

Commission Meeting Minutes; Park County, Montana
Week of January 21 - 25, 2008

January 21, 2008

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – Offices closed

January 22, 2008

Road Issues

@8:35:29 a.m. Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Lahren and Murphy were present. Also present were Ed Hillman, road supervisor; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No members of the public were present, and no public comment was made.

Ed Hillman gave an update on the county road crew work schedule. Snow plowing and road clearing is going well. There was discussion about Upper Rainbow Road not being a county road. There was discussion about getting the OshKosh and lowboy into the auction this spring. Lahren advised Hillman to research trade and sale options of those pieces of equipment for a new plow truck or backhoe. Lahren advised Hillman to look at his budget, upcoming projects and equipment needed so equipment needs can be addressed. There was discussion on work to be completed at voting places.

@8:50:54 a.m. Lahren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Murphy seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

January 22, 2008

Review and Approve Minutes

@9:05:28 a.m. Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Lahren and Murphy were present. Also present was Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No members of the public were present, and no public comment was made.

Lahren suggested that each Commissioner note the directive the Commission set forth on Page 2 of 9, last sentence of last complete paragraph, namely, that the Commission needs to know about and approve any major road projects before they happen.

Murphy requested to strike the last sentence of the second complete paragraph on Page 1 of 9 and replace it with, "Murphy suggested approaching MDOT about whether or not TSEP funds can be used to address some problems on milled or paved roads."

Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes of Jan 14 - 18 as amended. Lahren seconded that motion. Motion passed.

@9:09:23 a.m. Lahren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Murphy seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

January 22, 2008

Extension Update

@10:04:41 a.m. Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan, Lahren and Murphy were present. Also present were Marty Malone, Extension; Mary Anne Anderson, Extension; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No members of the public were present, and no public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled for an Extension office update. Anderson and Malone provided a printed update report of the past month's issues and activities. There was discussion on the brucellosis issue and a Jan. 21 meeting. Murphy said a meeting will be set up with Judge Swandal to discuss after-hours building security issues. Anderson reported that 27 individuals are signed up for the 12-week gardening class. Anderson is considering a board training seminar possibly for the last week of April.

@10:18:54 a.m. Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lahren seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

January 22, 2008

Review Correspondence, Public Contacts and Determine Action Plan

@10:36:37 a.m. Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan, Lahren and Murphy were present. Also present were Polly Miller, human resources; Marilyn Hartley, accounting; Bill Hurley, operations; Rick Adams, public citizen; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller.

The meeting was scheduled to review correspondence, public contacts and determine action plans. Rick Adams reported that the county is continuing to plow Love's Lane.

DePuy's comments on revisions to Week of January 21, 2008, meeting minutes were received via e-mail. Revision requests included, "In regards to the January 14, 2008, Planning and Zoning Meeting, please correct the following: ". . . Murphy were present as members of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Also present were . . . Denise Nelson, Planning and Zoning Commission member; Randy Taylor, Planning and Zoning Commission member, Sally Hughes, public Planning and Zoning commission member, Tracy Raich, public Planning and Zoning Commission member . . . Jennifer Farve . . . MACo appointed attorney for Park County. One member of the public did not sign the sign-in sheet."

Also, after "public comment was made", please add as a new sentence: "Allen Carter stated he was present representing the Sullivan Law Firm, the legal firm representing the Plaintiffs, and requested a copy of the audio of the meeting. Mr. Carter also requested

that Commissioner Durgan not be allowed to be present during the meeting as he had previously recused himself for a conflict of interest.”

“January 15, 2008, Gardiner Water and Sewer Districts: The correct spelling is Parrilli.”

“January 15, 2008 Department Head meeting . . . who is Andrews that reported everything is up to date on the web site? Change Andrews to Richards.”

Correspondence included:

- Memo from MACo on Trust Land Management Division of Dept of Conservation re. land banking report online - To Durgan for review.
- Memo from MACo re. Secure Rural Schools and scenerios if PILT funds not reauthorized - To Commissioners, Miller, DePuy for review.
- Two memos from MACo re. cost of living adjustment calculation for county officials salary - To Miller for review.
- Memo from Ed Meece re. lost desk from downstairs
- Calendar of classes from Career Transitions
- Memo re. Yellowstone Bridge Project meeting - To Durgan for review.
- Add "Old Clyde Park Road" in minutes - re. Murphy detour for vehicles
- Memo of opinion from Chuck Donovan re. planning board member comments via interview process
- Memo from Marty Malone re. county's need for meeting rooms for long distance training and central complex for meetings - Put on City/County meeting agenda
- Rick Adams public comment – The county is still plowing Love's Lane
- Memo from public citizen Marty Matson re. Commission minutes on web
- Memo from Planning Dept staff re. interviews conducted by Commission research assistant - To Durgan for review.
- Advertisement from Great West Engineering re. moving to a new building
- Shields Valley Watershed committee flier - To Lahren for review.
- Gardiner Community Newsletter
- ABC newsletter
- Memo from Lahren re. Sonata Park lawsuit in Rattlesnake based on growth policy - To Durgan for review
- Grade Separated Rail Crossing report

Lahren reported that the Fleshman Creek RFQ went to Linneweber, Benner and Meece for review but it did not come back to the Commission for review. Lahren will get a copy to the rest of the Commission. The museum director proposed spending \$40,000 on a project, and Lahren reiterated that the Commission needs to be in the loop on such proposals. Lahren talked to Lois Hatfield and Dan Larkin about landfill equipment, who will research whether they can trade the backhoe and trackcat in for a new trackcat. There was discussion on looking for a replacement for the road department Oshkosh vehicle and possibly advertising the sale of it or looking into other states' vehicles.

Lahren reported that Hurley reviewed the Annual Financial Report, but the Commission is at an impasse of what to do with the report from this point. There was discussion about possibly contacting MACo for direction. There was discussion with Hartley to highlight and explain inconsistencies in numbers in the '06 and '07 report. Hartley reported that the report is as accurate and complete as it can be and is ready to be submitted. She has been in contact with Ernie Olness throughout the process. Hurley will contact Olness with questions he may have during his review of the annual financial report. Hartley will make copies of MD&A for Commissioners to review.

@11:40:07 a.m. Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

January 23, 2008

Western Mental Health – Butte - Murphy

January 24, 2008

Wind Working Group – Helena – Murphy

Museum Board Meeting

-- There was not a quorum for the museum board or Commission.

Weed Management Meeting – Best Western

Review Correspondence, Public Contacts and Determine Action Plan – Canceled

January 25, 2008

9:00 – 10:30 A.M. – Commissioner Murphy will be at the Cooke City Fire Hall to hear area residents' concerns and share upcoming agendas

12:30 – 2:00 P.M. – Commissioner Murphy will be at the Gardiner Community Center to hear area residents' concerns and share upcoming agendas

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