator in that area wouldn't be as invasive to the building as removal of a stairwell. Commission agreed it was worth looking into. Commissioner McDonald requested this information by June, so if the decision is to proceed the project can be worked into the FY16-17 Budget.

Stahly Engineering Robie Culver – worked through the draft of the Judith Basin County Growth Policy that has been prepared by the Judith Basin County Planning Board with Commissioners, County Attorney, Roger Riley member Planning Board and Amanda Kelly Clerk of the Planning Board. Commissioners and County Attorney Heather Perry requested some clarifications and made a few suggestions for additions and changes to the draft. The next step in the process will be for Robie and the Planning Board to meet and review suggestions and prepare the document for the public review.

ATTESTED:

  
Amanda H. Kelly; Clerk & Recorder

  
G.C. Tucker Hughes, Chairman