

Deer Lodge, Montana

February 21, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., and Doug Crachy.

Commissioner Mannix attended the Safety meeting, upon his return he gave a report on the meeting.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to appoint Pat Riehl to the Board of Adjustments, Tammy Schusted to the Powell County Weed Board following board approval.

Commissioner Sager signed a lease between the Deer Lodge City/County Airport and Brad and Monica Anderson for building an airplane hangar.

Safety Director, Ruth Koehler, told the Board the results of Steve Pocha's injury to his arm, he may need surgery to reattach bicep.

The Commissioners received a letter of resignation from Cindy Frazer from the Blue Ribbon Pavilion Board, and Suzi Graveley from the Fair Board. It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Crachy to accept their resignations and thank them for their years of service. Motion carried.

Commissioner Sager attended the Airport Board meeting. Commissioner Crachy attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting. Commissioner Mannix attended the Weed Board meeting in the afternoon, reports were given upon return.

Ruth Koehler presented Occupational Safety & Health Act (OSHA) and pre-disaster mitigation letter to board for approval.

Commissioners approved and signed the Partial Plat Abandonment which has been in the works for many years and will be very beneficial to the property owners in the township of Ovando.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the Road District shape file developed by Ricki Bauer, GIS, with some questions to be answered when she is well enough to return to work.

A letter was sent to Disaster & Emergency Services authorizing Brian Bender as agent for the pre-disaster mitigation report.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:


DANIEL G SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

February 22, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., and Doug Crachy.

Commissioner Crachy called the meeting to order. Commissioner Sager attended the Western Montana Mental Health meeting, upon his return he gave a report.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Disaster and Emergency Services coordinator, Ruth Koehler, is meeting with Regional Coordinator, Martha Smith, to review the Powell County grant application.

Newland & Company continued with the yearly audit.


County Planner, Carl Hamming, was in to discuss the Planning Board vacancy.

Kathy Bair informed the Commissioners that the Deer Lodge Preservation committee is sending a grant application to the Big Sky Foundation for the complete restoration of the Deer Lodge Hotel.

The Commissioners met with the members of the Fair and Blue Ribbon Boards. The makeup of the boards and number of committees was discussed. Different ideas were given on number of boards and the pros and cons were discussed. In attendance were, Troy McQueary, Chad Walker, Amanda Amberg, Ruth Koehler, Allan Johns, Cindy Frazer, Jody Pauley and Sandy Porter. The Commissioners thanked all those present for their service on the boards and their ideas for the best way to reorganize for the future. The Commissioners will determine the best way to proceed and will advise the members of the board.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:


DANIEL G SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


JODY WALKER, Clerk

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February 27, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., and Doug Crachy.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

The drawing of salary warrants #21703 - #21732 for Officers, Deputies, Foremen, Clerks and Appointees from various accounts for the month of February, 2017, were approved and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Sandy Porter updated the Commissioners on the progress at the Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Plumbing and heating are progressing well. Job Corp is ready to start putting on the railings around the ramp.

Greg Muller was in with questions about property appraisal. Will provide the information requested tomorrow.

Fair Board member Dick Perkins was unable to attend the previous meeting.

Rachel Feigley and Brian Story, representatives for the Lolo National Forest requested that the board reauthorize the maintenance agreement.

Powell county Treasurer, Pam Reighard, presented a list of three checks totaling \$102.29 issued between 2007 and 2014 that have never been cashed. The Board of Commissioners voted to concede said warrants; check #4344 2/21/2007 \$81.13 Sureway Systems, #4752 3/20/2012 \$17.00 Clearwater Equipment, and #5093 3/5/2014 \$4.16 Ann Schoonover, WHEREAS, Section 7-6-2607 (2) states the Board of County Commissioners may cause to be entered on the record of warrants, opposite to the entry of each warrant issued, the date when the warrant was canceled: must make a list of cancelled warrants, specifying the number, date, amount and the person to whom the same is payable, and must cause the list to be entered on the minutes of the board.

Gary Chilcott discussed location and improvement to the Powell County Trail System.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:


DANIEL G SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


JODY WALKER, Clerk

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February 28, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., and Doug Crachy.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

The Highway Rail Crossing agreement, to add a signal to Snowshoe Crossing, was examined and discussed. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to enter into the cooperative agreement with Montana Department of Transportation, Montana Rail Link and Powell County RRP 39(45) [9124]. Motion carried.

Loretta Holland, representing Doug Johnson, was in questioning a tax bill.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:


DANIEL G SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


JODY WALKER, Clerk

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March 6, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., and Doug Crachy.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

The Commissioners signed Task Order #1 between Great West Engineering, the City of Deer Lodge and Powell County for the Pre-disaster Mitigation manual.

The Commissioners attend the Health Board meeting at noon.

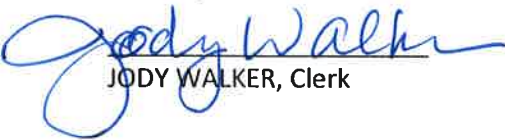
Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of February, 2017, warrant # 58286 - # 58393 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:


DANIEL G SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


JODY WALKER, Clerk

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March 7, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., and Doug Crachy.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Commissioner Mannix attended the Watershed Restoration Council meeting, upon his return he gave a report. Commissioner Crachy attended a meeting in Granite County, on the composting plant in Drummond.

Sandy Porter updated the Commissioners on the Blue Ribbon Pavilion. All is going well, showers will be installed and they will start sheetrock in the bathrooms.


Bob Toole visited with the Commissioners on happenings in Deer Lodge and had questions on the Blue Ribbon Pavilion.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed the closeout agreement for Contract No: DOT-FA13NM-2021 Environmental Assessment for the Airport Board.

Commissioner Sager attended the Landfill Board meeting at 5:00 p.m.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:


DANIEL G SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


JODY WALKER, Clerk

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March 8, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., and Doug Crachy.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

The Commissioners sent a letter to Representative Mike Cuff requesting consideration of funding to cover Montana Department of Transportation's indirect cost for the replacement of the Conley Street Bridge.

Maintenance Supervisor, Fred Kuchinski, reported that the shut off valve for the Fair Ground caretaker's house is filled with ice so he cannot check for leaks on the repairs that have been done.

The Commissioners went with Sheriff Howard to conduct a jail inspection while there, they had a chance to observe a Meth addict in detox and were told this will continue for five to twelve days depending on purity of the drug. Sheriff Howard stated they average at least one per week.

The Commissioners received official notification that the Department of Natural Resource & Conservation (DNRC) has awarded Powell County a \$5,000.00 local government forestry assistance grant which may be used for meeting expenses, travel, and other costs associated with co-op meetings between Powell County and State & Federal agencies for management of Powell County Forest lands.

County Attorney, Lewis Smith, updated the Commissioners on the Ovando Plat Abandonment, Nelson sentencing, jail population, and Cross Roads 1 land value.

Paul Babb, Northwestern Energy committee Relations Manager, came in to explain what Northwestern Energy's plans are for labor force in Deer Lodge. They are probably not going to replace linemen that retire and will locate new employees in Anaconda. The Commissioners expressed their concern of more jobs lost in Powell County and longer response time for customers.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:


DANIEL G SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jody Walker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

JODY WALKER, Clerk