


Commissioner Sager moved and Commissioner Crachy seconded the motion to approve the Montana Land Information Act Grant Program for Enforcement of Geodetic Control in Powell County. The total cost is \$74,724.89 with \$37,622.39 requested from the grant and 37,102.00 from the applicant. Motion carried.

Newland & Company Auditor and Financial Officer Jennifer Spring came in to present the contract for the financial audit of the County fee is \$19,500.00. Commissioner Sager moved and Commissioner Crachy seconded the motion to approve Newland & Company to conduct the audit. Motion carried.

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

APPROVED:



RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



JODY WALKER, Clerk

The Commissioners attended the Montana Association of Counties (MACO) mid-winter meeting in Great Falls February 1st – 3rd, 2016.

Deer Lodge, Montana

February 16, 2016

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 Daniel G. Sager and Doug Crachy.

Jarita Neckels, Deputy Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

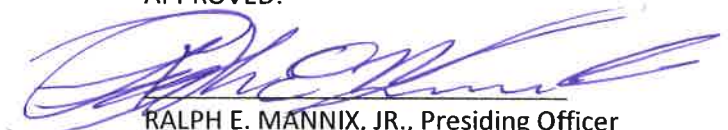
Commissioner Mannix attended the Blue Ribbon Pavilion board meeting on February 10, 2016. Commissioner Crachy attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting at noon. Commissioner Mannix attended the Weed Board meeting at 1:00 P.M. Commissioner Sager attended the Airport Board meeting at noon.

Commissioner Sager moved and Commissioner Crachy seconded the motion to appoint Ron Snow to the Airport Board with Airport Board recommendation. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mannix attended the DUI Task Force board meeting at 4:30 P.M.

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

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Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Commissioners signed a letter of support for an application of a grant for a handicapped van.

Karen Laitala, Weed Board, and Lewis Smith, County Attorney were in to discuss a Levy increase. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Sager seconded the motion to table until amended levy application is presented. Motion carried.

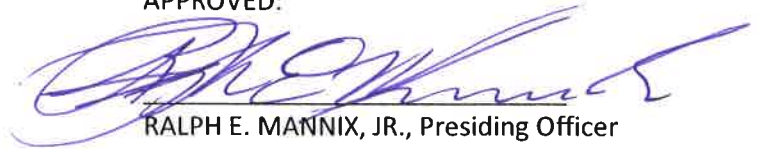
Rob Roberts from Trout Unlimited was in to discuss Trust Agreement No RITP-16-0117 Blackfoot No 1 Mine Reclamation Planning. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Sager seconded a motion to sign the grant between Department of Natural Resource and Conservation (DNRC) and Powell County. Trout Unlimited will perform management and contracting activities. Preliminary agreement between Powell County and Trout Unlimited was revised. There was also discussion on Little Orphan Boy proposal between Trout Unlimited and the Department of Environmental Quality.

Public Meeting for Arrowstone Land Swap was called to order at 2:00 P.M. In attendance were: Richard and Darlene Forson, Bob Race, Gary Swant, Andy Fisher, Commissioner Mannix, Commissioner Sager and Commissioner Crachy. The Forson-Rennfield land swap was listed in the local paper for two weeks. All comments were in favor of the land swap. Commissioner Sager moved and Commissioner Crachy seconded a motion for the Park Board to proceed with paperwork. Motion carried.

County Attorney, Lewis Smith, was in to discuss the old hospital bond status.

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

APPROVED:



RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



JODY WALKER, Clerk

The Commissioners attended the City/County Joint meeting at 5:30.

City/County Joint Meeting
Wednesday February 17, 2016
5:30 p.m.
Community Center

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Doug Crachy, Dan Sager, Rem Mannix

Council Members Present: Caleb Burton, Carri Roselles, Kyler Noel, Rex Anderson, Terry Jennings, John Molendyke, Brian Bender

Council Member Absent: Robert Stone

Mayor: Zane A. Cozby

Staff: Lewis Smith, Jill Garland, Chief Johnson

Guests: Pat Hansen, Michael Stafford, Mandy Patriarche, Lisa Hunter, Gavin Roselles, Tom Goddard, Barbie Durham, Julie Jaksha

A. Commissioner Mannix called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. Introductions of Commissioner and City Council members were made.

D. Barbie Durham and Julie Jaksha of Headwaters RC&D introduced themselves to the panel. Headwaters is an agency that works with Southwest Montana to improve economic and social well-being through conservation, development and proper use of natural and human resources. They have a small business development center and can help fill gaps after private funding agencies have provided what they can, explained Mrs. Jaksha. We also have an agricultural development center and will help

educated homebuyers. The panel thanked them for coming and providing information to our community.

E. Mandy Patriarche of the Special Olympics Torch Run provided the panel with a brief history of how the biggest grass roots fund raiser got started. She explained how law enforcement has been enriched by this program and they are setting a \$1 million goal for this year to help build up events. Lisa Hunter, who is our chairman for our area explained that of the profits raised in our area 60% will stay here to help with athletes whom have had to drive to Butte to participate. The 40% goes to the state, but her goal is to expand and get more community members involved to start up our own team. There will be a meeting March 29th at the Community Center and please come out and support Powell County, Mrs. Hunter concluded.

F. Two new contracts need to be renewed, one for a floodplain administer and one for the Justice of the Peace. Brian Bender who is currently the administrator stated that he is happy with inter local agreement and will continue the two year contract.

Judge Nelson would like to renew for one year as this would give her time to track the amount of time she spends with City affairs. Currently the contract is an 85%-15%, however she feels she has been spending more time handling City issues and the contract may need adjusted. A future contract should run the four year elected term of the official they felt, with a 30 day out option. They also felt it would be beneficial to create a sub-committee to be able to review issues, follow-up and meet with Judge Nelson. Councilperson Jennings and Mayor Cozby volunteered.

G. Transfer of County owned land parcels was brought up as they own seven small parcels through the City. The parcels have been FEMA land acquisitions and advisement of Attorney Smith they should be City owned. It makes more sense to have City property in the City and County property in the County, he explained. Attorney Smith, with the help of the flood plain administer and planning director Bender will go through the proper process to make the transfer.

H. The City has put a shut off valve on the 4in. line at the Fairgrounds; however they do receive six bills for all their facilities. A suggestion to put a meter pit in there to help with the cost and billing issue was discussed. After much talk, it was agreed to collect more data and have public works look into this matter further.

I. Public Comment

Councilperson Anderson asked about the collection service, as it has been over a year and we still don't have one. Attorney Smith explained that both agencies contracts did not word their contracts the way Judge Nelson has specified. It was decided that perhaps the sub-committee could look into this issue. Maybe, calling other counties or the agencies themselves to help resolve the issue and get it going.

Tom Goddard of Deer Lodge explained that his father has congestive heart failure and on a day a couple weeks ago he had to call 911 to assist his dad. When he dialed on his cell phone a conversation of confusion happened between himself and the 911 operator. The operator was in Anaconda and when she patched his call to Deer Lodge it was dropped. Mr. Goddard then called Zane Cozby to assist him and an ambulance was called. Mr. Goddard wanted to bring the matter to light, as people don't use land lines much and that depending on where you are in town is where the cell phone towers will transfer your call. Mr. Goddard was not happy with the patch system and would like it addressed. Chief Johnson said that the patch should have gone through and that maybe doing a test patch at the 911 center in town would help.

J. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- May 18, 2016- 5:30 p.m.

K. Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Mannix at 7:00 p.m.

s/ Zane A. Cozby, Mayor

s/ Attest: Jill Garland, City Clerk