

Deer Lodge, Montana

January 29, 2013

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

Clerk and Recorder Diane Grey presented correspondence.

The following committee report was given:

Commissioner Pohle:

1. Council on Aging – Director Dodie Rennfield will report on the Powell County Transportation Coordination Plan.

#### Powell County Transportation Coordination Plan

Powell County Public Transportation operated under Powell County Executive Board on Aging, a non-profit corporation. Throughout the remainder of this document, PCPT will be used to reference the transportation program.

PCPT is the only provider of transit for the general public in the Deer Lodge city limits and there is currently no public transportation in the surrounding communities of Powell County. The DAV van travels Deer Lodge as does the Granite County Transit (two times a month enroute to Helena. The Vehicle currently used by the PCPT is a 2003 Chevrolet Goshen 13 passenger para transit bus (this has the capacity of seating 12 forward facing ambulatory passengers, a driver, a wheelchair, and has two (2) wheelchair securement stations.) The bus system is a demand response, curb to curb choice. We ask participants to call 20-30 minutes prior to arrival time at the destination of their choice. Transportation is currently available Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with plans of being available until 5:00. The service area is city limits with those near city limits on a trial basis.

We would like to improve our transportation program by having a minivan for our primary use and to continue using the 13 passenger bus for those who require a wheelchair lift or for larger groups. When providing transportation there is usually only one person on the 13 passenger bus and a minivan would be more economical. This would also give us a backup vehicle in the event of a maintenance problem as we currently only have the 2003 Goshen. We hope to increase the service area in the future to the surrounding communities in Powell County and to medical appointments to Anaconda, Butte, or Missoula. We would like to also coordinate with the Regional Transportation program by possibly meeting the Granite Transit in Drummond for those needing Missoula transportation. Ridership is expected to grow over the upcoming year given the fact that we are now offering the bus to all people not only senior citizens or those with disabilities and we will have increased hours of operation. Transportation contact information will be listed every week in the local newspaper and ads will run once per month. Brochures or flyers will be located in county courthouse, city hall, medical centers, senior citizen center, post office, businesses, as will business cards with bus contact information and hours. The local oxygen company has offered to distribute flyers to all county residents they make home visits to. A local bank has offered to include advertising in their mailings.

Deer Lodge Care and Rehab nursing home uses the PCPT as back up when they are unable to provide local rides for residents using their own transportation. Deer Lodge Medical Center uses Powell County Transportation to provide rides if a patient is unable to transport themselves to and from the Center. This includes rides to doctor appointments, lab work, physical therapy, and to be seen at the ER when it

is not an emergency. Beyond Home Assisted Living residents also use the bus to get around town for shopping, socializing, and to medical appointments. Tina's House will be open in February to victims of domestic violence and the residents will be provided transportation by PCPT.

The bus currently provides free rides to and from the Powell County Senior Citizen Center. There are many seniors in the area who would otherwise be isolated without the services and options provided by PCPT. PCPT assists with getting seniors and others to needed services such as medical, dental, eye and therapy appointments with trips for other basic life necessities such as nutrition, shopping, banking, hair appointments, recreation/social, education, and employment.

The Powell County Public Transportation is currently working on MOU's with Deer Lodge Care and Rehab, Beyond Home Assisted Living, Tina's House Transition Home, Powell County Medical Center, Powell County Senior Citizen Center and Powell County Public Health.

The local TAC has members from the Powell County Senior Center, Lincare Oxygen, Deer Lodge Medical Center, members with disabilities, community members, drivers, local business, and local government officials. There are no designated officers at this time. This coordination plan has been developed in conjunction with the TAC, which represents the community at large. The public will be invited to make comments and recommendations.

The following letter was received by Marianne Saylor, RN, PHN in support:

January 22, 2013

From: Powell County Public Health Office

To: Powell County Commissioners

Subject: Powell County Transportation Program

The Powell County Council on Aging is attempting to purchase an additional vehicle for their Powell County Transportation Program. Obtaining a grant to assist in the vehicle purchase includes the requirement for receiving additional, matching funds that will be used to pay the driver for an increase in his daily hours.

The transportation program was initially offered as a service to senior citizens and disabled persons. In order to better serve the needs of the county and to more fully employ a driver, the program was expanded to include anyone with a valid need for transportation. This is not a taxi service. Rather, it is a service provided when no other options are available or when the lift capability of the vehicle is required due to a person's injury or disability.

The Powell County Public Health Office considers this a valuable public service and requests that the County Commissioners consider using PHEP money as a source of matching funds to assist the Council on Aging. Cost would be \$2,277.60 per year. The driver is paid \$8.76 per hour. This proposal would enable funding an extra hour per day for the driver, i.e., \$43.80 per week, \$175.21 per month, \$2,277.60 per year (52 weeks).

Thank you for considering this proposal.

Sincerely,

s/ Marianne Saylor, RN, PHN

The following letter of support for the Powell County Transportation Program was sent by the Board of Commissioners:

January 29, 2013

Dear Selection Committee:

We strongly and enthusiastically encourage the Montana Department of Transportation to consider awarding Powell County Council on Aging the operating grant and capital grant for improvements to the Powell County Public Transportation Program.

The Powell County Public Transportation Program is vital to the citizens of the Deer Lodge Community and potentially all of Powell County. In the past ten years Powell County Transportation Program has provided transportation to the senior and disabled population, and it has been determined that there is an unmet need to provide transportation to citizens of all ages in Deer Lodge as there is currently no other public or private transportation system available.

By receiving these grants the Powell County Public Transportation Program would be able to increase the availability of the hours of operation and operate more economically with a minivan rather than a 13 passenger bus. The majority of riders do not require the wheelchair lift and usually only one person is occupying the bus per ride.

If we can answer any questions or provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

s/ Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., Presiding Officer

s/ Cele Pohle

s/ Donna Young

At 1:00 P.M., Brian Bender, Planner, met with the Board to discuss his December monthly report. By consensus, the Board okayed the ESRI funding for \$7,600.00 for software.

Fred Kuchinski, custodian, and Ruth Koehler, Disaster and Emergency Services Director, met with the Board in regards to the Fire Drill results and the lessons learned. A new email with procedures has been sent out to all.

Court House Evacuation Procedures

**Fire Evacuation**

If fire alarm is activated all personnel will assist members of the public that may be in your office to immediately evacuate the building and then follow them outside.

- A. Evacuation will be done in a calm manner
- B. Employees are encouraged to check restrooms, etc. for stragglers and citizens as they leave their work area. Knock on the door, speak loudly into room, "everyone out, fire drill"
- C. When leaving work area, make sure all office windows and doors are closed, including any hallway doors.
- D. Take personal items and keys. If it is an actual fire you will not be allowed back into the building.
- E. All employees will gather at the fountain at the corner of Fourth and Missouri.
- F. Department heads will account for each member of their staff, this count (may be written or verbal) needs to be given to a member of the Sherriff's Office.

Sherriff's Office or OEM Coordinator will keep the County Commissioner's informed of the on-going situation.

Employees will stay at the gathering point until advised where to go by the OEM Director or the Sherriff's Office.

All media questions should be directed to the Powell County Sherriff's Office.

### **Bomb Threat Evacuation**

What do to if you observe any of the following:

Suspicious package, envelope, briefcase, back pack, pieces of pipe, anything that seems out of place in the area.

1. Contact Sheriff
2. Do not handle object
3. Sheriff will determine if the threat is valid and if evacuation should be ordered.
4. The fire drill with possible modifications will be announced for evacuation of the facility.

### **Court House Bomb Threat by phone**

1. Use the threat call check list
2. Prolong conversation as long as possible
3. Identify background noise
4. Note distinguishing voice characteristics
5. Interrogate the caller as to the description of the bomb: where is it, when will it explode
6. Determine callers knowledge of the facility
7. Do not hang up the phone---use another phone to call 911

At 2:30 P.M., the Board met with Lewis Smith, County Attorney, regarding acquisition of property for an easement that would be necessary for bridge rebuilding.

At 3:00 P.M., the Board met with Lewis Smith, County Attorney with regards to the following letter:

January 29, 2013

Ms. Susan Callaghan  
Attorney at Law  
17 South Main St.,  
Butte, Montana 59701

City of Deer Lodge  
City Council  
300 Main St.  
Deer Lodge, Montana 59722

Re: Termination of Joint Law Enforcement

Dear Ms. Callaghan and the City of Deer Lodge:

We are in receipt of your letter of January 24, 2013. We interpret your letter as a rejection of our last and final offer of January 10, 2013. Consequently, and in light of the termination of the Joint Law Enforcement Agreement effective December 17, 2012, we see no further need or point in continuing to discuss the matter of the "deconsolidation."

Sincerely,

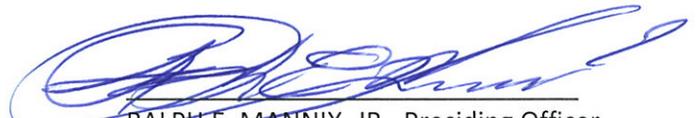
s/ Ralph E. "Rem" Mannix  
Presiding Officer  
Powell County Board of County Commissioners

RM/sl

Cc: Powell County Attorney  
Powell County Sheriff

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

APPROVED:



RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



DIANE S. GREY, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

January 30, 2013

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

At 10:30 A.M., Brian Bender, County Planner, and Cole Peebles, Great West Engineering, met with the Board to discuss with Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) members Denis Martin, Site Response Section Supervisor, Jason Seyler, VCR/CALA/Brownfields Coordinator and Charles Kennedy, Project Officer a review of the Roundhouse Project. Planning Grant #2, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), DEQ, and the Department of Natural Resource & Conservation (DNRC) co-ordination efforts will be utilized to the maximum the benefit for the completion of the Roundhouse.

The 5 year Capital Improvement Plan for 2013 through 2018 for the Deer Lodge City County Airport was reviewed and agreed to by consensus. The totals for the five years are as follows:

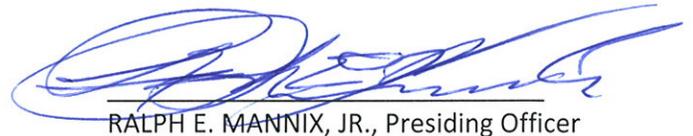
TOTAL FY 2013-2018	FEDERAL FUNDS			LOCAL FUNDS	
	St. Aprmnt	NPE	Discretionary	Other	Total
	\$2,099,700.00	\$920,000.00	\$0.00	\$335,522.00	\$3,355,222.00

The 2012 Annual Progress Report and Fee Calculation for the DEQ Opencut Mining Program was completed. The amount of \$2,451.80 will be submitted to the DEQ for Opencut Mining.

At 3:00 P.M., Commissioner Young went to the Park Board meeting.

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

APPROVED:



RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



DIANE S. GREY, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

January 31, 2013

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

At 10:00 A.M., the Commissioners attended the TwoMedicine presentation at the Community Center.

At 11:00 A.M., the Board met with Chad Lanes, Powell County Sanitarian. The Cooperative Agreement between the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and Board of Health was discussed. A copy of the Agreement is on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office. Mr. Lanes reported on his programs that he supervises for Powell County.

At 1:00 P.M., the Board met with Karen Laitala, Supervisor of the Weed Department and Lonnie Murphy and Jim Stone, Chair of the Weed Board. Ms. Laitala presented the coordinators' report for the Weed Department. The report is on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Commissioner Young presented the following report on the Park Board meeting held yesterday: Brian Bartowiak of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) presented the results of soil samples taken at Arrowstone Park. Mr. Bartowiak reported levels of arsenic and lead in the samples were within acceptable levels.

The following letter was sent to the Honorable Representative Ankeny:

January 31, 2013

Representative Ankeny, Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
Montana House of Representatives  
PO Box 200400  
Helena, MT 59620-0400

The Honorable Representative Ankeny:

The Powell County Board of Commissioners goes on record in support of TSEP funding for Center Street and Willow Creek Bridge Projects.

This request is extremely important to the safety of the citizens of Deer Lodge and Powell County.

The Center Street Bridge dropped in ranking due to a short detour which under normal conditions is true, however, during the 2011 flood, Center Street was one of only two single lane bridges that had the elevation to remain open until the state was able to reopen Main Street. With the majority of the population south of the creek and the hospital on the north side plus all of the equipment trucks, supplies, rip rap, sand bags, etc. that were being moved, this bridge became a major artery. Due to flood damage and age deterioration, this bridge has now been closed to traffic. Normally, the detour is minimal; however, during an emergency the detour becomes closer to twenty miles.

The Willow Creek Bridge is located south of Deer Lodge and is an access to the Montana State Prison Ranch. Two other bridges in the area were constructed at approximately the same time. One had been closed and has since been replaced. The second bridge is now closed and is scheduled to be replaced. It is our hope that the TSEP funding will enable us to get this bridge replaced before it is condemned and closed to traffic.

Sincerely,

POWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

s/ Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., Chair      s/ Cele Pohle, Member      s/ Donna Young, Member

The following letter was sent to the Secretary of States' office to be presented to the Legislature with regards to the Montana Votes Program used in the Powell County Election office:

To: Linda Stoll

From: Powell County Commissioners and Clerk and Recorder

Date: January 31, 2013

Re: HB2

We would encourage the legislature to support state funding for the Montana Votes program in House Bill 2. Powell County cannot afford this unfunded mandate from the State.

As a medium-small sized county our portion of the Montana Votes bill would be \$10,025.18. We have no idea where that money would come from. The Clerk and Recorder's office operates with the Clerk and Recorder/Election Administrator/Assessor and one deputy and we work with a bare bones budget. The only place we would be able to cut would be the deputy's hours, which would be an enormous hardship on this office. We do not use the Montana Votes except for the Primary and General Elections held in the even years. We do not use Montana Votes for our city or school elections.

Powell County would highly recommend a do pass on the Montana Votes Program.

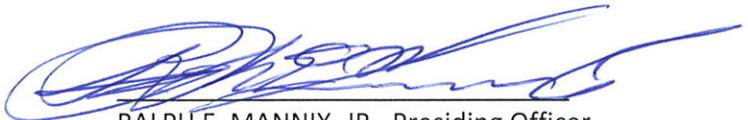
POWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

s/ Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., Chair      Cele Pohle, Member      Donna Young, Member

The Board received the Deer Lodge Sanitary Landfill Groundwater Sampling Report. The report, with regards to the November 6, 2012 time frame, is on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

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

APPROVED:



RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



DIANE S. GREY, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

February 1, 2013

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in special session at 2:00 o'clock P.M. Present: Presiding Officer Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. and Members Cele Pohle and Donna Young.

The purpose of the special session was the acquisition of the property for the Main Street Bridge Project.

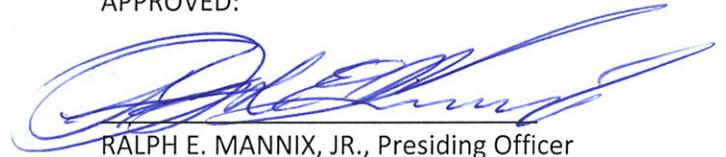
The Commissioners purchased a foreclosure property from Thomas Scott, Successor Trustee to Pioneer Federal Savings and Loan on a property owned by the Estate of Dell Young. The legal description is as follows:

Lots 18 and the South half of Lot 19, Block 21 of the Larabie Addition to the City of Deer Lodge according to the official map of the City of Deer Lodge, approved and accepted by the City Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

The successful bid price was \$35,100.00, by Presiding Officer Mannix. Those present were Thomas Scott, Patty Flynn, Julie Thompson and Bruce Anderson.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:



RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
DIANE S. GREY, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

February 4, 2013

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

Marty Dippold was in to discuss the Cow Path Road and the ice jam on the road.

Letters of interest for various Boards were received from the following: Marwan Saba, Airport Board, Carolyn Smith and Kenneth Martin, County Wide Planning Board and Shannon Sullivan, Council on Aging Board.

Commissioner Young moved to appoint the following volunteers to the various Boards. Commissioner Pohle seconded the motion.

Fair Board – Ruth Koehler, Dick Perkins, Suzie Graveley and Mike Applegate

Airport Board – Ron Kelley, Leonard Forson and Michelle McQueary

Weed Board – Bob Burns

County Wide Planning – Rick Hirsch, Randy Mannix, Bill Pierce, Bruce Thomas and Kenneth Martin

Deer Lodge Solid Waste Board – John Kent

Board of Health Board – Jennifer Spring

Veterans Burial Supervisor – Fred Verlanic

Office of Emergency Management – Ruth Koehler

Powell County Rural Disposal District – Doug Crachy

9-1-1 Board – Sheriff Howard, Richard Liles, Earl Hall, Ruth Koehler, Lori Schalk

Council on Aging Board – Joyce Martin and Claudia Dippold

Area XII Council on Aging – Elizabeth Smith

Board of Adjustments – Nancy Cline, Tom Gilbert, Carlene Armstrong and David Mannix

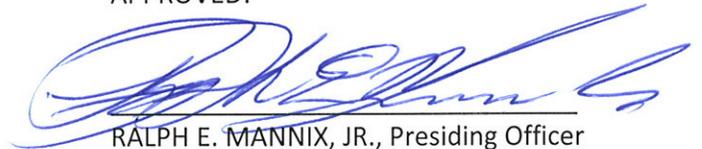
Blue Ribbon Pavilion – Susan Kibler and Lisa Bignell

The motion passed.

At 3:30 P.M., Commissioner Mannix left to attend the Ovando Post Office meeting.

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

APPROVED:



RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



DIANE S. GREY, Clerk