

Commission Meeting Minutes; Park County, Montana
Week of July 14 – 18, 2008

July 14, 2008

8:30 A.M. – Budget and Accounting Review Committee – East Room

July 14, 2008

County Road Issues

@8:30:29 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioner's Chambers. Commissioners Denton and Lahren were present. Also present was Ed Hillman, road foreman; Don Holland, auditor; Brad Shepard, public citizen; Russ Viers, public citizen; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss Park County road issues.

Commissioner Lahren said the Commission has a purchase order for a 1988 John Deere grader from Tractor and Equipment. The Commission said it will purchase back the grader for \$26,500. The Commission discussed a cost estimate dated July 15 from N.R. Halsey of IronWolf for crushing asphalt millings.

Commissioner Denton asked about a site visit Road Foreman Hillman and Commissioner Durgan made July 11 to view the condition of Chicory Road. Hillman said Durgan said the county will chip seal Chicory Road in August. Hillman said the road crew will finish Airport Road with remaining millings. He said a small piece on Canyon View and all of Paradise Lane will be completed after Airport Road work. Hillman said Crewman John Young will mow grass at the Wilsall Airport before a fly in.

Public Comment was made by Russ Viers. Viers said he was representing citizens living on Billman Lane. He said the citizens appreciate the county's road work there. He said everyone is happy and satisfied and the road crew is doing a wonderful job. He asked when Paradise Lane will be finished. Hillman said Airport Road work will be finished in possibly two days, and then the road crew will be back on Billman and Paradise. Hillman said reclamite will be applied to the Five Acre Tracts roads on July 31.

Public comment was made by Brad Shepard. Shepard said residents on Siebeck Island are willing to do road work there. He said the citizens need authorization to do it and assurances they won't be stuck with doing road work all the time. He said citizens want to haul gravel and break down edges on the isthmus between 9th Street and Siebeck Islands, because delivery drivers and the post office are complaining and saying they may not deliver there because of the road conditions. Shepard said the citizens planned to fill in potholes by hand.

Lahren said \$1,000,000 of insurance is necessary for any individual obtaining a county road work permit through the Commission to remove the county from liability. He told Shepard he recommends contacting Oasis Environmental because it is contracted with the county and the county could give a work permit through Oasis.

Shepard asked the chance of getting foot or bike traffic permissible across the Bailey bridge. Lahren said that issue is an issue of public health and safety and is up to the county attorney. He said the final Bailey bridge weight limit will be determined by engineers. Shepard said a lot of people were on the island this weekend who were not supposed to be there. He said his wife had someone follow her onto the bridge in a vehicle and crossed the bridge while she was crossing it in her vehicle. Shepard said he will contact the sheriff about bridge usage issues. Hillman said he saw someone ride across the bridge on a bicycle.

@8:44:17 a.m., Lahren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denton seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

July 14, 2008

Consider Minutes for the Week of July 7, 2008

@9:03:15 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioner's Chambers. Commissioners Denton and Lahren were present. Also present was Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to consider meeting minutes for the Week of July 7, 2008.

Commissioner Denton requested a revision to Page 13 of 17; second to last paragraph, the first sentence should state Kim Gentry said she worked for the US Government for "12" years. On Page 14 of 17, Denton noted the correct spelling of "Shirley" Ross. On Page 15 of 17; last paragraph, the last sentence should read, "One contractor estimated a cost of \$29,700 per mile for the first two miles and then \$28,300 for the third mile of road."

Lahren made a motion to pass the minutes as corrected. Denton seconded that motion. Motion passed.

@9:08:26 a.m., Denton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lahren seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

July 14, 2008

Review Correspondence, Public Contacts and Determine Action Plan

@10:09:58 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioner's Chambers. Commissioners Denton and Lahren were present. Also present was Bill Hurley, operations; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to review correspondence, public contacts and determine action plans. Correspondence included:

- Memo re. supervisory role in a bargaining unit and the county mechanic's involvement in a collective bargaining union
- Memo response from Marilyn Hartley of accounting to questions from Lahren re. county payroll procedures
- Memo re. wireless service potential in courthouse
- Memo re. wind energy - To Commissioner Durgan for review
- Analysis of Plum Creek land deal
- Memo from AP Clerk Bernadette Rambow requesting claims by July 10
- Memo from GIS/IT Technician Erica Hoffman re. computer training days in August
- Memo from County Attorney Linneweber re. gravel contracts - To Lahren for review
- Memo re. open container permit - The Commission already addressed that request
- Memo from GIS/IT Manager Marc Richards re. CSA updates finished at 11 a.m. Tuesday
- Memo from Richards re. personal injury
- Memo from Roto Rooter re. Gardiner Sewer District work - To Hurley for review
- Memo re. state of Utah going to a four-day work week
- Invoice dated July 7 for Week of June 30 road work from N.R. Halsey and a potential \$1,200 discount - To accounting office to submit payment. To Road Book.
- Memo re. County Attorney Clerk Sandy Gordon nomination for employee of the month
- Memo re. opening the Yellowstone River under the 9th Street Island Bridge - Lahren has resolved that issue
- NPDES monitoring report forms - To Contactor Bob Evanoff for review
- Memo re. software purchase order - The software has been purchased
- Memo re. review of fair contracts by the county attorney - To Fair Manager Kim Knutson for review
- Letter from surveyor re. Hogenson subdivision - The Commission has ruled on that subdivision application
- Memo from Disaster and Emergency Services Director Belinda Van Nurden re. failure to notify Bailey Bridge closure on Tuesday for gas line work
- Memo from Rambow requesting gas receipts this week
- MACo Newsletter
- Memo from HR Manager Polly Miller re. immigration laws and employee I-9 forms
- Memo re. email addresses for Dawson County Commissioners
- Memo to Grants Coordinator Lori Benner re. Gardiner sidewalk project
- Memo re. permanent ordinance for use of Bailey Bridge
- Budget meeting notice for July 15 in East Room

- Memo re. conference on wind power in Portland
- Bill from Headwaters Recycling – To Transfer Station Manager Rich Wright for review
- Memo re. Chicory Road school bus turnaround
- Memo re. Hazard Mitigation Grant program - To Lahren for review
- Memo from MACo re. youth court bill draft
- Memo re. Yellowstone National Park travel reports
- Memo from Hartley to Larkin re. county payroll issue
- LTAP workshop in Utah
- Memo from Citizen Mike Adkins re. use of roller for county road work - To Road Book
- Memo from Planning Director Philip Fletcher re. speaker on county growth policy
- Payment schedule of county attorneys - To Miller for review
- Memo from Clerk and Recorder Denise Nelson re. future bidding procedures
- Memo re. chip sealing roads - To Road Book
- Memo from Hartley re. certified warrants - To Hartley for revisions
- Memo from Justice of the Peace Linda Budeski re. leave request - To Miller for review
- Memo re. mental health - To Denton for review
- Invoice from PDRFD#1 for \$330 for smoldering fire 13 miles out of District
- Memo dated July 8 re. Attorney Susan Swimley scheduling a meeting to discuss litigation
- Memo re. flooding and farms
- Memo re. community food fesitval - To Denton for review
- Memo re. private roads - To Fletcher for review and Road Book
- Memo re. joint application for 310 permit and 9th Street Island Bridge - To Lahren for review
- Memo re. notification of citizen bankruptcy
- Memo re. road department and election and joining the union
- Memo from MACo re. porous strata under railways and carbon sequestration
- GPS requests re. 9th Street Island - To Lahren for review
- Agenda for Yellowstone Country Board of Directors meeting July 15 in Gardiner
- Memo from Linneweber re. out of the office notice
- Memo re. law seminars
- Scoping documents for grazing rights on Royal Teton Ranch
- Memo re. spay/neuter taskforce money request
- Memo from Pat Murtaugh re. Gardiner Sewer District - To Director of Operations Bill Hurley for review
- Memo re. Mechanic Dann Hackman out of the office
- Memo re. Fish and Game and safety issues in west channel of Yellowstone River under 9th Street Island Bridge - To Lahren for review
- Memo re. pre-award determination for Myer's Flat work - To Hurley for review

@10:46:24 a.m., Lahren adjourned the meeting.

July 14, 2008

Consider a Resolution for American Disability Act and Section 504

@1:05:24 p.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioner's Chambers. Commissioners Denton and Lahren were present. Also present was Brett Linneweber, county attorney; Lori Benner, grants coordinator; Rick VanAken, public citizen; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller.

The meeting was scheduled to consider a resolution for American Disabilities Act and Section 504.

County Attorney Linneweber said the county needs to pass this resolution to obtain the preliminarily approved grant monies for the senior citizens center upgrade projects. Lahren read Resolution #1030 into the record - A Resolution Adopting Complaint Resolution Forms and Procedures for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).

Lahren made a motion to pass the resolution as read. Denton seconded that motion. Motion passed.

Public comment was made by Rick VanAken. VanAken said he really appreciates the county doing this for the Senior Center and other interests in Park County.

@1:09:29 p.m., Denton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lahren seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

July 15, 2008

8:15 A.M. – Budget and Accounting Review Committee – East Room

9:00 A.M. – Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Workshop – Commissioner's Chambers – Canceled

1:00 P.M. – Park County Senior Center - Denton

1:30 P.M. – Department Head Meeting – ICS Incident Management Training – Community Room – Canceled

2:00 P.M. – Discussion of Job Description and Duties for Administrative Assistant Position – Commissioner's Chambers - Canceled

3:00 P.M. – Park County Bid and Proposal Process – Commissioner's Chambers – Canceled

3:30 P.M. – Discussion on Final Design of Gardiner Sidewalk Project – Commissioner’s Chambers – Denton

4:00 P.M. – Award Bid for Rabbit and Poultry Barn at Fairgrounds – Commissioner’s Chambers – Canceled

6:30 P.M. – Park County Fair Board Meeting – Park County Fairgrounds Dining Room

7:00 P.M. – Public Meeting to Consider Final Design of Gardiner Sidewalk Project – Gardiner School Multipurpose Room

July 16, 2008

9:00 A.M. - Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Workshop – Commissioner’s Chambers – Canceled

1:00 P.M. – Sign Claims– Commissioner’s Chambers

July 17, 2008

8:30 A.M. – Agency on Aging- West Yellowstone – Murphy

July 17, 2008

Park County Issues and Updates – Mike Waite of Dennis Rehberg’s Office

@10:29:54 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioner’s Chambers. Commissioners Denton and Lahren were present. Also present was Mike Waite, Dennis Rehberg representative; Bill Hurley, director of operations; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss Park County issues and updates.

Mike Waite said he received a phone call from FEMA representatives telling him the estimated 9th Street Island Bridge damage cost was \$550,000. Waite asked where the county is in its assessment of handling the bridge incident.

Lahren said at the time he commented to the Livingston Enterprise, he told the paper the county did not know for sure what it will do with the bridge because not all data was gathered, other than knowing FEMA will not help with emergency disaster funds and a presidential disaster declaration will not be made. Lahren said since that time he has talked with Jeff Ebert of the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT). He has asked MDT how much it would charge the county to purchase the Bailey bridge and how much installation of a new bridge would cost. Lahren said Ebert told him a new bridge would cost between \$6,000,000 and \$8,000,000 and likely would take four years to build. Lahren said construction of a two-lane bridge is not conceivable because it would double the cost and environmental issues would arise. He said building a new bridge would

require removal of the existing bridge, which would increase the project cost and require environmental studies and associated costs.

Lahren said it may be possible the damaged 9th Street Island Bridge can be repaired. Lahren said he and Ebert discussed conducting an engineering study to determine the cost to repair the existing bridge. Lahren said Ebert estimated that study would cost \$200,000 and may take a minimum of one year, and an engineering study to replace the bridge might take two years. Lahren said the study would start immediately and the county would have to fund part of the study. Lahren said the county needs to use the Bailey bridge during the study and repair or replacement of the bridge, but the county does not know how long the Bailey bridge can stay in place, which is why Lahren asked MDT if the county may purchase it. Lahren said if 9th Street Island Bridge were repaired, it will be determined whether the Bailey bridge will be moved from its current location to enable access to the island, residents must come off the island, or a ferry system will be used. Lahren said repair was done in the past on the KPRK Bridge crossing the Yellowstone River when a pier on that bridge was scoured out underneath by the river. Fittings were poured around the existing failing piers.

There was discussion about funding options. Waite said a program exists in which the county may be able to partner with the state to share costs. Lahren said City Manager Ed Meece recommended a combination of an SID and other funds to pay for the engineering study. Lahren said the county will consult with MDT and the Federal Highway Association about getting started on the study of the 9th Street Island Bridge.

Bill Hurley said he recommends Dennis Rehberg look closely at a wind energy project funded by Community Renewable Energy Bonds. Hurley said those funds were intended for wind power in the eastern U.S.

@10:57:25 a.m., Lahren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denton seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

July 17, 2008

8:00 A.M. – Agency on Aging – West Yellowstone – Murphy

1:30 P.M. – Planning Board Meeting – Community Room – Meeting minutes available on www.parkcounty.org and in the County Planning Department

1:30 P.M. – Review Correspondence, Public Contacts and Determine Action Plan – Commissioner’s Chambers – Canceled

3:00 P.M. – Park County Road Updates – Commissioner’s Chambers – Canceled

4:00 P.M. – Communications – Denton did not attend

5:00 PM – Discussion of Property Purchase – N. Yellowstone – Commission Chambers - Canceled

6:00 P.M. – Solid Waste Board – West Room

July 18, 2008

No Meetings Scheduled

Larry A. Lahren
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Park County, Montana

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Park County, Montana