

Commission Meeting Minutes; Park County, Montana
Week of September 15 – 19, 2008

September 15, 2008

Public Hearing on Permissive Medical Levy Increase per Montana Code

@8:01:28 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Denton and Lahren were present. Also present was Marilyn Hartley, accounting and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller.

No public citizens were present and no public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled as a public hearing on a Permissive Medical Levy increase per Montana Code.

Marilyn Hartley provided the Commission with an Annual Calculation for Permissive Medical Levy report containing county levy figures between 2000 and 2009. Hartley said the meeting is a public hearing for the public to voice opinion on this issue and the Commission will not make any decisions on the issue at today's meeting.

Hartley said the permissive medical levy was created by the Montana legislature to help counties cover the increasing costs of employee medical benefits. She said the levy is assessed on citizen property taxes per Montana Code 2-9-212, and as a permissive levy, the levy does not have to go out to voters for approval. Hartley said she is still in the process of determining the amount of the mill for this year and will work with a Montana Department of Administration representative to finalize the mill amount.

@8:11:29 a.m., Denton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lahren seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

September 15, 2008

County Road Updates

@8:30:28 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; Don Holland, auditor; Shannan Piccolo, deputy county attorney; Mindy Thigpen, public citizen; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss county road issues.

Ed Hillman said the road crew is on Rock Creek today and it may or may not finish that work today if he has to take them off to work on the Deep Creek Bridge.

Discussing Deep Creek Bridge, Lahren said on August 29, 2008 Hillman said he turned a 124 permit into the Army Corps of Engineers and it is the same permit turned into the

Montana Fish and Game. Lahren said Hillman said he will call the Corps on September 2 and if he gets a verbal okay from the Corps the road crew will start on the bridge and if he does not get a verbal okay he will not start on bridge. Lahren asked if Hillman called the Corps on September 2. Hillman said he phoned Uhaus with the Corps but he does not know what date it was.

Lahren said he called Jean Ramer at the Corps of Engineers on September 11, 2008 and Ramer said she did not receive the permit application until September 9 in the form of a fax. Hillman said that is correct and he sent the original permit application to Billings. Hillman said he is supposed to send applications to Billings and he sent the original permit to Billings the day he sent it to Scott Opitz of Montana Fish and Game, but employees in Billings were out of the office all week. Hillman said he was told by that office the permit was probably in the unopened mail.

Lahren said Ramer sent him a fax on September 11 to authorize the work on the bridge. He said the Corps is okay with the permit if Scott Opitz is okay with it. Lahren said Ramer indicated to him on the phone the permit application is seriously inadequate in terms of information Item #C1 is to contain. Lahren said Item #C1 states the permit application must include a plan or drawing of the proposed project including a plan view looking at the project from above; an elevation view looking at the project from the right or left; project dimensions; dimensions and locations of fill or excavation sites; location of storage or stockpile materials; location of existing proposed structures such as buildings, utilities, roads or bridges; drainage facilities; and an arrow indicating North. Lahren said that information is not on the permit and that is why the Corps has a problem with the permit.

Hillman said he has a signed permit from the Corps and the Corps faxed the Commission a copy of it. Lahren said the Commission signs off on permits, and the permit application is inadequate and the county will not start on the project until the permit application includes all the necessary information. Lahren said he is giving Hillman a direct order to provide the necessary information so the county does not end up in more trouble with the landowner or the Corps of Engineers regarding the bridge issue. Lahren said the county is on the hook without this documentation. Lahren told Hillman not to get off the county right-of-way or onto the Tecca property, which is flagged and marked with metes and bounds.

Lahren said the only way Scott Opitz can do a secondary clearance is to see the bridge repair plan.

Raea Morris drafted a memo for Hillman's signature outlining the necessary Deep Creek Road Bridge repair design and plans per the Army Corps of Engineers application permit listed by Lahren. The memo states Hillman is to have the necessary permit application information by 5:00 p.m. on September 15 and start on the bridge on September 16 pending Commission approval of the plan.

Lahren said the Corps permit permits removal of a damaged bridge and replacement with a new bridge. The new bridge abutments will consist of wood timbers with wood stringers and new decking. The new bridge will span the ordinary high water channel. Lahren said the permit verification from Ramer is valid until September 10, 2010, and the Corps file number is NW0200802337MTU. The project manager is Jean Ramer.

Lahren told Hillman the compliance certification form needs to be mailed when the project is completed and certified.

Hillman signed the memo outlining the Deep Creek Road Bridge repair design and plans he is to have submitted to the Commission by 5 p.m. Copies were submitted to the county attorney. Lahren phoned GIS/IT Manager Marc Richards to request assisting Hillman with the plan for Deep Creek Bridge and GPS and map the bridge. Richards said he will assist with that effort.

Public Comment was made by Mindy Thigpen. Thigpen said she lives on the South Fork of Deep Creek and residents there are still trying to figure out what is going on with that road. Thigpen said the residents need the road graded.

Lahren said the county first needs to determine if that road is a county road. Lahren said the county historian and deputy county attorney are finishing a research and status report of the Deep Creek South Road and findings of that report will be presented at a public meeting on September 22, 2008 at 9 a.m.

She said on every plat map and title residents there have, the road is named County Road #23. She said somewhere between 1922 and 1924 that road was established as a county road. She said the road should be maintained until it is proven the road is not a county road. Thigpen said everyone who has built a home there has had to pay the county to put a road to their home from County Road #23. She said if people 60 years ago misplaced papers regarding the road's establishment as a county road is not the current citizen's fault.

She said the road has been maintained for years, which sets a precedent the county has taken the responsibility of maintaining the road. She said if the road is not maintained, someone is going to get hurt and it will be a bigger lawsuit against the county if someone is killed while the county decides not to maintain the road. Thigpen said residents on the road pay their taxes and those tax dollars go into road maintenance funds. She said the road has not been maintained since the winter and it had been done four times a year. She said the first ¼ mile of the road at the bottom from East River Road is the worst.

Lahren said the road is not getting maintenance because of the liability to the county should someone run into a county grader on the road. Lahren said establishing a county road requires a formal process, but sometimes a surveyor can state a road is a county road without researching first whether in fact it is a county road. Lahren said the county is in the process of determining whether the correct process was followed in declaring the road a county road. Lahren said the exact same issue happened on Suce Creek Road. He said

that road was never formally adopted as a county road and research ultimately supported it was not a county road. Lahren said if research determines Deep Creek South Road is a county road, then it will be put on the county road maintenance schedule, and if it is not determined to be a county road citizens would have to petition the Commission through a formalized process to have the road declared a county road.

Thigpen said Peterson's son just finished a house on the road and paid an encroachment permit from the county for County Road #23. Lahren said if the county has accepted approach permits from citizens on that road and the road is determined not to be a county road money for those permits will be refunded.

Hillman said the Forest Service only maintains portions of roads it owns.

Hillman said he turned employee evaluations into the Commission three months ago and never got those back. Hillman said he would like to receive back those evaluations so he can complete the process. Lahren said he will check on the status of the evaluations.

Lahren asked Hillman what happened recently on Chicory Road. Hillman said the road crew did not get signs put up and residents went through the oil applied to that road. He said sand was put on the oil as it was only a seal coat.

Hillman asked what will be done about lighting on the Ninth Street Island Bridge. Lahren said he will have to check with MDT about that issue. Hillman said Road Crewman Winn Treible continues to monitor the bridge every couple of weeks and the bridge remains constant with each inspection.

@9:22:08 a.m., Lahren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denton seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

September 15, 2008

Review Upcoming Agenda and Meeting Minutes for the Week of September 8, 2008

@9:24:13 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Denton and Lahren were present. Also present was Raea Morris, executive assistant and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to review the Commission's upcoming agenda and meeting minutes for the Week of September 8, 2008.

Raea Morris provided the Commission with its upcoming agenda through September 26. The Commission reviewed that agenda and provided revisions.

Reviewing meeting minutes, Denton noted the correct spelling of "contract" on Page 6 of 14 and the correct spelling of "Durgan" on Page 10 of 14.

On Page 2 of 14, second paragraph, Lahren said the fourth sentence should read, "Hillman said the bridge needs five new stringers and new abutments out of treated timber."

@9:33:47 a.m., Lahren made a motion to recess the meeting until Commissioner Durgan is present. Denton seconded that motion. The meeting was recessed. @1:08:03 p.m., Lahren reopened the meeting.

Durgan requested a revision to Page 1 of 14; Durgan requested the third paragraph read in entirety, "@8:34:23 a.m., the Commission recessed the meeting until Durgan is present. Durgan was onsite at the Deep Creek Road Bridge with Road Supervisor Ed Hillman; Scott Opitz of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks; and Dan Gravage of Montana Department of Transportation. @9:41:24 a.m., Lahren reopened the meeting when those individuals returned from the Deep Creek Bridge site." On Page 5 of 14, fifth paragraph, Durgan requested the first sentence read, "In discussing the Deep Creek Road Bridge, Hillman said the same 124 permit he submits to the Montana Fish and Game goes to the Army Corps of Engineers for approval." On Page 2 of 14, the first paragraph should read, "Lahren said Gravage said on September 4, 2008, the day he and Lahren were onsite, the bridge just needs to be jacked up and that's the information he had gone on." On Page 2 of 14, second paragraph, Durgan requested the third paragraph read, "Hillman said the bridge was to be rebuilt with equipment and materials at the county road shop." On Page 13 of 14, the sixth bullet point should read, "Memo from Dan Babcox re. PCRFD#1 removing its fire truck from Ninth Street Island due to cold weather concerns."

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

@1:24:18 p.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lahren seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

September 15, 2008

Review Correspondence, Public Contacts and Determine Action Plan

@10:03:44 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioners 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 review correspondence, public contacts and determine action plans.

Correspondence included:

- Memos from MACO re. health care trust meeting information at MACO conference - Denton submitted to Durgan for review
- Memo re. registration for population protection course conference

- Memo re. request to phone congress reauthorizing renewal energy tax credit for rural economic development
- Memo from Sabre Communications re. status report of and current schedule for work at Myer's Flat radio site
- Memo re. Red Cross and Hurricane Ike support
- Memos from NACO
- Memo from hospital association
- Memo re. park funds - To Denton for review
- Memo from landfill re. change in operating hours
- Memo from citizen re. poor condition of Willow Creek Road
- Memo re. wind energy - To Commissioner Durgan for review
- Memo from MACO re. hardrock mining counties and spending authorization to be discussed at MACO conference in Hamilton next week

Bill Hurley said Ron Shorter of the Gardiner Water and Sewer District last week produced several copies of plats and quiet claim processes that did not account for sewer pipes running through private properties.

@10:18:38 a.m., Lahren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denton seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

September 15, 2008

11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. – Resource Conservation and Development Meeting – White Sulphur Springs Sheriff's Training Center – Durgan did not attend the meeting.

September 16, 2008

Resolution to Consider Appointing Special Prosecutors

@8:33:02 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Denton and Lahren were present. Also present was Brett Linneweber, county attorney. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to consider a resolution to appoint special prosecutors.

Lahren read Resolution #1033, Resolution Appointing Special Deputy County Attorneys, into the record.

Denton made a motion to accept the resolution to appoint special deputy county attorneys as read. Lahren seconded that motion. Motion passed.

@8:35:45 a.m., Lahren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denton seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

September 16, 2008
Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Workshop

@9:01:53 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Denton, Durgan and Lahren were present. Also present was Bill Hurley, operations; Allan Lutes, Sheriff; Scott Hamilton, Undersheriff; Wendy Wood, Search and Rescue; Marty Malone, public citizen; Randy Taylor, public citizen; and Don Holland, auditor. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled as a Fiscal Year 2008 budget workshop.

The Commission reviewed the Sheriff's budget.

@12:03:06 p.m., Lahren adjourned the meeting.

September 16, 2008

1:00 P.M. – Park County Senior Center Meeting – Commissioner Denton attended

September 16, 2008
Department Head Meeting

@1:30 p.m., Vice-Chairman Durgan called a meeting to order in the Community Room. No public was present, and no comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled as a department head meeting.

Addressing County Vehicle Check-out Procedures, Durgan said department heads must schedule use of a county vehicle with Karen Harrison and be sure to refuel the vehicle after use.

Addressing Clerk and Recorder and Bid Process Issues, Clerk and Recorder Denise Nelson requested the Commission pass a resolution to clarify the bid process. Durgan said the Commission will consult County Attorney Brett Linneweber on the issue.

Addressing the Status of a New Employee Pay Grade Scale, Mary Anne Anderson of Extension inquired as to the status of that grade scale matrix and whether the resignation of the county human resource manager will delay completion of that matrix. Durgan said he is unsure of the completion status of the matrix at this time.

Addressing County Attorney Office Services, County Attorney Linneweber said he has received too many phone calls from county staff on his direct telephone line. Linneweber asked department heads to phone Administrative Assistant Sandy Gordon with requests for assistance and not use his direct line. Linneweber said he has a big trial approaching and cannot be interrupted on his direct phone line.

Addressing Election Reminders from the Clerk and Recorder, Denise Nelson provided meeting attendees with a memo outlining candidates and issues on the November 4 general election ballot. Nelson said she is reminding all employees no electioneering is to take place in the courthouse.

@2:00 p.m., Durgan adjourned the meeting.

September 16, 2008

Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Workshop

@3:05:59 p.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Denton, Durgan and Lahren were present. Also present was Bill Hurley, operations; Allan Lutes, Sheriff; Scott Hamilton, Undersheriff; Wendy Wood, Search and Rescue; Marty Malone, public citizen; Randy Taylor, public citizen; and Don Holland, auditor. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled as a Fiscal Year 2008 budget workshop.

The Commission reviewed the Sheriff's budget.

@5:11:08 p.m., Lahren adjourned the meeting.

September 16, 2008

6:00 P.M. – Board of Health Meeting

6:30 P.M. – Fair Board Meeting – Park County Fairgrounds Office – Rescheduled for September 23, 2008

September 17, 2008

Personnel Meeting

@8:30:41 a.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; Brett Linneweber, county attorney; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to address a personnel issue.

@8:31:00 a.m., Marilyn Hartley requested the meeting be closed. The meeting was closed.

@8:57 a.m., Lahren adjourned the meeting.

September 17, 2008

Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2009

@9:05:23 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Denton, Durgan and Lahren were present. Also present was Allan Lutes, Sheriff; Dann Babcox, PCRFD#1; Don Holland, auditor; Bill Hurley, operations; Wendy Wood, Search and Rescue; Jim Hunt, public citizen; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled as a public hearing on the preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2009.

Commissioner Durgan provided an update of the county's budget process and the status of finalizing the Fiscal Year 2009 budget. Durgan said the state requests an informal completion deadline of 30 days after the county receives its taxable values. Durgan read into the record an email from Linda Willett of the Montana Department of Administration sent to county accounting representative Marilyn Hartley. The email stated the state will not pose a penalty on any county not meeting the informal 30-day deadline, however an audit finding may be made.

Durgan said the road budget was worked out on September 15, and progress was made on the Sheriff's budget on September 16. Durgan said the probability of PILT funds being significantly reduced in the future has created a challenge for the Commission and slowed its budget process. Durgan said the current draft of the preliminary budget is available in the accounting and clerk and recorder's offices, but changes are still being made to the preliminary budget while the budget is being finalized.

Public comment was made by Jim Hunt. Hunt said he stopped into the clerk and recorder's office to view the preliminary budget which has been advertised in the newspaper in the last week or so. Hunt said he was handed an FY '08 budget in the clerk and recorder's office. Hunt said it should noted in the newspaper additional time exists for citizens to review the preliminary budget and make comments about it.

Durgan said he will check with the clerk and recorder's office about the issue.

@9:19:06 a.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denton seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

September 17, 2008

Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Workshop

@10:12:49 a.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Denton, Durgan and Lahren were present. Also present was Allan Lutes, Sheriff; Wend Wood, search and rescue; Marc Richards, GIS/IT; Bill Hurley, operations; Don Holland, auditor; and Scott Hamilton, Undersheriff. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled as a Fiscal Year 2008 budget workshop.

The Commission reviewed the Sheriff's budget.

@11:53:45 a.m., the meeting was recessed until 3:00 p.m. @3:05:23 p.m. the meeting was reopened.

The Commission reviewed the planning department budget.

@4:13:16 p.m., Lahren adjourned the meeting.

September 17, 2008

2:00 P.M. – Discussion about Medical Facility near Yellowstone Park – Canceled – Individual who scheduled the meeting did not show.

September 17, 2008

Meeting with Congressman Denny Rehberg's Office

@2:41:09 p.m., Chairman Lahren called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Denton, Durgan and Lahren were present. Also present was Mary Heller, Congressman Rehberg's Eastern Montana field representative; Bill Moser, public citizen; Mike Inman, planning; Philip Fletcher, planning; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment was made.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss Park County Issues with Congressman Rehberg's representatives.

The Commission said the biggest issues facing Park County are lack of money; lack of revenue sources with the likely loss of PILT funds; infrastructure issues with roads; and the sheriff's office budget. The Commission said numerous bridge failures and issues this year have depleted the bridge budget, and reduced funds from PILT and Secure Rural Schools programs is causing the county hardships.

Durgan said the delisting issue of gray wolves and an inability to manage the animal may be a problem for area ranchers.

There was discussion about the brucellosis issue and a split-state status proposal.

Public comment was made by Bill Moser. Moser said Park County needs assistance from the Department of Homeland Security for alternative highway routes in case of Interstate 90 closures. Moser said Corriente cows and their link to brucellosis need to be studied. Moser said the Forest Service plans to conduct controlled burns in residential areas and the wildland urban interface in Park County. He said the Forest Service has a four-year lead time before burns are conducted, and the Forest Service said it will hold a public

meeting as to why it does not want local individuals harvesting wood in areas the Forest Service will burn.

@3:03:57 p.m., Lahren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

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3:00 P.M. – Congressman Denny Rehberg’s Traveling Office – Community Room

September 18, 2008

8:00 A.M. – Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Workshop – Commissioners Chambers - Canceled

September 18, 2008

Park County Road Updates

@10:34:28 a.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 foreman; 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.

Ed Hillman provided the Commission with pictures of the finished Deep Creek Bridge project. Durgan said Commissioner Lahren has an email into Dan Gravage of MDT to inspect the completed bridge. Hillman said the 8-ton weight limit sign remains on the bridge, but Dan Gravage indicated to him the bridge’s weight limit may be 15 tons after MDT inspection. Durgan said the old train car on Deep Creek Bridge was beyond repair and there was no way Mike Adkins could repair the bridge despite his comments he could. Hillman said the old bridge will not be landfilled and the road crew will collect recycling money for the steel from the old train car bridge.

Hillman said maintenance on Rock Creek Road has been completed and the road crew will try applying hot mix to failing shoulders on that road.

Denton said there is water on the west side of Shields River Road near Adair Creek.

Durgan said a ruptured water line going under the road near the old Inverness barns and feed lot and is causing the road to sink.

Durgan said he and Hillman talked about a dip in the Pine Creek cutoff road at the Pine Meadows where a culvert was put in. Hillman said the crew will address that issue.

Hillman said a gravel invoice for Jessons is coming out of the gas tax budget. Durgan said the Commission needs a list from Hillman of what he is proposing to take out of the

gas tax budget. Hillman said two full time employee salaries are currently coming out of that budget.

Hillman said reclaiming the Mosetter pit has not been finished because the road crew became busy with road maintenance.

Hillman said chips were not put on Chicory Road but a seal was put on. Durgan said he has talked with people who say chips need to be rolled onto the road after the sealant is applied. Hillman said that road is sealed well and a wear surface is not needed at this point. He said reclamite was put on the whole road, then CRF and fine sand will be put on cracks to seal them. Hillman said it would cost \$60,000 to chip seal Chicory Road, and CRF costs less than \$500 for two 50-gallon drums. Durgan said meetings with Gannon from MDT said it needed chip seal but he did not know much about the CRF. Durgan said perhaps the CRF can be used as a test case to see how it works. Hillman said he would like to see how the CRF does on Chicory before a lot of money is put into that road.

Hillman said sealer needs to be put on Mill Creek Road in a couple of years and that will probably cost \$25,000.

Hillman said he would like to put millings on Willow Creek Road next summer and return it to gravel at present for the winter. Durgan said the Commission needs a cost estimate from IronWolf of how much it will cost to grind up Willow Creek Road now and how much reclamite and millings will cost next summer. Durgan said reclamite and millings can come out of the gas tax budget.

Hillman said the Miller Drive bridge needs to be fixed because the wood decking is coming up, but he does not have materials to fix that bridge and would have to buy them. Hillman said he will get a cost estimate to the Commission to fix that bridge.

Hillman said the Fridley Creek Bridge needs to be fixed or that road will be lost, and a 30-foot bottomless culvert will be installed there.

Hillman said Kenny Youngberg is mowing in the area and Swingley, Mission, West Boulder, O'Rea Creek, and Willow Creek roads are completed. Hillman said the crew is trying to get the high country mowed first in case of a bad snowstorm. Hillman said the road crew has not started on erecting snow fence.

@11:14:47 a.m., Denton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

September 18, 2008

Review Correspondence, Public Contacts and Determine Action Plan

@1:39:17 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, 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:

- ACTION ITEM: RSVP program requesting \$5,000 this year otherwise services will have to be cut - The issue will be discussed at the next FY '09 budget workshop
- Deputy County Attorney Piccolo response to use of park board funds - To Denton for review
- Deputy County Attorney Piccolo response re. options for addressing Cooke City resort tax addendum
- Memo from MACO re. legislation making counties accountable for medical costs - To Durgan for review
- Memo re. mental health and homeless - To Denton for review
- Yellowstone Country board meeting minutes
- Parks and Recreation Trades magazine
- The Quarterly Steward BLM magazine - To Durgan for review
- Memo re. Beartooth Highway update
- Memo from MACO re. Montana update on agriculture reappraisals - To Durgan for review
- Memo to Lahren from Livingston Enterprise's Mark York inquiring about use of county vehicles for personal reasons
- Memo from MACO re. NACO meth forum in Boise on October 22
- Memo re. no electioneering in the courthouse
- Memo re. vehicle weights for Northwestern Energy and Bailey bridge at Ninth Street - To Lahren for review
- Memo re. county vehicle checkout procedure
- Memo re. board list for economic development district - To Denton for review
- Minutes for last JSEC meeting
- Memo from Montana Rural Water Systems re. briefing session - To Durgan for review
- Memo re. compaction services - To Hillman for review
- Memo from CASA re. new email address
- Memo re. grant writing workshop in November
- Memo for RC&D council members - To Durgan for review
- American Farmland Trust newsletter
- Memo re. senate passed ADA Restoration Act
- Resolution #1033 appointing special deputy county attorneys
- Mental health notice - To Denton for review
- Memo re. Town of Clyde Park raising water rates
- Memo from Montana Employment Law Letter re. claim

- Memo re. JSEC business extension and retention program
- Memo from MACO re. website regarding Secure Rural Schools and Communities Act and PILT
- Press release to newspaper explaining county budget process
- Memo re. Yellowstone Business Partnership in Cody
- Memo from Job Service requesting input for conference speakers
- Memo from Sue Nelson re. solid waste board questions for Commission

@2:23:41 p.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denton seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

September 18, 2008

Meeting with Solid Waste Board and Park County Commissioners

@2:33:28 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, operations; Solid Waste Board members John Schuler, Dick Juhnke, and Norbert Herauf; Jim Hunt, public citizen; Karl Knuchel, public citizen; Jim Taylor, public citizen; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller.

The meeting was scheduled between the Solid Waste Board and the Commission.

John Schuler asked the Commission if it had finalized the solid waste board's resolution. Commissioner Denton said the resolution was finalized on August 5, 2008 and Sue Nelson was given a copy of that resolution. Denton provided Schuler with a copy of the resolution.

Schuler asked if he can amend the Solid Waste Board's agenda to include new business that comes up after the original agenda was submitted to the Commission executive assistant. Durgan said the board can make a provision for that type of issue with an "Other Business" category on the agenda. The Commission said the board can discuss a new issue not on the agenda but cannot take action on the issue.

Schuler said Commissioner Lahren emailed Susan Swimley in June asking if the county can lock green box sites under the lawsuit injunction. Durgan and Karl Knuchel said this is the first time each has heard about this issue.

Schuler said refuse tag assessment for bed and breakfasts is an important issue to address. Durgan suggested the board consult Sanitarian Randy Taylor about bed and breakfasts that are inspected and then provide the Commission with recommendations on how to deal with them. Schuler said his effort in determining which residences should be charged a refuse tag was difficult and he was told by the county GIS department that rural addresses are private information.

Schuler said Sue Nelson submitted four questions to the Commission and the solid waste board would like guidance on the issues. Schuler asked the Commission to review the

list and provide the board with responses on the issues. The Commission said it would do that.

Schuler said he would like to improve the communication between the solid waste board and the Commission.

Denton said the county is re-advertising for the seventh solid waste board member.

Public comment was made by Jim Taylor. Taylor asked where the 90 tires in the green box site came from. Taylor asked where Susan Swimley was and said she was supposed to be here today to help settle the lawsuit. The Commission said it was unaware of that arrangement.

@3:01:56 p.m., Denton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.

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3:00 P.M. – Consider Resolution to Adopt the Final Budget and Approve Final Appropriations – Commissioner's Chambers - Canceled

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3:30 P.M. – Planning Board Meeting – Community Room – Minutes available in the Park County Planning Department and on the Park County website at www.parkcounty.org

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4:00 P.M. – Communications Meeting - Canceled

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6:00 P.M. – Solid Waste Board Meeting – East Room – No meeting was held as there was not a quorum of board members.

September 19, 2008

No Meetings Scheduled

9:00 A.M. –10:30 A.M. - Commissioner Denton will be in Wilsall

11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. – Commissioner Denton will be in Clyde Park

Larry A. Lahren
Chairman, Park County Commission
Park County, Montana

Denise Nelson
Clerk & Recorder
Park County, Montana