

Montana Mental Health meeting in Butte in the morning, returning at 1:00 P.M. Commisisoner Mannix was absent.

The Board agreed to the Yearly Certification of Roadway Mileage as presented by the Montana Department of Transportation (DOT). Maps were mailed to the DOT.

Commissioner Pohle and Commissioner Young attended the Montana National Guard Unexploded Ordinance Program briefing held at the program office.

Sheila Finco, IT Coordinator, provided costs from Digital Imaging Systems (DIS) for requests for computer maintenance.

County Attorney Lewis Smith requested permission to refer a case to the Attorney General. Permission was granted.

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

APPROVED:


CELE POHLE, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


DIANE S. GREY, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

April 7, 2014

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Cele Pohle and Member Donna Young. Commissioner Mannix joined the meeting at 1:00 P.M.

Clerk and Recorder Diane Grey presented correspondence.

Commissioner Pohle reported she attended meetings of Headwaters Resource Conservations and Development on March 28th and 31st.

Commissioner Pohle reported on the Deer Lodge Landfill meeting held April 2nd. A budget amendment will be necessary to address equipment repair to the compactor. A motion was passed to have an Administrative Assistant to provide duties of secretary, billing of contractors, etc. Since these duties are included in the job description of the Financial Officer, duties will be assumed by that position.

The Board received notice from the Powell County Museum and Arts Foundation of notice to terminate an Agreement with Arrow Stone Park to provide maintenance services at the Park effective April 30, 2014.

Planner Brian Bender presented the proposed revised by-laws for the Arrow Stone Park. Commissioner Young moved to adopt the by laws as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pohle and the motion carried.

Tim Love, Seeley Lake District Ranger and Kevin Glanz, Roads Manager, met with the Board concerning the Road Maintenance Plan, Schedule A. The Board signed the Agreement. Tim Love complimented the Weed Coordinator for her outstanding leadership in effective weed management in north Powell County.

The Board attended the press conference called by Governor Steve Bullock at Sun Mountain Logging to announce projects to propose to the Forest Service for forest health under the provisions of the Farm Bill.

Planner Brian Bender updated the Board about the ongoing Planning Department projects.

Disaster and Emergency Coordinator Ruth Koehler reported on the Safety Fest Montana she attended March 24-27. She presented the application for the Emergency Management Program Grant (EMPG). Commissioner Pohle signed the grant application.

The following letter of support was mailed to the Southwest Drug Task Force:

April 7, 2014

Montana Board of Crime Control
3075 N Montana Ave
PO Box 201408
Helena, MT 59620-1408

RE: Southwest Montana Drug Task Force Grant RFP#14-09 (G)

Dear Ladies and Gentleman:

This letter is in support of future funding for the Southwest Montana Drug Task Force (SWMDTF) using the Byrne Formula Grant Program funds.

We have seen the benefit of the SWMDTF to our community and can imagine what the impact of the loss of the task force would be. I know that very few, if any, of the participating agencies would be able to continue the concentrated effort to curtail or hinder dangerous drug violations within their jurisdictional boundaries without the assistance of the SWMDTF. This area of the state is sparsely populated and covers a large geographical area. These factors alone hamper individual agencies in drug trafficking violations, which are normally multijurisdictional in nature. The SWMDTF provides a cohesive tie to all of the participating agencies, which enhances the

interagency coordination of investigations and efforts to stem the flow of dangerous drugs within our communities.

Sincerely,

Powell County Board of Commissioners

s/ Cele Pohle, Presiding Officer

s/ Donna Young, Member

s/ Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., Member

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:



CELE POHLE, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



DIANE S. GREY, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

April 8, 2014

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Cele Pohle and Member Donna Young. Commissioner Mannix is excused.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of March, 2014, and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

The Board of Commissioners replied favorably to a request by the Deer Lodge Development Group to include the Powell County Courthouse in the Historic Deer Lodge smart phone tour.

Commissioner Pohle signed the FAA-Airports Division request for reimbursement for Grant #A.I.P. 3-30-0021-011-2013.

Sarah Bannon, Southwest Montana Tourism, visited with the Board about upcoming Department of Transportation projects.

The Board of Commissioners received the following response to Fiscal Year 2013 Audit Report:

Department of Administration
State Accounting Division
PO Box 200102
Helena, MT 59620-0547

March 25, 2014

County Commissioners
Powell County
409 Missouri Ave
Deer Lodge MT 59722-1084

Re: Respond to FY 2013 Audit Report

Thank you for notifying us of the actions that have been or will be taken, regarding the audit deficiencies or recommendations contained in the management letter and/or audit report, for the Powell County for the fiscal year(s) ended June 30, 2013. Your auditor, Newland and Company, Butte, Certified Public Accounting, issued that report to you on February 7, 2014.

Pursuant to State law, we've reviewed your corrective action plan or response and are notifying you of our acceptance. Please note that our acceptance is based on our understanding of the audit deficiencies or recommendations and responses as written. You may wish to contact the auditor to ensure that your corrective actions address the auditor's findings satisfactorily and completely.

Please contact me at 406-841-2909 or jryan@mt.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

s/ Jeannie Ryan
Administrative Assistant
Local Government Services Bureau

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:


CELE POHLE, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


DIANE S. GREY, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

April 9, 2014

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Cele Pohle and Member Donna Young. Commissioner Mannix joined the meeting at 1:00 P.M.

The Board approved the updated job description of the Financial Officer.

Gary Hablutzel, Joint Powers Trust, presented the renewal for health insurance. Commissioner Young moved to renew with Joint Powers Trust for 2014-15, Option 4 for low deductible and high deductible plans. Commissioner Pohle seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Board attended the health information session presented by Joint Powers Trust/Two Medicine at 1:00 P.M. at the Community Center.

The County Attorney notified the Attorney General Fox of a request for special counsel for Powell County Sheriff's Investigations No. 214CR0000008.

The following letter will be signed and sent to the Coast Guard:

April 10, 2014

Robert Hildebrand
Senior Project Manager
U.S. Coast Guard
National Pollution Funds Center
4200 Wilson Blvd, Suite 1000
Arlington, VA 22203-1804

RE: Milwaukee Roundhouse Reimbursement

Mr. Hildebrand:

We received your letter and billing notice for emergency cleanup at the Milwaukee Roundhouse. Powell County is unable to pay this invoice due to the County's financial condition. In the current budget year, the general fund expenditures exceed the revenue by \$664,000. A cash reserve is necessary to meet obligations of the County between tax collections to ensure there is no interruption of public services.

The Roundhouse site is a significant concern to the Commissioners as demonstrated by their decision to acquire the property in order to obtain the necessary grants to fund its cleanup. The Commissioners made that difficult decision as a means to reduce risks to public health since the property sat abandoned for over thirty years. The time was right to eliminate a blighted property from the community's landscape.

More recently, the Commissioners encouraged the efforts of the County Planner to coordinate site efforts with federal and state agencies. These efforts include having an improved dialogue with these agencies, facilitating a comprehensive sampling scheme, and composing reuse plans for the site.

Please do not interpret this letter as an example of Powell County's lack of commitment to the Milwaukee Roundhouse. The County has a strong dedication to convert this site into a positive attribute for the community. That commitment equals to over \$900,000 the County has sought through grants for mitigation. These funds alongside the assistance by the Environmental Protection Agency achieved substantial progress at the site. Although Powell County is not in a position to reimburse for this assistance, the County Commissioners greatly appreciate the help.

Therefore, we respectfully request reconsideration of this billing notice by the Coast Guard and the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,

s/ Cele Pohle
Presiding Officer

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:


CELE POHLE, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


DIANE S. GREY, Clerk