

Deer Lodge, Montana

November 30, 2011

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Members Donna Young and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. Commissioner Pohle attended the Area V Western Montana Mental Health meeting in the morning as joined the Commissioners meeting at 1:00 P.M.

The drawing of salary warrants for Officers, Deputies, Foremen, Clerks and Appointees from various accounts for the month of November, 2011, were approved and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

In the afternoon, Commissioner Mannix attended the funeral of Ole Billquist, long time Fair Board member.

The Board met with Mike Blakeley of Newland and Company concerning the county audit for 2011. Commissioner Young moved to contract with Newland and Company to conduct the 2011 audit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pohle and the motion carried. An original contract will be returned to the Clerk and Recorder.

Planner Brian Bender presented the final report and a certificate of compliance for Grant Agreement number RIIP-11-0039. This was accepted by the Board and signed by Commissioner Pohle.

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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December 6, 2011

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 Member Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. Commissioner Young is attending the second phase of Commissioner Training required for certification in Helena December 5th through the 9th.

Clerk and Recorder Diane Grey reviewed the correspondence with the Commissioners.

Those items needing attention were:

1. Signatures for extensions for two grants from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC). Garrison Wetlands Grant RIT-07-8675, Amendment #6 and Roundhouse Grant RIT-08-8681, Amendment #5.
2. Nationwide Retirement Plan Agreement to include additional products and services to our employees.
3. Correspondence from Senator Max Baucus in regard to his inquiry on our behalf with the Coast Guards' National Pollution Funds Center and Powell County's inability to pay the cost for the Roundhouse clean-up.
4. Correspondence from the Rialto in regard to the excess marble that we have on hand. The item will be addressed on Thursday, December 8th.

William Kohrs Library Chairman, Sheila Thompson and Librarian Khrys Suckow addressed the Commissioners on their plans to try to initiate a county wide levy for the library. The Commissioners voiced their concerns in regard to taxation of people so far away from the library. County Attorney Lewis Smith will review the Petition that they want placed on the ballot for the June 4th, 2012 primary election.

Discussion of a Personnel Grievance and Policy was held with Clerk and Recorder/Human Resource Officer Diane Grey and County Attorney Lewis Smith.

The new work order form as reviewed. This process will be implemented immediately. It will be attached to a Memo sent to all staff.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of November, 2011, 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:



CELE POHLE, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



DIANE S. GREY, Clerk

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December 7, 2011

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 Member Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Interviews were held with Danielle Stevenson and Darryl Barton in regards to the Health Informatics and Emergency Preparedness position.

Chris Laity with Great West Engineering and Gary Larson Road Foreman for District One advised the Commissioners of the safety issue with Dempsey Road Bridge.

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

APPROVED:


CELE POHLE, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


DIANE S. GREY, Clerk

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December 8, 2011

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Member Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., Presiding Officer Cele Pohle was at School District One.

Commissioner Pohle returned from the meeting with Rod Simpson, Superintendent of School District One.

The following was received from Chris Laity via email regarding the Dempsey Lake Road Bridge Closure:

On December 7, 2011, following the installation of the Greenhouse Road Bridge deck, I completed an inspection of the Dempsey Lake Road Bridge (DL55) located near Prison Ranch #2. The north abutment has rotated inward and is currently wedged between the deck and the creek. The deck is sitting on a corner of the wall and it is likely that additional movement of the abutment will cause the deck to collapse. In my opinion, this bridge has failed and is no longer capable of carrying traffic without a reasonable assurance that the deck will not collapse.

Recommendation

It is my recommendation to close the bridge and coordinate with the School District to develop a new bus route that bypasses this bridge. Local land owners should be contacted as well. Road Closed signs should be placed at the intersection of Perkins Road and Dempsey Lake Road and at the intersection of Quinlan Road and Dempsey Lake Road. This will leave the Yellowstone Trail and the Frontage Road as

the remaining north-south corridors in the area. This bridge is part of the 2009 TSEP program and is scheduled for replacement with a three side box culvert during the summer of 2012 by County forces. A telephone line is currently attached to the existing bridge and will need to be relocated during construction. Great West Engineering will accelerate the design and material solicitation package to replace the bridge as soon as possible.

Commissioner Mannix moved to close the Dempsey Lake Road Bridge DL55 by December 10th and that it will remain closed to traffic until new construction can take place. Commissioner Pohle seconded the motion. The motion passed. School District One and County Superintendent Jules Waber have been notified of closure.

The Rialto's request of any excess marble that the county might have was discussed. Fred Kuchinski, maintenance supervisor had met with Paul Vasquez, Rialto's representative. He sees no reason not to donate to the Rialto some of the marble. PJ Wright was present for the discussion. Commissioner Mannix moved to donate any marble that we might not have use for in any of our future repairs to the Rialto. Commissioner Pohle seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Mannix moved that the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator contract be awarded to Darryl Barton and that the starting date be the 12th of December, 2011. Commissioner Pohle seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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

APPROVED:


CELE POHLE, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


DIANE S. GREY, Clerk