

Deer Lodge, Montana

October 6, 2014

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Cele Pohle and Members Donna Young and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Commissioner Pohle signed a Letter of Transmittal for Request for Funds for Contract #MT-TSEP-CG-10-519.

Election Administrator, Diane Grey, presented the list of General Election Judges. The list was approved by consensus.

Commissioner Pohle reported she met with Christ Laity, Great West Engineering and Bruce Anderson of Deer Lodge Asphalt to confirm the time frame and conditions for the construction of Center Street Bridge.

Commissioner Pohle reported the Railroad Crossing on Crossroads 1 was blocked last week due to a non-compliance of an Agreement from 1964, to provide pavement at the crossing. The pavement was completed by Gilman Construction and the road reopened. Landowners on Crossroads 1 were contacted and met with Commissioner Pohle, County Attorney Lewis Smith and District 1 road foreman Gary Larson on October 2, 2014. The landowners are in agreement that it is in the best interest of all to establish a county road. The County Attorney will prepare a Petition.

Commissioner Pohle attended the Council on Aging meeting held September 29, 2014.

Mike Blakeley of Newland and Company postponed the schedule meeting with the Board concerning the letter of engagement for audit services.

Commissioner Mannix moved to table the 11:00 a.m. agenda item, waiver for Deer Lodge Asphalt until Tuesday morning. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the motion carried.

County Attorney, Lewis Smith, reported that due to a conflict of interest, he is referring the case of State of Montana vs Rogers to the Special prosecutor in the Attorney General's office.

Planner Brian Bender presented the August report. He was accompanied by Ricki Bauer. Commissioner Mannix moved to upgrade the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software to accommodate the needs of the department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Young and the motion carried.

County Attorney Lewis Smith met with the Board concerning the Petition to declare Crossroads 1 as a county road. Signatures will be verified and Commissioner Pohle was appointed as viewer.

The Board received the following letter concerning the road leading to the Avon County Shop and Avon Rural Disposal Site.

September 16, 2014

To: Powell County Commissioners

BEAUTIFUL FINDS ANTIQUES AND VINTAGE FURNITURE

Dear Commissioner Young:

This letter is in response to the request that we take down the corner of our fence that we just put up. There seems to be a concern for people being able to see around the fence at the corner.

First of all, we have done nothing that breaks any county regulations. We have also done nothing but improve the property since we purchased it. We are also helping the community of Avon by bringing in business and tourists. We support the other small businesses of the community by referring our clientele to them.

We are sorry that certain individuals in the community seem to not like change, but we are not going to cater to those few. It is very petty and selfish of these individuals to try and make problems for someone just trying to better themselves and there community.

As for the fence, we are not going to take any of it down because people can't seem to obey simple traffic laws. In the United States, we drive on the right side of the road, not the left. This goes for hard pack roads and dirt roads. If individuals cut the corner and drive on the wrong side of the road they will be responsible for any accidents that may happen. Speed is also an issue on the dump road. There is no reason to be driving 30 plus miles an hour.

If anything needs to be done, it should be a speed limit sign and a sign stating "Keep Right". The rules of the road have been in place for decades. If people can't follow them, they shouldn't be driving. That may sound harsh, but no harsher than asking us to take down our fence for a few individuals.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via e-mail not my wife, Julia. Due to working overseas, e-mail is my only source of reliable communication.

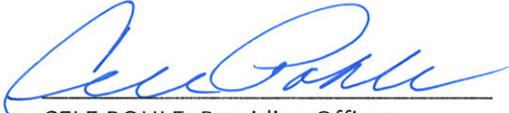
Thank you for your time and understanding.

Sincerely,

Rich Christian

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

APPROVED:


CELE POHLE, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


DIANE S. GREY, Clerk

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Cele Pohle and Members Donna Young and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

The following letter was received from the Ovando Museum:

Ovando, MT 59854
October 3, 2014

County Commissioners
Powell County Courthouse
Deer Lodge, MT 59722

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the donation to our Ovando Museum. It is greatly appreciated. We have had many guests from across the U.S. and Canada stop to enjoy our small museum and visit with us about past experiences in the area or ancestry searches.

The board met on September 30th and decided how to spend the \$2000.00 you sent us. These are the projects with estimated amounts for each. We need additional storage and shelving for current and stored displays, so this will be taken care of with purchase of additional storage facilities, shelving and plastic tubs with tight-fitting lids. The will cost from \$900 to \$1500.

We bought a DVD to use with some of our displays and the cost was \$60.00.

We will purchase a new dehumidifier because our old one quit and was not large enough to handle the museum needs. Approximate cost will be \$200.00

Again, thank you for thinking of us!

Sincerely,

Bard, Terry, Jan, Norma, Howie, & Carolyn (s/Carolyn Smith) Museum Board

The board participated in a conference call with Great West Engineering concerning information on Builders Risk Insurance. Following the call, Commissioner Young moved to remove from the table the agenda item from October 6. Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Young moved to waive the Builders Risk Insurance for Deer Lodge Asphalt for the Center Street Bridge project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mannix, and the motion carried.

Coroner John Pohle updated the Board concerning his Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) issue. He thanked the Board for the letter stating the elected position is considered to be full time position.

The Board signed the Montana State University Extension Service Agreement for the County portion of the department for Fiscal Year 2015 budget year.

Gary Habultzel of Employee Benefit Management Services (EBMS) explained the changes in the county health care plan due to the Affordable Care Act.

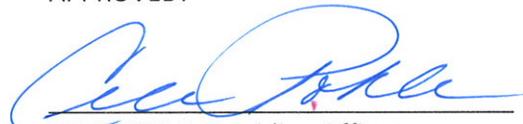
The pre-construction conference's minutes for the Center Street Bridge are on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

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

Payne West Insurance agents Rody Holman and Cheryl Sandquist met with the Board for a service review. They complimented the Board on their commitment to the Safety Program. Polly Smith was introduced. She will replace Cheryl, since she is retiring.

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

APPROVED:


CELE POHLE, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


DIANE S. GREY, Clerk

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October 8, 2014

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Cele Pohle and Members Donna Young and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

The Board received a Petition to declare Crossroad No. 1 a county road. Clerk and Recorder Diane Grey verified the signatures which were collected by County Attorney Lewis Smith.

Commissioner Mannix attended the Safety Commission meeting at 10:00 A.M.

Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator Ruth Koehler reported on the Monsoon Exercise held September 17. She also presented a report of the 2013-14 projects and goals completed. A copy 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:


CELE POHLE, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


DIANE S. GREY, Clerk