

Commission Meeting Minutes; Park County, Montana
Week of July 21 – 25, 2008

July 21, 2008

County Road Issues

@8:31:58 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; Marla Wagman, public citizen; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss Park County road issues.

Hillman said the 164 permit for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) is completed and said Scott Opitz (FWP) is going to write a letter for the county. Lahren said the county needs to submit a 310 permit to the Conservation District for rip-rap. He said he will consult Opitz on that issue.

Hillman said Winn Treible has been regularly checking the 9th Street Island Bridge and Dave Crumley called and told the road crew to take the chains off the bridge, which was done last week. Hillman said the bridge is stable.

Lahren said he viewed Castle Mountain Road. He said the soil is a sandy loam with little gravel and the road needs a new culvert. Lahren said a citizen letter from the Mingos said the Mingos would pay for the gravel and the culvert. Hillman will look at the road and Lahren will respond to the letter.

Hillman said he contacted John Payne to blade and put magnesium chloride on Old Yellowstone Trail North this morning.

Hillman said Scott Fletcher is blading Trail Creek today and then will be on Old Yellowstone Trail.

Hillman said the Five Acre Tracts and Airport Road are complete and reclamite will be applied on July 31. Hillman said Willow Creek Road is beyond repair and he would like to do the same type of work as was done on the Five Acre Tracts. Work on Willow Creek would be 9/10 of a mile and would cost \$11,000 for reclamite. He said IronWolf will be out to give a cost estimate.

Hillman said Rock Creek Road will be hot patched as soon as the road crew is caught up on grading.

Hillman said the road crew unplugged a culvert on Fleshman Creek and the water problem there is now gone. Treible fixed the Fleshman Creek Road Friday that had been damaged by the water problem.

@8:41:06 a.m., Lahren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denton seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

July 21, 2008

Consider Minutes for the Week of July 14, 2008

@9:01:20 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 14, 2008.

Commissioner Denton requested a revision to Page 1 of 8; third paragraph of the County Road Issues meeting should state the Commission said it will purchase back the grader for "\$26,500." On Page 6 of 8, Denton said she did not attend the Agency on Aging meeting and Dick Murphy attended that meeting for the Commission. On Page 7 of 8; third paragraph, the first sentence should read, "Bill Hurley said he recommends Dennis Rehberg look closely at a wind energy project funded by Community Renewable Energy Bonds." On Page 7 of 8, Denton said she did not attend a Communications meeting but did attend the Solid Waste Board meeting.

County Attorney Linneweber requested a revision to Page 5 of 8; fourth paragraph, the first sentence should read, "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 made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Denton seconded that motion. Motion passed.

@9:04:27 a.m., Lahren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denton seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

July 21, 2008

Review Correspondence, Public Contacts and Determine Action Plan

@10:02:18 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.

Lahren said he directed Clay Williams to spray the Wineglass for weeds and the Wineglass Property Owners Association will pay for the spray.

Lahren said he phoned Dave Cobb of Senator Baucus' office to discuss possible 9th Street Island Bridge assistance.

Commissioner Denton said she called the Wilsall Senior Center to let them know she will visit. She said the center has \$3,000 worth of painting work that needs to be done. The Commission said it could assist with funding for that work under professional services in the Fiscal Year '09 budget.

Denton asked whether Wendy Wood's request for installation of a street light on the island side of the ramp to the Bailey bridge to 9th Street Island was addressed. Lahren said that work needs to wait until Clyde Bainter completes bridge approach work.

Director of Operations Bill Hurley said he is reviewing contractor applicants for Myer's Flat work and there has been a modification to the original statement of work.

@10:09:39 a.m., Lahren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denton seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

July 21, 2008

3:00 P.M. – Angeline – Denton

July 22, 2008

Consider Nittany Grantworks Contract

@9:34:40 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioner's Chambers. Commissioners Denton and Lahren were present. Also present was Lori Benner, Nittany Grantworks; Polly Miller, human resources; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to consider a Nittany Grantworks contract.

The Commission reviewed a proposed contract from Nittany Grantworks. Lori Benner said the contract is for 40 hours a month at \$50 an hour for project development, grant writing, and grant administration services. Lahren said the contract enables the Commission to obtain additional services from Benner with written approval from the Commission and Nittany Grantworks.

Polly Miller said funds to pay for the contract come from the option tax budget.

Denton made a motion to approve the Nittany Grantworks contract as presented for Fiscal Year '09. Lahren seconded that motion. Motion passed.

@9:43:38 a.m., Denton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larhen seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

July 22, 2008

10:30 A.M. – Ninth Street Bridge County Team Meeting – Commissioner’s Chambers - Lahren

12:00 P.M. – Airport Meeting – Clarks Crossing –Durgan

1:00 P.M. – Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Workshop – Commissioner’s Chambers – Canceled

July 23, 2008

10:00 A.M. – Western Mental Health – Denton – Butte

1:30 P.M. – Sign Claims – Commissioner’s Chambers

July 23, 2008

GIS/IT Fiscal Year 2009 Projects

@2:00:57 p.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioner’s Chambers. Present was Marc Richards, GIS/IT; Erica Hoffman, GIS/IT; Philip Fletcher, planning; Mike Inman, planning; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss proposed GIS/IT Fiscal Year '09 projects.

Marc Richards provided the Commission with a list of proposed work projects the GIS/IT department will perform in FY '09. Richards said each project was included in the GIS/IT proposed FY '09 budget already presented to the Commission. Richards and the Commission prioritized the proposed projects.

Commissioner Lahren said the Commission would like to incorporate road research including GPS data into the GIS/IT department to create one system containing all county road data. Lahren advised Richards to consult Park County Historian Jerry Brekke to coordinate how that effort can be done. Lahren said county road information request protocol would require a citizen to issue a public information request; the GIS/IT department, Brekke, and support staff will obtain road records and make determinations from previous research; the county attorney will review findings; and the public information request will be filled.

@2:14:24 p.m., Lahren adjourned the meeting.

July 23, 2008

3:30 P.M. – Meeting about Property Purchase on North Yellowstone Street – Commissioner’s Chambers – Lahren

July 23, 2008

Extension Office Update

@4:30:11 p.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioner's Chambers. Present was Mary Anne Anderson, Extension; Tracy Brewer, Extension; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to update the Commission on Extension activities, events and trainings for the month of June.

Tracy Brewer and Mary Anne Anderson presented the Commission with a list of activities, events and trainings each Extension agent conducted or participated in during the month of June.

Speaking on the brucellosis issue, Brewer said the Montana Department of Livestock initially opposed the idea of a split-state status for brucellosis, but recently recommended Governor Schweitzer consider that type of status as a potential option. Brewer said press releases refer to the Greater Yellowstone Region as a "hot spot" versus a split-state status, but she says a distinction has yet to be made. She said if an area were to be designated as a hot spot, there would be more restrictions and regulations for importing and exporting cattle in and out of that zone. Brewer said such designation may cause producers in the hot spot to experience a reduction in cattle sales, but she expects producers across Montana to experience a reduction in sales.

@4:40:00 p.m., Lahren adjourned the meeting.

July 23, 2008

7:00 P.M. – Public Meeting to Present and Discuss Fleshman Creek Flood Mitigation Projects – Community Room

July 24, 2008

Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Workshop

@8:37:51 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioner's Chambers. Commissioners Denton and Lahren were present. Also present was Polly Miller, human resources; Marilyn Hartley, accounting; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled as a FY '09 budget workshop.

Polly Miller and Marilyn Hartley provided the Commission with a summary report of Fiscal Years '06 – '08 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) budget. Miller and Hartley worked with the Commission to determine preliminary, proposed FY '09 budget figures.

Miller said the budget is due 30 days after certified values are ready and her goal is to have the final budget to the Commission by August 15.

@9:35:53 a.m., Denton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lahren seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

July 24, 2008

11:00 A.M. – Park County Museum Board Members Meeting – Commissioner’s Chambers – Denton

1:00 P.M. – Southwest Juvenile Meeting – Durgan

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. – Tractor and Equipment Meeting – Commissioner’s Chambers – Canceled

July 25, 2008

9:00 A.M. – Wilsall Senior Center Area Residence Concerns Meeting - Denton

11:00 A.M. – Clyde Park Town Hall Area Residence Concerns Meeting- Denton

No Commission Meetings Scheduled

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