

Commission Meeting Minutes; Park County, Montana
Week of June 16 – 20, 2008

June 16, 2008

8:15 A.M. – Budget/Accounting Review Committee – East Room - Minutes available on the county webpage under “Quick Links” and “Commissioner Established Committee Meeting Minutes”

June 16, 2008

County Road Updates

@8:35:35 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioner’s Chambers. Present was Ed Hillman, road supervisor; Don Holland, auditor; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to update the Commission about county road issues.

Commissioner Lahren asked about a bill from NorthWestern Energy. Hillman said he phoned Northwestern Energy about phone poles in the county right-of-way. One pole was hit and broken by a crewman when blading the road. Hillman said that incident was reported to NorthWestern Energy who is trying to bill the county for it. Hillman said he will challenge that billing.

Hillman and Lahren reviewed the weekly road work schedule. Hillman said he has a road crewman back on the Five Acre Tract after weekend phone complaints. He said the traffic volume keeps that road in bad condition. Hillman said he got a call from church camps on the Upper Boulder. Lahren said that work is to be done by Sweetgrass County per agreement with Park County and advised Hillman to call the road foreman in Big Timber to find out when Sweetgrass County can get to that.

@8:40:01 a.m., Lahren adjourned the meeting.

June 16, 2008

Consider Commission Meeting Minutes for the Week of June 9, 2008

@9:16:25 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioner’s Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Lahren were present. Also present was Ed Hillman, road supervisor; Don Holland, auditor; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to consider approving Commission meeting minutes for the Week of June 9, 2008.

County Attorney Brett Linneweber requested a revision to Page 1 of 11; County Office Relocation meeting; third paragraph: Linneweber said a second option for an office move option was not good because of a lack of sufficient office space and storage, not because of wiring issues. On Page 4 of 11; second paragraph, the correct title for Linneweber is County "Attorney" Linneweber. On Page 8 of 11; first paragraph, Linneweber noted the correct title of the Park County Sheriff's "Office."

Commissioner Durgan requested revisions to Page 1 of 11, noting Commissioner Lahren was not present at the morning session of the County Offices Relocation meeting. Durgan requested adding the following to the last paragraph, "A short review of the morning discussion was provided for Commissioner Lahren who was absent from the morning session of the meeting." On Page 3 of 11; Canvass Primary Election meeting; second paragraph, Durgan requested adding "Treasurer Larkin was substituting for Commissioner Lahren who was in a deposition." On Page 5 of 11, a bullet point should read, "Big Bear Electric invoice from the road department for wiring of a fuel tank in Clyde Park." On Page 6 of 11, Durgan noted the correct spelling of "O'Hair" Lane. On Page 8 of 11, Durgan noted the correct spelling of "MACRS." On Page 9 of 11, second to last paragraph; Durgan requested adding "MACRS" after "Montana Association of County Road Supervisors." On Page 9 of 11; last paragraph; Durgan said the last two sentences of that paragraph should read, "Human Resources Manager Polly Miller said according to the Department of Motor Vehicles, no title is required on motor graders. She said the Department of Motor Vehicles indicated there should have been a bill of sale done to define ownership transfer of the motor graders and absolve Park County of liability."

Durgan made a motion the minutes be approved with changes made by the county attorney and corrections the Commission inserted. Lahren seconded that motion. Motion passed.

@9:39:25 a.m., Lahren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

June 16, 2008

Review Correspondence, Public Contacts and Determine Action Plan

@10:01:03 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioner's Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Lahren were present. Also present was Rick Adams, public citizen; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller.

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

- Memo from American Farmland Trust re. passage of the Farm Bill - To Commissioner Durgan for review
- Memo from Barbara Hall re. Water Trust - To Durgan for review
- Memo from Jerry Miller re. Airport Road - To Road Book

- Memo re. acknowledgement the Commission approved to go out for bids for procurement of Myer's Flat site
- Memo from 911 Director Peggy Glass re. payment time to the county from the state DES for Myer's Flat work
- Memo from Emergency Services Director Van Nurden re. protocol for announcing county road and bridge work road closures - To Road Book
- Memo re. Six Mile Bridge cost breakout - To Road Book
- Notice of Solid Waste Board meeting in West Room June 19 at 6 p.m.
- Payment in Lieu of Taxes information sheet re. National Forest Rural Schools County Coalition
- Memo re. Park County Heritage Project and the Park County Senior Center - To public bulletin board
- Minutes from Gallatin County Waste District - To Landfill Manager Lois Hatfield for review
- Memo from Public Service Commission re. waste facility in eastern Montana - To Durgan for review
- Memo from U.S. Secretary of Interior re. Park County PILT payment is \$833,892 for upcoming fiscal year
- Letter of recommendation for Kris Denton for District #3 Commissioner seat
- Memo re. wind energy
- Memo from Auditor Holland re. request for a secure office
- Park County Road crew work schedule - To Road Book
- YG Museum director timesheet - To Human Resources Director Polly Miller for review
- Memo re. gravel crusher for sale
- Press release from Diane Papineau re. Governor's Taskforce on streamside development presentation at June 19 planning board meeting

Public comment was made by Rick Adams. Adams submitted to the Commission two license plate numbers of individuals possibly illegally dumping trash at the Deep Creek Forest Service green box sites

Durgan said he received a citizen comment expressing disappointment with the lack of road maintenance on Elbow Creek Road. Durgan said the citizen said the last time the road crew worked on that road they did not cut through washboards before they pulled gravel from the ditches and now after rain the road is virtually impassible. The citizen is concerned no gravel has been put down in years and the lack of proper maintenance when working on roads is making the road worse than when the road crew starts working.

@10:25:54 a.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lahren seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

June 16, 2008

Consider a Resolution for Elected Official's Compensation Schedule

@1:00:33 p.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioner's Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Lahren were present. Also present was Brett Linneweber, county attorney; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to consider a resolution for elected official's compensation schedule.

County Attorney Linneweber provided an update of the compensation board's discussions that led to their decision on an elected official's compensation schedule. Linneweber said the board took into account the county's tight budget this year, but recognized an idea that holding the line on the budget for a few years will result in better budget conditions in the future. Linneweber said the board's recommendation was based on that idea. He said the MSU Government Center recommended a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) of 2.8%, which is the county's goal to offer to county employees this year. Elected officials thought that increase was appropriate for elected officials as well. Some elected officials said they will or may decline the COLA. The board acknowledged some salaries are tied to elected official's salaries, such as the Sheriff's salary, and salaries of all employees underneath the Sheriff are tied to his salary. Linneweber reported the board recommended approving a 2.8% COLA to the base salary of elected officials, which can be declined by any elected official.

Linneweber said private citizens were involved on the board, including a private attorney and school official, and they supported the board decision.

Lahren read Resolution #1021 into the record.

Durgan made a motion the Commission accept the resolution as proposed by the compensation committee. Lahren seconded that motion. Motion passed.

@1:11:21 p.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lahren seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

June 16, 2008

Extension Office Updates

@1:30:57 p.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioner's Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Lahren were present. Also 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 county Extension activities.

Mary Anne Anderson provided a review of her work for May. Anderson reported MSU Extension worked with Master Gardeners and Big Brothers Big Sisters to replant flower beds at Livingston Healthcare. Anderson attended a ServSafe Managerial course for food service managers and participated in an MSU Extension Facilitator Excellence Training. Anderson reported fair livestock were tagged on May 4, dog clinics continue, and horse clinics were held on May 3, 17, and 31. A cowboy poetry project leader and three 4-H members performed in an open-mic night in White Sulphur Springs. The youth shotgun project has begun.

New Extension Agent Tracy Brewer is onboard. Brewer said she has been fielding many brucellosis questions and has been on some county citizen site visits.

@1:40:11 p.m., Lahren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

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2:00 P.M. – Sign Claims – Commissioner’s Chambers

June 16, 2008

Consider County Commissioner District #3 Appointment

@3:04:09 p.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioner’s Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Lahren were present. Also present was Brett Linneweber, county attorney; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to consider appointment of District #3 county commissioner.

Commissioner Durgan said he would like to consider the nomination of Kris Denton. Durgan said rereading Denton’s application shows she has a good grasp of the county budgeting process, currently serves on two county committees, worked with Commissioner Murphy on a local advisory committee for the council of mental health, and in her interview showed a good knowledge of the workings of county government. Durgan said, as a result, Denton’s learning curve and training time will be minimal in the short time she will serve as a commissioner, which will be until a District #3 commissioner is elected in November. Durgan said he will be out of the office in mid-July for possibly a week, so he would like to have someone serving as the District #3 commissioner with Lahren. Durgan said he thinks Denton would be a very good appointment to the position, and her administrative assistant job could be filled by a temporary position.

Durgan nominated Denton and requested casting a unanimous ballot for her appointment. Lahren nominated Vicki Hoffman for the District #3 commissioner appointment. Nominations were closed.

The Commission voted on nominations. Durgan voted for Denton. Lahren voted for Hoffman.

Durgan said he made good points of why Denton is a good candidate for the appointment. He asked if Lahren had any particular reasons why he selected Vicki Hoffman. Lahren said his decision is a structural issue, saying his concern with filling the appointment with Denton relates to problems it may cause with the Commission administrative assistant's role. He said the administrative assistant is so important in ensuring agendas and other administrative tasks are taken care of as required by legal settlements. He said shifting Denton out of that role and filling it with a new person may result in legal problems for the county. Lahren said he thinks it will spread the county out farther and make the commissioners office too loose on the front end. He said the administrative assistant would better be used by training the new Commissioner to administrative processes, such as having resolutions available for signing.

Durgan said he feels very confident the appointment could be made with Denton as a fellow commissioner and a temporary administrative assistant coming on board. He said Denton could help ensure administrative duties are done properly.

Linneweber said he strongly recommends the commissioners individually phone the director and associate director of MACo for input and advice on the issue. Linneweber said the director and associate director have a lot of experience with county vacancy issues, and the commissioners can speak candidly with them about issues or concerns they may have regarding the current District #3 commissioner vacancy or filling that vacancy.

@3:19:48 p.m., Durgan made a motion to recess the meeting and reconvene at 3 p.m., June 17, after which time the commissioners had spoken with MACo representatives. Lahren seconded that motion. The meeting was recessed.

June 16, 2008

Consider Gardiner Sidewalk Project Design

@3:34:05 p.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioner's Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Lahren were present. Also present was Lori Benner, grants coordinator; Joseph Gross, public citizen; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller.

The meeting was scheduled to consider a Gardiner sidewalk project design.

Lori Benner updated the Commission on the project process. One public meeting was held on June 2, 2008 in the Gardiner School library to get the public's design ideas for the sidewalk project. Two public citizens participated.

Benner said she and the Great West Engineering project contracting firm needs input from the Commission on physical logistical issues regarding the sidewalk design.

Following Commission input, Benner said she will present Commission comments to Great West Engineering, and a second public meeting will be held in Gardiner in mid-July where a schematic of the proposed sidewalk will be unveiled. Bidding of the project will follow that meeting. Benner said Joe Gross offered to help advertise for the July meeting in Gardiner.

The Commission reviewed six logistical items with Benner.

Benner said Great West Engineering recommended reducing the sidewalk width between Third and Fourth Streets from 6 to 4 feet because of street width issues in that block. The Commission concurred with following the engineer's recommendation on that issue. Regarding a retaining wall initially suggested in the Request for Proposal that now appears unnecessary to construct, the Commission said it would like to see a graduated slope or slight curb in that area. Regarding a retaining wall needed from survey location Sta. 3+67 to 4+12, the Commission recommended constructing that retaining wall. Regarding ADA compliance issues and steps at the theatre, the Commission recommended making all steps and the sidewalk at the theatre location ADA compliant during sidewalk work. Regarding constructing a retaining wall or applying for an easement from a landowner of a vacant lot at the northeast corner of 3rd and Stone Street, the Commission recommended constructing the retaining wall. Benner said she confirmed the county road right-of-way between 4th and 5th Streets is 60 feet.

@3:53:44 p.m., Lahren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

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County Office Relocation

@9:02:12 a.m., Vice-Chairman Durgan called a meeting to order in the Commissioner's Chambers. Present was Don Holland, auditor; Sue Chvilicek, juvenile probation; Erica Hoffman, IT/GIS; Allan Lutes; sheriff; Scott Hamilton, sheriff's office; Polly Miller, human resources; George Bryce, adult probation; Colleen Singer, sheriff's office; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss county office relocation options.

Commissioner Durgan read into the record a letter from Auditor Don Holland dated June 11. In the letter Holland stressed the importance of office privacy and security in the performance of his duties. Holland said he would like to have an office accessible by only the Commission and him.

Sheriff Lutes said he has no problem with Civil Clerk Colleen Singer moving to a different office, but he is concerned with possible space issues with her moving into the current county attorney receptionist office. Singer needs room for identification and concealed weapons permits equipment and filing cabinet storage. There was discussion about Singer moving into Polly Miller's old office and moving cabinets into the

Environmental Services office. That scenario would free up the county attorney receptionist office space for adult and juvenile probation file storage. Singer said she readily accesses her file cabinets. Singer will research the option of Miller's old office and using some of the DES area for storage.

@9:32:05 a.m., Durgan adjourned the meeting.

June 17, 2008

Consider 1) Stafford Animal Contract; 2) Park County Spay/Neuter Task Force Contract

@10:08:21 a.m., Vice-Chairman Durgan called a meeting to order in the Commissioner's Chambers. Present was Marilyn Hartley, accounting; Mary Bebee, spay/neuter taskforce; Vicki Blakeman, Stafford Animal Shelter; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to consider a Stafford Animal Shelter contract and a Park County Spay/Neuter Task Force contract.

Mary Bebee submitted a request of \$4,000 from county funds. She said the county submitted \$2,000 last year. Bebee said it costs between \$13 and \$37 per animal to spay or neuter. Vicki Blakeman said she was at the Bozeman animal shelter yesterday and that shelter has 150 cats of which half are kittens. In comparison Stafford currently has four kittens. She said the spay/neuter program is helping the community and a rabies shot clinic is being considered to run in conjunction with the spay/neuter clinic.

Blakeman said Stafford is requesting \$10,000 from the county, the same amount as last year.

Durgan said the Commission will review the agreement. Marilyn Hartley said the county should know what funds it can provide by the end of July.

@10:30:44 a.m., Durgan adjourned the meeting.

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1:00 P.M. – Senior Citizens Board – Senior Center

June 17, 2008

Department Head Meeting

@1:30:55 p.m., Vice-Chairman Durgan called a meeting to order in the Community Room. Present was Marilyn Hartley, accounting; Erica Hoffman, GIS/IT; Lois Hatfield, landfill; Randy Taylor, health department; Philip Fletcher, planning; Clay Williams, weed/junk vehicle; Dan Hackman, shop; Ed Hillman, road department; Polly Miller, human resources; Tracy Brewer, Extension; Bill Hurley, operations; Brett Linneweber, county attorney; Brian Sparks, museum; Kim Knutson, fair; Suzanne Brown, health

department; Belinda Van Nurden, DES; Kevin Larkin, treasurer; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled as a department head meeting.

Employee of the month: The Sheriff's office nominated Erica Hoffman of the GIS/IT department for employee of the month honors. A nomination letter from the Sheriff's office said Ms. Hoffman is a real asset to Park County, goes beyond the call of duty, is a team player, is hard working and works until the job is completed with a positive attitude. The letter expressed appreciation for Hoffman's assistance with numerous IT needs in the Sheriff's office.

County webpage updates: Hoffman asked department heads to notify her this week of webpage updates or incorrect webpage information.

Fiscal Year '08 budget: Marilyn Hartley said she hopes to have budget reports to department heads by the end of the week. Expenditure reports are available now.

Fiscal Year '09 budget: Polly Miller said the Commission begins budget workshops the week of June 23 and a few department heads have not presented proposed budgets to the Commission.

Memo regarding protocol for requesting legal advice from the county attorney: The Commission provided department heads and elected officials with a memo of protocol for requesting legal advice from the county attorney. The County Attorney reported he has absorbed the case load of the civil attorney for the past seven weeks. Until the deputy position is filled the workload is too high for non emergency drop-ins. The County Attorney is prioritizing workloads with emergency and immediate needs (such as deadlined criminal cases and deadlined civil issues such as contracts). Non-immediate needs or non-emergencies may experience a wait because of the short staffing and the need to focus on immediate needs. The County Attorney is requesting department heads provide approved requests for legal information in writing in advance for better efficiency and to help the department heads lay out the options they are interested in on the specific issues. The County Attorney can evaluate the legality of proposed options, but it will be the Department Head/Elected Official making policy decisions.

Miller said anyone not signed up with AFLAC must sign up today by 5:00 p.m., or the opportunity for FLEX benefits will be lost.

Next meeting date is July 15.

Other Business: Tracy Brewer said she is looking for a four-drawer filing cabinet or bookshelf wide enough to hold a three-ring binder.

@1:54:52 p.m., Durgan adjourned the meeting.

June 17, 2008

Consider District #3 Commissioner Appointment

@3:06:52 p.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioner's Chambers. Present was Brett Linneweber, county attorney; Peter Vandergrift, Livingston Enterprise; Kris Denton, public citizen; Polly Miller, human resources; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to consider a District #3 commissioner appointment.

Commissioner Lahren opened nominations for District #3 Commission nominations. Commissioner Durgan nominated Kris Denton. Durgan made a motion to close nominations. Lahren seconded that motion. Nominations were closed.

Durgan made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Kris Denton as commissioner. Lahren seconded that motion. Motion passed.

County Attorney Linneweber said Denton's tenure as appointed commissioner begins immediately. Linneweber said Denton must be sworn in by Judge Swandal or any other notary before she can begin to take action on Commission matters. Linneweber said Denton's former position, Commission Executive assistant, is now vacant.

Lahren said the Commission is looking for a full-time, permanent administrative assistant for the Commission to work 40 hours a week. Human Resources Manager Polly Miller said she will put together a vacancy announcement for the position immediately.

@3:19:01 p.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lahren seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

June 17, 2008

6:30 P.M. – Fair Board – Fair Grounds

June 18, 2008

No meetings scheduled

June 19, 2008

Review Correspondence, Public Contacts, and Determine Action Plan

@8:32:14 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioner's Chambers. Commissioners Denton, Durgan, and Lahren were present. Also present was Mike Inman, planning; Philip Fletcher, planning; 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.

Planning Director Philip Fletcher informed the Commission the City of Livingston approached him about hanging a 3 x 6 foot banner from the 9th Street Bridge welcoming Ecochallenge participants to Livingston. Fletcher said donut-area sign regulations do not prohibit such a sign.

Commissioner Lahren made a motion to permit hanging of a sign from the 9th Street Bridge for three days. Denton seconded that motion. Motion passed.

Fletcher said he needs \$3,310 to retain Diane Papineau for five weeks. Her 2,400-hour contract ends June 20. Fletcher said the Commission has been funding Papineau's position. Fletcher said Papineau has been conducting research on the growth policy and writing articles for the planning department analysis of that document. Fletcher said he was going to assign Papineau to assist with a three-year annual report for the planning department and board in July. Fletcher said that report is required to be done per state law, but has never been done. It contains six major elements, including subdivision activity, exemption activity, and budgeting. Fletcher said the report will include additional information to inform the public what the planning department and board has been doing in the county for the last three years.

Commissioner Durgan said he would like to check with Human Resource Manager Polly Miller on the status of the Commission budget before a decision is made to extend Papineau's position.

The Commission edited a draft resolution to restrict use of the road between 9th Street Island and Siebeck Island due to public safety issues from high water. Commissioner Denton will deliver the draft with edit requests to Deputy County Attorney Kathy Carrick for processing. Denton will check with Denise Nelson regarding the ability to apply for FEMA monies if the island road is damaged.

Durgan said a Gardiner citizen inquired about the Gardiner sidewalk project. Durgan referred the citizen to Grants Coordinator Lori Benner.

Denton said citizen Tim Watson submitted a written letter permitting additional time to fill his public information request. Denton presented an HRDC work plan requesting Commission signatures, two citizen requests for a refund of refuge tags for houses declared unlivable, and a request from a citizen to waive taxes because she is ill and financially unable to pay them. Commissioner Lahren suggested waiving the garbage tag cost and penalty of interest. Denton will talk with Treasurer Larkin about accepting payments. Denton said a representative from a Helena landfill has requested to speak with the Commission about possible landfill services once the county's current contract expires. Lahren said that individual needs to schedule a public Commission meeting. Denton said she would like to become involved in the Solid Waste Board and attend its meetings.

Director of Operations Bill Hurley requested the Commission speak with County Attorney Linneweber about the legality of a MT DES proposed combined bid on emergency equipment upgrading and relocation work in four counties, including Park County.

Durgan said he spoke with Harold Blattie of MACo who offered to provide Denton with a Commissioner orientation in Helena.

Correspondence included:

- Memo from MACo re. Rural Schools funding situation and requesting a written a letter of support to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. The Commission will submit a letter of support for rural schools funding. The Commission will check with Ed Barich for additional input on that letter.
- Memo from LTAP in Bozeman re. North Dakota's methods for using pit cutting edges on gravel roads for removing wash boarding - To Hillman for review
- Memo re. Water Trust - To Durgan for review
- Beartooth Highway information - To Hillman for review and public bulletin board
- Memo re. school bus turn-around on Chicory Road - Durgan spoke with Superintendent of Schools Ed Barich about the issue. Durgan said he is concerned about creating another road on a bus route if it does not already exist because of winter maintenance required on bus routes. The matter will be discussed at a June 23 Transportation Committee meeting.
- Memo re. MACo executive director performance evaluation – The Commission will address the evaluation
- MSU Extension activities report - To file
- Memo from MT DEQ re. Park County Landfill methane monitoring results within regulatory limits - To file and Lois Hatfield for review
- Memo from National Forest Counties and Schools - time running out for funding
- Memo re. requesting support that Medicaid mental health services are not removed from legislation - To Denton for review
- Meeting agenda and minutes for Rocky Mountain Agency on Aging - To Denton for review
- Memo re. MACo prescription drug card - To Public Nurse Suzanne Brown for review
- Memo re. survey about workman's compensation - To Polly Miller for review
- Memo from MACo re. health board of directors meeting - To Durgan for review
- Memo re. scholarships for rural school math educators - To Ed Barich for review
- Memo re. Livingston flood warning from DES Director Van Nurden - All flood information will be inserted in a binder to file
- Memo re. letter of support for economic stimulus bill
- Memo from Forest Service supervisor's office re. mountain biking in Lion Head Wilderness Area on Idaho/Montana border and motorcycle travel on Lodgepole

Trail on East Boulder open from June 16 to Dec 1 and section of Lower Deer Creek Trail - Requesting public input - To Lahren for review

- Memo from Peggy Glass re. Bridger Communications conclusions and recommendations re. power outage May 30, 2008 - Bill Hurley will follow up with Peggy Glass on whether the issue of backup power in emergency situations is being addressed. Hurley suggests installing a 24-hour recharging battery backup system for Emergency 911 and dispatch services
- Memo from Philip Fletcher re. growth policy issues regarding selling lots from a subdivision - Durgan spoke with Fletcher and had a phone conversation on the issue - To Fletcher for review
- Memo from MT DEQ re. Gardiner violation of MPDES discharge permit - To file
- Memo re. Floodplain Awareness Day and booth at Farmer's Market June 11
- Memo re. wind power - To Durgan for review
- Memo from MACo re. survey on rising fuel costs - To Denton for review
- MT Supreme Court decision overturning District 6 decision re. subdivision review required when on dividing land resulting in remainder parcels less than 160 acres
- Memo re. Cooke City tourism funds
- Purchase Order from Bob Fry - Commission is waiting on Linneweber for an opinion of job duties of a county fire warden

@9:53:27 a.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lahren seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

June 19, 2008

Mike Waite (Rehberg's Office) to Discuss County Issues and Updates

@10:01:59 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioner's Chambers. Commissioners Denton, Durgan, and Lahren were present. Also present was Don Holland, auditor; Mike Waite, Denny Rehberg representative; Bill Hurley, operations; Rick Adams, public citizen; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to update the Commission about issues and proceedings in Representative Rehberg's office affecting Park County.

Waite reported on the PILT and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funding situation, saying PILT '09 funding likely won't be addressed until Jan or Feb '09. He said \$190 million has been proposed and he hopes funding for next year will be similar to last year. He said the SRS funding proposal for the next four years is to reduce that money and increase PILT funds, but that is only in the discussion stage at this time. He said SRS has not been reauthorized as of this time, and if it is not reauthorized it goes back to a 25% amount of previous years rule.

Waite said a revised Farm Bill is expected to be overridden by Congress, and Rehberg's and livestock producers' opinions on the brucellosis issue are to deal with it now.

Commissioner Lahren asked Waite's opinion of Montana losing its brucellosis-free status. Waite said there are talks about meeting with the Secretary of the Interior and possibly meeting with Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho officials on the matter. He said there are talks about getting groups together to put pressure on Yellowstone National Park to address the issue of brucellosis because it is the park's problem and the park is the vector for the disease. Waite said there is discussion about needing to come up with a more effective livestock vaccine.

Waite said bills that may affect Otter Creek Tract resource leases are being reviewed.

Durgan asked if there was any follow up on a Southern Highway Generation and air quality standard question. Waite said he does not know of any further discussions on that matter.

Hurley said a secondary power grid nationwide is needed to meet a proposed goal of 20% of the country's energy coming from alternative fuel sources in the future.

@10:43:39 a.m., Lahren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

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1:30 P.M. - Park County Planning Board Meeting – Community Room – Minutes available on the county webpage under “Quick Links” and “Commissioner Established Committee Meeting Minutes” and in a binder in the Park County Planning Department

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Pre-fire Season 2008 Procedures for Large Fire Management

@2:00 p.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioner's Chambers. Commissioners Denton, Durgan, and Lahren were present. Also present was Craig Campbell, DNRC Bozeman Unit; Belinda Van Nurden, Park County DES; Dann Babcox, PCRFD#1; Greg Archie, DNRC-CLO; David Hamilton, DNRC-CLO; Bob Fry, county fire warden; Dan Karell, public citizen; Scott Hamilton, sheriff's office; and Allan Lutes, sheriff.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss pre-fire Season 2008 procedures for large fire management.

Craig Campbell said this meeting occurs annually to preplan how a large fire event in Park County will be coordinated and handled.

Lahren asked how Campbell foresees the county road crew in potential fire fighting events. Campbell said the county road crew has been utilized in the past as part of a County Cooperative Program fire agreement. He said road crews can be important in providing machinery and immediate assistance in a timely manner. Lahren said fire work

by the road crew can throw off the county's entire road work schedule if it gets tied up with a fire, as it did with the Fridley/Dry Creek Fire. Campbell said the road crew has been through standard survival training and radios have been installed in vehicles. He said a few private contractors are available in Park County to provide equipment in fire situations.

Lahren inquired about staging areas in Park County and said an area near the county shop is available. Campbell said telephone lines are necessary at staging areas and base camps.

Durgan said the county has a mobile command center available for emergency fire use. Campbell said Mobile Command Systems, a local contractor, has offered his emergency communication equipment free of charge. His equipment was used on the Big Creek Fire. Campbell said his efforts have always had good communication with Park County police and emergency services.

@2:37 p.m., Lahren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

June 19, 2008

County Road Updates

@3:20 p.m., Vice-Chairman Durgan called a meeting to order in the Commissioner's Chambers. Commissioners Denton and Durgan were present. Also present was Ed Hillman, road supervisor; Mark Redfern, public citizen; and Bill Moser, public citizen.

The meeting was scheduled to update the Commission on county road issues.

Ed Hillman provided the Commission with a written report of road crew work for the week and completion status of that work. Hillman said the crew fixed a washout on the Main Boulder Road June 18, and Brad Wilson, Dave Amunrud and Jay Dixon worked on preparing millings at the airport on June 19. Hillman said Willow Creek Road cannot be fixed in the shape it's in. He needs to view that road with the Commission for maintenance options.

Kris Denton said a citizen phoned about whether roads through Clyde Park are county or town roads. Denton said a citizen with lung problems called about Billman Lane and said since Hillman caused the problem on Billman Lane he needs to fix it. Hillman will phone that citizen and inform him of the Billman Lane work timeframe. Another citizen called about maintaining Elk Horn Lane and Mt. Baldy Road. Hillman will check with GIS/IT Manager Marc Richards about whether those roads are county roads. Durgan will phone the citizen. Denton said a citizen from Wilsall stopped in and is concerned about a potentially collapsed culvert. Hillman will take a look at that culvert. The culvert will be discussed again on Monday. There was a call about grass being too high on Highway 89 in Clyde Park asking if it can be mowed another time this summer. Hillman said the individual responsible for road mowing work needs to be contacted on that matter. Jim

Durgan said he received two citizen calls about the need for gravel on Elbow Creek Road. Hillman said he knows it needs gravel and the crew will try to get to that next week. Durgan said a citizen inquired when millings will be put down on Canyon View. Hillman said road work on Canyon View will start next week as soon as IronWolf is in town. Hillman and Durgan discussed a stop sign on Love's Lane that needs to be reset because of a bent post.

Durgan said the term of the road crew's temporary help employee ends June 30, at which time he will be laid off. Durgan said rehire of that individual is possible, but all budgeting issues must be addressed and cleared with Human Resources Manager Polly Miller.

Public comment was made by Mark Redfern. Redfern is a representative from a reclamite provider and said he feels chip sealing is not as effective as reclamite of CRF. CRF is reclamite containing asphalt. He said reclamite rejuvenates and reseals asphalt by returning substances lost through oxidation. Redfern said the cost per mile of reclamite is \$10,000 or \$11,000. Hillman said the road crew wants to put magnesium chloride on Jardine Road this year, and Redfern will provide a price quote for that material.

Public comment was made by Bill Moser. Moser said it is essential the county locates culverts and enters them into a GPS database and that information is put in the county road book in order to have a record of location. He said there needs to be budget money invested in locating weak culverts and spraying a plastic liner on the inside of the culverts. Moser said the county needs 8 to 10 reflectors on Mill Creek Road halfway through the curve between the Yellowstone River to Highway 89. Moser said a liability problem exists on Pray Road between the Pray post office and East River Road where a culvert is too short in length underneath the road.

@4:25 p.m., Denton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

June 19, 2008

4:00 P.M. – Communications – West Room - Canceled

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

June 20, 2008

No meetings scheduled

June 20, 2008

Due to an emergency situation at the 9th Street Island Bridge and structural damage of that bridge due to high water, the Park County Commission passed the following three (3) emergency resolutions June 19 and 20, 2008:

Resolution #1022. Emergency Resolution by the Board of County Commissioners of Park County, Montana, Restricting Use of the 9th Street Bridge when a Sign is Posted That Restricts Use of the 9th Street Island Bridge

Resolution #1023. A County Declaration Resolution establishing, “an emergency is hereby declared pursuant to Section 10-3-402, MCA, because expenditures for repair and damage facilities will be beyond the financial capability of the County,” and “there shall be appropriated immediately to the Emergency Fund an amount equivalent to two (2) mills on the taxable valuation of the County outside the incorporated municipalities, pursuant to Section 10-3-405, MCA. Said two (2) mills will be levied during fiscal year 2009 and be utilized for restoring services and repairing facilities damaged by the flooding.”

Resolution #1024. Emergency Resolution by the Park County Commission of Park County, Montana, Restricting Use of the Road Between 9th Street Island and Siebeck Island when a Sign is Posted That Restricts Use of the Road for Public Safety

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