

ATTEST:

  
JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

July 3, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 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.

Powell County Fairgrounds chairman, Ruth Koehler, was in to explain the dismissal of the caretaker.

Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to approve a contract between Tom Clawson and Powell County to remove potential fire hazards at Arrowstone Park. Motion carried.

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

APPROVED:

  
DANIEL G SAGER, Presiding Officer

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Deer Lodge, Montana

July 5, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 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.

County Attorney, Lewis Smith, advised the board on Personnel Policy.

Sandy Porter reported on the Blue Ribbon Pavilion and will do an inspection at 1:00 p.m. today.

Commissioner Sager signed letter of termination of employee and the Sheriff's Department served it to the employee.

Sheriff Howard was in to discuss Montana Association of Counties Property and Causality value which was assigned to the shot up county vehicle.

The County received word from Montana Department of Transportation that the DUI Task Force plan has been approved and payments will be made quarterly.

County Planner Carl Hamming discussed budget and GIS duties.

County Attorney Lewis Smith was in to support hiring K.D. Feeback to do the Amicus Brief on Telegraph Creek Timber sale. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to retain K.D. up to \$7,500 for the brief. The county will explore sources of funding to reduce the amount Powell County is responsible for.

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

APPROVED:



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Deer Lodge, Montana

July 17, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Member Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Beki Glyde from Echo Enterprises was in proposing a housing unit of a 4 to 6 unit single story apartment on Warren Acres with one, two, and three bedroom combinations. Gene Lellwer is the Principal. The Commissioners will send letter of support to Montana Board of Housing for GL Development to receive federal grant to build this income adjustable housing.

Commissioner Sager signed amendment #2 to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Montana Department of Corrections and the Powell County Courthouse and Sheriff's office changing the amount of payment and the transportation of inmate workers.

Department of Natural Resource & Conversation (DNRC) & Fish Wildlife & Parks (FWP) personnel met with the Commissioners to discuss proposal for the FWP to purchase DNRC state trust

lands on Spotted Dog Wildlife management. They are looking for final sale in September 2018. In attendance was Randy Arnold, Julie Golla, Brian Robbins, Mike Thompson, Darlene Edge, Emily Cooper, Bob Storer, and Rick Northrup.

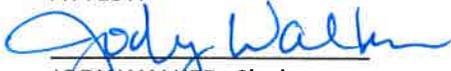
Earl Hall, County Fire Marshall, updated the Commissioners on fires in and around Powell County.

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

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July 18, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 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.

Sandy Porter and Ruth Koehler were in to discuss the Blue Ribbon Pavilion remodel. Ruth was asked to contact Lenard Thomas about installing a manifold to provide more water connections for vendors. Sandy reported he will get appliances moved in and Steve Lunceford will check them out for operation and wiring. The plumber has promised to have the grill ventilation completed by fair.

Sheri Wilson presented the Board with her Powell County Literacy Program annual Directors report. They has another successful year, however, due to a change in the law, the Powell County Literacy Program will not be eligible for the ABLE grant which is a loss of approximately \$30,000. The County will continue to support at \$1,200 per year if funds are available.

Carl Hamming, County Planner, updated the Commissioners on his meeting with Department of Natural Resource & Conservation (DNRC) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on Flood Plain rule changes. The Commissioners also informed him that they are pleased with his job performance and will give him the salary increase promised at hiring along with the increase of his duties, his new salary will be \$50,000.

Danielle Tribble from Senator Daines office introduced herself as our new liaison. She will try to visit quarterly. The discussion included Pilt, Secure Rural Schools, Waters of the US, Environmental Protection Agency, Wilderness designation, Environmental Impact Statement, and Health Insurance.

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

APPROVED:

  
DANIEL G SAGER, Presiding Officer

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Deer Lodge, Montana

July 19, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 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 received a letter of resignation from County Health Officer Paula Christensen who is leaving Deer Lodge Medical Center. Dr. Martin has agreed to fill the position.

Members of the public were in to discuss the County Weed Board budget. They stressed the importance of keeping the coordinator. In attendance were: Michael Stafford, George Tague, Virginia Causey, Linda Hogan, Jim Stone, and Joe Dippold.

The Compensation Board met with the Commissioners, members present were, Rick Duncan, Jody Walker, Pam Reighard, and Lewis Smith. Discussion centered on loss of Secure Rural Schools funding. The Board recommended a COLA increase if possible, if not to give a salary increase. It was also recommended a \$5.00 per year salary increase if no significant increase is possible. The Compensation board was against a \$5.00 increase to allow longevity for some and not others.

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

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Deer Lodge, Montana

July 24, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 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.

Disaster and Emergency Services coordinator Ruth Koehler was in and reported on fires and the fairgrounds.

Amanda Bohrer, Tobacco Prevention Specialist, was in for the signing of the Montana Clean Air Act implementation. Protocol which the Health Board had voted to support.

The Commissioners worked on the resolution for budget amendment.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

APPROVED:

  
DANIEL G SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

July 25, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 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.

Resumed working on the Budget Amendment. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2017-10 for the Budget Amendment. Motion carried.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
POWELL COUNTY, MONTANA

RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENT  
OF FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BUDGET

Resolution No. 2017-10

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Powell County, Montana have determined that the budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 requires amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, per Section 7-6-4006(4) MCA, a governing body may amend the budget during the fiscal year by conducting public hearings at regularly scheduled meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 7-1-2121 MCA, the Powell County Board of Commissioners has given proper notice of its intent to amend the 2016-2017 budget at a regular scheduled meeting;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by this Board of County Commissioners that the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget for Powell County Montana shall be, and is, hereby amended as follows:

\*\*\*See Exhibit A\*\*\* A copy is on file in the Clerk & Recorder's office

Done this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

s/ DANIEL G. SAGER, Member

s/ DOUG CRACHY, Member

s/ RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

ATTEST:

s/ JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

County Planner Carl Hamming presented the Sommers Subdivision No 2 plat for the Commissioner's comments. Commissioners examined the plat and comments and restrictions. All requirements have been met and the Planning Board recommends passage. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to approve Sommers Minor Subdivision of Tract 11-C3B1-A of Plat C-607. Motion carried.

Hired Ann O'Toole as temporary part time employee to help the County Planner's office.

Highway Patrol Office Tom Gill requested permission to bring dog he is training for Search & Rescue into the Court House for part of training. The Board granted permission.

Examined proposed department budgets.

Commissioner Sager conducted a jail inspection.

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

APPROVED:

  
DANIEL G SAGER, Presiding Officer

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July 26, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 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.

Sandy Porter and Ruth Koehler were in to discuss the progress Blue Ribbon Pavilion. The Board said to get it done, if volunteers and subs not available get someone who is.

Disaster & Emergency Services coordinator Ruth Koehler and the Board discussed fire restrictions. The Commissioners will meet with Fire Marshal, Earl Hall, at 1:00 p.m. to make a final decision.

Earl Hall, Lewis Smith, Scott Howard and the Board of County Commissioners met for a discussion on fire restrictions. North and West of I90 and HWY 12 are on Stage 2 fire restrictions for Federal and State lands effective July 27, 2017. All other Powell County land will have no restrictions at this time. Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Crachy seconded the motion to adopt Resolution #2017-11 Emergency Stage II Fire Restrictions. Motion carried.

POWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 2017-11  
STAGE TWO RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to Sections 7-33-2205 and 7-33-2212 MCA (201L), the Board of County Commissioners of Powell County, Montana hereby declare that an emergency has arisen within Powell County by reason of the extreme fire danger which exists in the county. The Commissioners further declare that the measures set forth below are immediately necessary to preserve the peace, health and safety of the residents of Powell County. These restrictions apply to private and county lands within Powell County lands north of I-90 and Northwest of Mt Hwy 12.

THEREFORE:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

The following acts are prohibited effective at 0001 A.M. Mountain Daylight Time on Wednesday, July 27, 2017 until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
3. Use of fireworks.
4. The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1 :00 a.m. except as otherwise described in this Order below
  - a. Operating any internal combustion engine.
  - b. Welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.
  - c. Using an explosive.

Also, a one-hour foot patrol in the work area is required following the cessation of all activities as identified in #3 above.

5. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails (except as exempted below.)

Exemptions:

1. Using motorized equipment for agricultural purposes (specifically haying/harvesting.) This exemption does not include timber harvesting.
2. Persons with a written permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.
3. Persons using a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable material within three feet of the device.
4. Operating generators with an approved spark arresting device within an enclosed vehicle or building or in on area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the generator.
5. Operating motorized vehicles on designated roads and trails.
6. Emergency repair of public utilities and railroads as per attached conditions.
7. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
8. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
9. All land within a city boundary is exempted unless otherwise prohibited by an order or resolution.
10. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity. The restrictions shall remain in effect until there is significant change in fire danger and restrictions are lifted.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2017.

BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

s/ DANIEL G. SAGER, Member

s/ DOUG CRACHY, Member

s/ RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

ATTEST:

s/ JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

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

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