

Commission Meeting Minutes; Park County, Montana  
Week of October 20 – October 24, 2008

October 20, 2008

Park County Road Updates

@9:01:17 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Denton and Lahren were present. Also present was Ed Hillman, road supervisor; Dan Gravage, Montana Department of Transportation; Raea Morris, Commission executive assistant; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss county road issues.

Dan Gravage, Montana Department of Transportation bridge inspector, said he had answers to road department questions regarding Bailey bridge inspections from Dave Crumley and the MDT Bridge Bureau in Helena. Regarding monitoring of the settling of the old Ninth Street Bridge, Gravage said he would continue to monitor the settlement of the pier with elevation shots per MDT. Regarding the Bailey bridge resting on wood cribbing, Gravage said Crumley said that is not an issue. Regarding tightening of transom clamps, Gravage said hand tightening the bolts is sufficient. Gravage said the road department can put Loctite on the bolts if they keep loosening. Gravage said Crumley will bring replacement transom clamps on October 23. Regarding snow removal from the Bailey bridge, Gravage said the road department can use shovels, snow blowers, or possibly a four-wheeler with a sanding apparatus. Gravage said salt-sand cannot be applied to the bridge.

Gravage said he and Crumley will be onsite at the Bailey bridge at 9:30 a.m. on October 23 and the Commission and the road department are invited to join them.

Road Supervisor Ed Hillman provided the Commission with a weekly road crew work schedule. Hillman said the road crew is back working five eight-hour shifts.

Lahren said he will check on the status of Wall Rock Road as a county road.

Lahren said people are complaining about the Main Boulder Road between natural bridge and two mile bridge. He said the issue with maintaining that road is the far distance from Livingston. He said citizens there will come in for a meeting with the Commission and Hillman should attend that meeting.

Hillman said he ordered materials last week to put a steel top on the bridge on Miller Drive. Hillman said he was told it will take 10 days to receive the materials.

Lahren said bridge timbers from Whispering Pines will be cut to three inches thick and 12 feet wide and to random lengths.

Hillman said he was told by Dan Gravage that the 15-ton load limit on the Deep Creek Bridge likely will remain. Lahren said people cutting and hauling logs out of Deep Creek will need to get a county road work permit to work off the county road.

Hillman said he has not received a load limit for the Upper Six Mile Bridge after new decking was placed on that bridge.

Lahren said a draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding using a portion of the county Old Yellowstone Trail right-of-way as a buffalo corridor is out for public comment.

Hillman reviewed a citizen letter handed to him by Lahren regarding a pot hole on Old Clyde Park Road before the 89 Bridge. Hillman said that road was just patched.

Denton said Upper and Lower Brackett Creek Roads are bad. Hillman said he thinks the road crewman will finish Shield's River East and come back to Brackett.

@9:14:21 a.m., Denton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lahren seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

October 20, 2008

Discussion of Agenda and Review Minutes for Week of October 13, 2008

@9:44:42 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Denton and Lahren were present. Also present was Raea Morris, Commission executive assistant and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss the Commission's upcoming agenda and review Commission meeting minutes for the Week of October 13, 2008.

Raea Morris presented the Commission with its upcoming meeting agenda through October 31. The Commission had no revisions to the agenda.

Reviewing Commission meeting minutes for the Week of October 13, 2008, Denton requested a revision to Page 2 of 7 noting the correct spelling of the word "planks." On Page 5 of 7 Denton noted the correct spelling of the name "Van Jamison."

Denton made a motion to accept the minutes with changes noted. Lahren seconded that motion. Motion passed.

@9:47:11 a.m., Lahren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denton seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

October 20, 2008

Review of Correspondence, Public Contacts and Determine Action Plan

@10:02:52 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Denton and Lahren were present. Also present was Bill Hurley, director of 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.

Commissioner Denton said Cooke City residents living near the transfer station would like to expand the site to include a recreation ball field. Denton said Dessa Dale of the Forest Service said the Commission would have to add an amendment to a special use permit to allow for the field. Lahren said the county attorney should review that proposal for liability issues.

Denton said RC&D is asking the Commission to write a letter of support for brownfield assessments in order to apply for a grant. Denton will use a template to draft the letter.

Correspondence included:

- Memo re. deputy county attorney review of request for qualifications - To Senior Citizens Center file
- Draft bylaws of Park County Solid Waste Board - To Solid Waste Board
- Memo from citizen re. backup of Fleshman Creek
- Memo from Park County Concerned Citizens attorneys re. objection to any motion made by Park County Commissioners involving solid waste issues
- Memo from Van Jamison re. wind power - To Durgan for review
- Memo from NACO re. conservation award entries

@10:11:08 a.m., Lahren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denton seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

October 20, 2008

Rakela Family Transfer Exemption Appeal Hearing

@11:00:03 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Denton, Durgan and Lahren were present. Also present was Mike Inman, planning; Philip Fletcher, planning; Brett Linneweber, county attorney; Kathleen Rakela, public citizen; Rik Rottendorfer, public citizen; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller.

The meeting was scheduled as an appeal hearing for a Rakela family transfer exemption denial.

Park County Planner Mike Inman said Kathleen Rakela submitted a family transfer exemption to the planning department on July 14, 2008, which he denied citing Section 5.B. of the 2006 Park County Subdivision Regulations. Inman said that section states the planning department must take into account the nature of a claimant's business, surrounding circumstances, and prior history of a tract of land in question when considering family transfers. Inman said Rakela has two subdivisions in Glastonbury, Eagle's Bluff and Eagle's Nest, currently under review by the Park County Planning Department. Inman said he denied the Rakela family transfer based on the fact Rakela has two subdivisions currently under review, and other information was brought out in an appeal letter from the applicant and in the current meeting.

Inman said the letter from Rakela to the planning department states her business is a dance school, and she is not a surveyor or developer. Inman said Rakela wrote in the letter Inman gave no precautions or warnings of problems with a family transfer at a meeting in March between Inman, Rakela and her husband. Inman said discussions with the applicants at that meeting were about fire protection standards and a current subdivision, and there was no discussion about a family transfer regarding Parcel #53. Inman said he did not give his blessing for the family transfer, as Rakela said he had. Inman said the letter specifically identifies the original intention of obtaining Parcel #53 was not for a family transfer. Inman said his recommendation is for Rakela to go through the Montana Subdivision and Platting Act review process if she wants to divide the parcel.

Rakela presented the Commission with a map of the lots in question. She said she is not in the business of subdividing and making money from that. She said she is trying to save the properties near her home to preserve the land near her home. She said she wants to take the parcel in question out of subdivision by relocating boundaries to maintain the area's pristine integrity as houses are being built all around her.

Durgan asked Rakela if she intends to put the lot into a conservation easement. Rakela said that would be a great thing to do and she is sacrificing two pieces to hold onto one. She said the family transfer would be 2 ½ acres of Lot #53 and her husband would be accepting the 2 ½ acres so he could purchase adjacent land that has gone on the market.

Durgan said he recalls a family transfer is one way a rancher can transfer a portion of his land to his offspring in order to preserve the ranch and not have to sell it off in a subdivision. Durgan said the Rakela exemption does not look like that and he understands what Rakela is trying to do is sacrifice one piece of land through sale to get another piece of land.

Lahren asked Inman the legislative attempt of family transfers. Inman said the statement of intent of the family transfer specifically is to allow a landowner to convey one parcel outside of a platted subdivision to each member of his or her immediate family without local subdivision review. Inman said one of the difficulties in reviewing exemptions is the planning department is supposed to review whether the applicants are using the exemption for its intended purpose. Inman said if the purpose of the exemption is to

allow someone to transfer a parcel to an immediate family member and the intent then is to sell that parcel, then that gets away from the original intent of the family transfer.

County Attorney Linneweber said if the Commission was to deny the appeal the parcel could still go through subdivision review, be approved, and be sold by the applicant. Linneweber said the purpose of the family transfer is to ensure there is not a multiple divide and sell of property without review.

Inman said looking at Chapter 5 - Divisions of Land Exempt from Subdivision Review, which includes family transfers, "The Montana Subdivision and Platting Act provides that certain division of land, which would otherwise constitute subdivisions, are exempt from local subdivision review and approval, unless the use of the exemption is an attempt to evade the Montana Subdivision Platting Act." Inman said what Rakela is proposing to do is a subdivision by definition, so she is not being denied her ability to divide her property, but what she is doing does not fit the purpose or intention of a family conveyance. Inman said Rakela has identified the purpose for giving the parcel to her family member is to sell it for another parcel.

Inman said the purpose of this appeal is to specifically identify if the appeal is an attempt to evade the Montana Platting Act. Inman said the final goal of the applicant regarding the family transfer is not relevant to his review, the criteria of his review process being black and white per Chapter 5.

Planning Director Philip Fletcher said the exemption appeal denial is a departmental recommendation to the Commission. Fletcher said he reviewed Inman's initial analysis of the exemption appeal, did an independent review, and concurred with Inman's analysis and conclusion for reasons stated. Fletcher said what he heard from the applicant at the present meeting was the purpose of the family transfer application was that the county subdivision regulation process is expensive and difficult. Fletcher said that is not the intent of the family transfer, and the intent is to pass property down to family members to keep it in the family without forcing them to go through subdivision review.

Lahren said it appears to him based on facts the Commission has no other alternative than to deny the family transfer. He said it does not comport to the county planning department structure and function and laws. Denton said she echoes that opinion and the applicant admitted the purpose of the family transfer exemption is to sell off the parcel. Lahren said the Commission can set a proverbial precedence that is contrary to the code, which is not good. Lahren said if there was any possible way the Commission could work around this, or if the Commission did not have confidence in its planning department staff, the Commission would seek other options. Lahren said the planning department has done its homework and the Commission has to follow the rules. He said the rules are black and white and there is no way for the county to be flexible in this situation.

Rakela's husband, Rik Rottendorfer, said he is curious as to the percentage of family transfers within the original intent of family transfer rules. He said he would venture a

significant number of family transfers never fulfill any intent. He said if the Commission is attempting to prevent setting precedence with today's decision that precedence was already set, because he knows people around him who have not followed any rules regarding family transfers, and subdivision covenants have not been enforced.

Durgan said the Commission is being careful because incidences have occurred where decisions were used against the Commission and where decisions ultimately do not serve the intent. Durgan said two wrongs do not make a right and it is not right for the Commission to pass something along if it can clearly see the intent does not match the definition.

Inman said the planning department will propose amendments to Chapter 5 in a planning board public hearing next month to avoid this very thing. Inman said he agrees with Rakela that honest people can get punished and dishonest people can get away with not following intent when applying for family transfers. He said the proposed subdivision amendments look to get away from that problem in the future.

Durgan said he sees no reason to overturn the departmental appeal denial decision based on the intent of the family transfer exemption in the subdivision regulations. He said the intent of Rakela was to find some means to sell that property without going through subdivision review.

Lahren made a motion, based on the testimony heard today and the factual presentations, the Commission deny the Rakela Family Transfer Exemption because it does not fit the criteria of the current Park County subdivision regulations. Denton seconded that motion. Motion passed.

@11:52:52 a.m., Lahren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

October 20, 2008

Communication and Management Services Salary Matrix Meeting

@1:31:48 p.m., Vice-Chairman Durgan called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Denton and Durgan were present. Also present was Bernadette Rambow, accounts payable; Bill Hurley, operations; Marilyn Hartley, accounting; Drew Geiger, CMS; Jim Kerins, CMS; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss a Communication and Management Services salary matrix plan.

Drew Geiger and Jim Kerins of CMS presented the Commission with a summary report and other analyses of a proposed job classification and pay plan schedule for Park County employees. Geiger said interviews were conducted with Park County employees and county jobs were classified by job description. Geiger provided the Commission with an

overview of the pay plan and how to implement it throughout the county government. He said jobs at Park County are far less defined than in other counties as Park County employees do a variety of tasks not listed in their job description.

Geiger said CMS was looking at internal equity and external competitiveness when determining a salary matrix of county employee wages. He said a matrix forces a scientific dialogue enabling a human resources manager and department heads to go through a system to determine what an employee's salary could or should be, which also can protect a county legally. Geiger said a pay plan also gives employees a road map or understanding of how they can earn a certain wage they may not be currently earning, as well as understand why one employee is compensated at a certain level when another is not.

Commissioner Durgan asked how to deal with union employees. Kerins suggested the county invite union representatives to deliberations.

Kerins provided the Commission with a report *Park County Classification System Overview*, which includes seven factors considered for all positions that garner a point total to result in a pay grade. Those factors were: complexity of work; knowledge; accountability; independence of action; personal contacts; supervision exercised (pay add-on); and work environment/physical demands (pay add-on).

Kerins provided the Commission with a report *Park County Broadband Pay Plan Draft - October 2008*. Kerins said he proposes the county has fewer grades and broader pay ranges, as well as a possible lump sum or bonus pay based on performance. He said CMS compared the salary ranking of Park County employees to the national market rate. Kerins said CMS recommends average and good employees should be paid at the market rate and exceptional employees paid above market rates. Geiger said he recommends counties tie employee pay levels to the level of public impact their work may have, such as saving taxpayer money or positively influencing the community.

Commissioner Denton said the report is food for thought for this year and once a human resources person is hired the county could then consider whether to implement the pay scale. Geiger said CMS recommends the county consider a holding pattern with the plan/system at this time given the county currently has no human resources manager.

Kerins said CMS will be training department heads the next two days about the particulars of the payment scale and will discuss attainment of goals and compensation during that training.

@2:57:00 p.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denton seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

October 20, 2008  
Personnel Meeting

@4:04:37 p.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Denton, Durgan and Lahren were present. Also present was Marilyn Hartley, accounting and Brett Linneweber, county attorney. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to address a personnel meeting.

Marilyn Hartley requested the Commission close the meeting for discussion. Lahren closed the meeting.

@3:30 p.m., Lahren adjourned the meeting.

October 21, 2008  
Department Head Meeting

@8:31:34 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Community Room of the City/County building. Present was Brett Linneweber, county attorney; Ed Barich, county superintendent; Clay Williams, weed/junk vehicle; Brian Sparks, museum; Tracy Brewer, Extension; Bruce Martin, maintenance; Suzanne Brown, health department; Richard Wright, transfer station; Ed Hillman, road department; Lois Hatfield, landfill; Linda Budeski, justice court; Belinda Van Nurden, DES; Philip Fletcher, planning; Marc Richards, GIS/IT; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled as a county department head meeting.

Addressing flu shots, Public Health Nurse Suzanne Brown said flu shots will be offered at the county flu clinic on October 27 from 9 to 12 and 1 to 4, and a mass immunization exercise will take place as a mock emergency. A mass emergency operations center will be set up as if a mass flu outbreak were occurring. Brown said the county's participation in the exercise will make it NIMS compliant

Addressing dogs in the building, Lahren said the county policy states only service dogs for the blind and law enforcement are supposed to be in the building.

Addressing the county purchase order policy, Lahren said POs must be signed and approved before anything is purchased, not after something is purchased. Lahren said POs must be specific as to the service to be obtained or amount of supplies/materials to be purchased. Lahren said if a PO is approved for a specific amount, the service or individual contracted with cannot go beyond that amount unless the overage is approved by the Commission.

Accounts Payable Clerk Bernadette Rambow said two copies of a PO must be signed. She said a yellow copy has to stay in the black book and does not go to Commission. She said the yellow copy is signed in addition to the log sheet in the accounts payable office. In an emergency situation, such as hypothetically at 4:30 p.m. on a Friday, Rambow said a department head can phone the Commission about the emergency situation and get a verbal approval of the purchase and follow up with a PO the next business day.

Suzanne Brown asked about request for leave forms. She said it is impossible to know whether leave requests were approved by the Commission since they go to the human resources office. Brown asked if employees can receive back leave request forms after approval.

GIS/IT Manager Marc Richards asked if the final county budget will be approved on Friday, October 24. Lahren said the Commission hopes to pass the budget that day.

Department of Emergency Services Director Belinda Van Nurden said DVDs can be made from the training video recording.

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

October 21, 2008

9:30 A.M. – CMS Performance Appraisal Training – Community Room

12:00 P.M. – Airport Board Meeting – Clarks Crossing – Canceled

1:00 P.M. – Senior Citizens Meeting – Livingston Senior Center

October 21, 2008

Personnel Meeting

@3:00:46 p.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Denton, Durgan and Lahren were present. Also present was Jill Ann Ouellette, public citizen; Bernadette Rambow, accounts payable; Brett Linneweber, county attorney; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to address a personnel issue.

Jill Ann Ouellette requested the Commission close the meeting for discussion. Lahren closed the meeting.

@3:30 p.m., Lahren adjourned the meeting.

October 21, 2008  
Personnel Meeting

@4:04:40 p.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Denton, Durgan and Lahren were present. Also present was Kim Gentry, human resources assistant; and Brett Linneweber, county attorney. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to address a personnel issue.

Kim Gentry requested the Commission close the meeting for discussion. Lahren closed the meeting.

@4:30 p.m., Lahren adjourned the meeting.

October 22, 2008

9:00 A.M. – Claims Review Meeting – Commissioners Chambers

October 22, 2008  
Consider Appointment of Fair Board Members

@10:10:16 AM Vice-Chairman Durgan called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Denton and Durgan were present. Also present was Mike Adams, fair board and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to consider appointments of fair board members.

@10:10:33 a.m., Commissioner Durgan recessed the meeting until approximately 3:00 p.m., at which time Commissioner Denton has returned from a mental health committee meeting in Butte. @2:59:22 p.m., Durgan reopened the meeting with Commissioner Denton present.

Durgan said the Commission received four applicants for three fair board seats needing appointment. Durgan said two terms are up, and one application is to fill a vacancy from a board member who resigned. Fair board member Mike Adams said the fair board reviewed the four applications October 20 and made a recommendation to the Commission of the following three individuals for the fair board: Mike Adams, Kelli Parker, and William Rambow.

Commissioner Denton made a motion to follow the fair board's recommendation to appoint Kelli Parker, William Rambow and Mike Adams as needed to fill the Park County Fair Board. Durgan seconded that motion. Motion passed.

@3:02:35 p.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denton seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

October 23, 2008

Review Correspondence, Public Contacts and Determine Action Plan

@1:29:51 p.m., Vice-Chairman Durgan called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Denton and Durgan were present. Also present was Bill Hurley, director of operations; Philip Fletcher, planning; 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:

- ACTION ITEM - request for bid from deputy county attorney for recovery and recycling of metal from Park County Landfill. The Commission said it wants to wait until the metal prices are higher and the recommended time to pursue that is six to 12 months. Durgan said Landfill Manager Lois Hatfield said she can stockpile the metal at the landfill in the meantime.
- ACTION ITEM - Memo re. proposal to build a ball field at that Cooke City transfer area on Forest Service property - The Commission will talk with Cooke City residents about the matter at its scheduled visit on October 24
- Memo from deputy county attorney re. reduction of speed limit near the school on Miller Drive. Durgan read the resolution request into the record. Director of Operations Bill Hurley will ask the deputy county attorney to check into an urban routes study done in that area
- Memo requesting county signature for a MSU Extension agent salary scale to be based on a percentage of the county clerk and recorder salary - The Commission signed the memo
- DEQ violation letter of unacceptable Biological Oxygen Demand levels from Gardiner Sewer District. Hurley said the county needs to respond to the letter and he is in the process of doing that
- Memo from Governor Schweitzer re. amendment of a public law addressing secure rural schools funding - To Superintendent of Schools Ed Barich for review
- MACO health and safety license and cost survey - Hurley has completed the survey
- Memo from Montana Clean re. upstairs men's restroom drain cover missing. A Montana Clean employee claims to have stepped in the drain hole, fallen and obtained a concussion. Maintenance technician Bruce Martin said the replacement part is on order - To deputy county attorney for review
- Memo from deputy county attorney re. Ibex Ranch fire protection bond extension request - Commissioners Denton and Durgan authorized the 15-year extension and submitted it to the deputy county attorney

- Memo from deputy county attorney re. county designation - Commissioner Denton will follow up on the issue
- Report from undersheriff re. parking lot cruiser vandalism damage
- Memo from city of Livingston re. urban transportation committee meeting on October 29
- Machinery and Equipment catalogue - To road department for review
- Montana and Sky newsletter - To Hurley for review
- Memo re. Bearthooth Highway public information program
- Memo re. Upper Yellowstone Watershed Basin wildlife meeting on October 30 - To Durgan for review
- Brochure for a mobile command unit - To county sheriff for review
- Memo re. demonstrations on roundabouts
- Memo re. next JSEC meeting on November 18 - To Durgan for review
- Memo re. Emergency Management Program funding formula
- Memo re. no dogs permitted in the city/county building except service and police dogs
- Payment from city of Livingston for county administration of city special election
- Memo re. wind power - To Durgan for review
- Memo from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks inviting the Commission to an informational meeting in Helena to discuss FWP's comprehensive fish and wildlife strategy - Durgan will take the memo to the Yellowstone Watershed Basin wildlife meeting
- Memo from Cooke City resident stating Yellowstone National Park has no vault toilets for use at a proposed Cooke City ball field

Hurley said a draft of the preliminary Fiscal Year 2009 budget is in the clerk and recorder's office and the accounting office. Hurley said three citizens have viewed the budget in the accounting office. Durgan said no budget is available in the clerk and recorders office due to voter traffic.

Planning Director Philip Fletcher said the planning department is making another push to get applicants on the county park board. Fletcher asked the Commission the process of appointing board members to a new board with no sitting members and whether applicants are to be interviewed. The Commission said the applicants may or may not be interviewed.

@2:33:17 p.m., Denton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

October 23, 2008

Park County Road Updates

@3:02:46 p.m., Vice-Chairman Durgan called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Denton and Durgan were present. Also present was Ed

Hillman, road supervisor; Shannan Piccolo, deputy county attorney; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss county road issues.

Commissioner Denton said citizen Frank O'Connor is concerned about the muddy condition of O'Rea Creek Road during another wet season. Hillman said he would like to put 200 yards of gravel on O'Rea Creek. He said he would like to get the gravel from Jesson and turn in a purchase order of \$1,000 for the gravel. Hillman said the gravel money would come out of the 2820 gas tax budget.

Durgan said the Commission will have to do some research on available road funds before it approves the gravel PO because the road department has a number of unpaid purchase orders at this time. Durgan told Hillman to submit a purchase order for the gravel. Hillman said he needs to get the work finished tomorrow because three crew members will be out next week.

Durgan said a citizen complained about the condition of Z-Hill from the pavement on. Hillman said the crewman will be there next week to maintain that road. Hillman said he has gotten a lot of complaints about Tom Miner and Cinnabar roads so the crew has been working there.

Hillman said Scott Fletcher did not get to Trail Creek Road this week because the crewmen have been putting wings and blades on the new graders this week.

Hillman said maintenance work on Wall Rock Road should be completed today. He said he cleaned culverts on Cokedale and O'Rea Creek Roads this week.

Durgan said the road crew will need to install a culvert on Fleshman Creek Road near Sandy Wulf's house.

Hillman said the road crew cannot get a culvert on F Street cleaned. He said the culverts are too small for the amount of water in the creek there. Hillman said the corrugated galvanized bridge deck for Miller Drive is ordered. He said that cost will be around \$3,300 and millings will be put on top.

Hillman said he, road crewman Winn Treible, and Commissioner Denton met with MDT bridge specialists this morning at the Bailey bridge. Hillman said Dave Crumley of MDT said salt-sand can be put on the bridge with DEQ approval. Denton said Crumley said the county needs to establish a high water plan prior to next spring. Hillman said the individual with the truck and long boom may be a help in retrieving logs from the bridge during high water. He said a crane could retrieve logs from the center of the bridge. Hillman said Crumley said MDT does not expect the county to paint the Bailey bridge. He said there was discussion the bridge load limit will remain at 6 tons and the Commission must be contacted by anyone interested in crossing the bridge with a vehicle weighing more than 6 tons.

Hillman said Treible received Bailey bridge monitoring instructions from MDT. Hillman said MDT is okay with Treible monitoring the bridge and Treible is okay with doing the monitoring. Monitoring is to be conducted once a month. Hillman said MDT replaced bent transom clamps today. He said MDT said it has no problem with altering the bridge to enable foot traffic.

Hillman said mowing on South Fork of Deep Creek Road is completed and Scott Fletcher will grade it one time before winter. Durgan said a lot of tall weeds remain on Old Yellowstone Trail, which is going to cause a problem this winter.

Hillman said the crew had a discussion and decided it will not put up as much snow fence as it usually does. He said the crew agreed snow berms work better than snow fence.

Hillman said crewman Troy Amunrud is on Shields River East this week and will work on Cottonwood and Brackett Creek after that.

Durgan said he had a comment from a resident on Six Mile Road complaining about a citizen putting magnesium chloride on the road, causing breathing and vehicle damage problems.

@3:35:20 p.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denton seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

October 24, 2008

No Meetings Scheduled

10:00 A.M. – Meeting to Accept Application for Resort Tax Funds and Hear Area Residents' Concerns – Cooke City Fire Hall – Commissioners Denton and Durgan attended

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