

Park County Commission Meeting Minutes
Week of October 11 – 15, 2010
Park County, Montana

October 11, 2010

Columbus Day Holiday – All Offices Closed

October 12, 2010

7:30 A.M. - Job Service Employers Committee - Livingston Job Service – Commissioner Malone attended

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Daily Correspondence/Agenda and Briefing on Current County Projects

@8:33:35 a.m., Commissioner Durgan called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Taylor were present. Also present were Raea Morris, executive assistant; Shannan Piccolo, civil deputy county attorney; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to review the daily agenda and correspondence.

Correspondence included:

- Memo from MACo re. county classifications
Memo re. draft September Safety Committee meeting minutes
- Memo re. October ITAC agenda - To Commissioner Malone for review
- Memo re. September LEPC meeting minutes - To Commissioner Durgan for review
- Memo re. Brackett Creek floodplain permit
- Citizen public information request re. Corwin Springs Road survey
- Memo re. October 12 JSEC meeting
- Memo from clerk and recorder re. Hill Road abandonment information
- Memo from union negotiator re. change in law
- Public information request re. Fleshman Creek project

Civil Deputy County Attorney Shannan Piccolo said the Commission needs to provide comments for a ZIA report restudy request for proposals as part of a Park County Concerned Citizens refuse lawsuit settlement.

@8:46:53 a.m., Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

October 12, 2010
County Road Updates

@9:02:10 a.m., Chairman Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan, Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Scott Fletcher, road; Jill Ouellette, HR; Shannan Piccolo, civil deputy county attorney; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss county road issues.

Assistant Road Supervisor Scott Fletcher said the road crew is still patching county roads and currently patching Rock Creek, Old Clyde Park, and Mill Creek near the bridge. Fletcher said a culvert will be installed and a new base will be constructed for a cattle guard on Little Mission Road. He said snow fence is being erected in Tom Miner, grading of roads continues and all roadside mowing is complete. Fletcher said Crewman Troy Amunrud received complaints of trucks going up Rock Creek Road, and fiber optics were damaged by a private crew on Old Yellowstone Trail South.

Commissioner Durgan said the culvert sink on the Pine Creek cutoff road has been addressed and is much better, but the edge of the road is falling apart from Highway 89 South to the Yellowstone River and that issue needs to be addressed.

Human Resources Analyst Jill Ouellette discussed options for addressing the need for road work in Gardiner with an employee on extended leave. Ouellette said an option is to continue having a Livingston and Clyde Park employee commute to Gardiner to conduct road work, and another option is to seek workers in the Gardiner area. She said the county could consider contracting out snow plowing and needs to post the position if the Commission wishes to fill it. The Commission directed Ouellette to begin the job posting process.

@9:22:25 a.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

October 12, 2010
Human Resources Updates

@9:33:14 a.m., Chairman Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan, Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Jill Ouellette, HR; Scott Hamilton, undersheriff; Philip Fletcher, community development; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss activities in the Human Resources Department.

Human Resources Analyst Jill Ouellette said she has been working on a Rural Fire job description, as well as an updated job description for the community development

director. Ouellette asked the Commission whether it wishes to add a texting-while-driving policy to the county cell phone policy. She said she will provide the Commission with language on the matter drafted by an HR professional.

Undersheriff Scott Hamilton said the Sheriff's Office is refilling a deputy position tomorrow with oral board interviews. Hamilton said he has been hearing more talk of newer deputies looking to work elsewhere because of the loss of longevity in Park County and asked the Commission if it is seeing any trends in other counties around the state. He said he does not want to lose the young guys, he understands times are tough, but he does not see other Montana counties freezing the wages of law enforcement officers. Commissioners Malone and Taylor said the issue did not come up at the recent MACo conference.

Hamilton said a penny added to deputy annual base salaries for the entire year would make deputies eligible for longevity, and a deputy can lose a one-percent longevity for the remainder of his/her career if that penny is not awarded. He said he knows the Sheriff's Office budget can cover any increase this year.

Commissioner Taylor said he would be happy to talk to the Sheriff about the issue. Taylor said the Commission is trying to hold the line, but he does not feel the Commission is doing the deputies a service if it cuts out their longevity. Commissioner Durgan said the Commission is not doing the county a service if it lets the young deputies go after being trained by Park County. Durgan said losing deputies because of lost longevity is not looking into the future at all. Hamilton said he will schedule a meeting about the issue with the Commission.

@9:47:30 a.m., Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

October 12, 2010

Review of Minutes for Week of October 4, 2010

@10:54:05 a.m., Chairman Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan, Malone and Taylor were present. Also present was Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to review Commission meeting minutes for the Week of October 4, 2010.

Commissioner Durgan requested a revision to Page 1 of 22, noting a bullet point should read, "Memo re. Willow Creek project in Cooke City/Silver Gate area." On Page 17 of 22, the second paragraph should read, "Durgan said logistically and realistically the city has to be involved in the project at some point given the vicinity of the city sewer system along Fleshman Creek." On Page 19 of 22; middle paragraph, the last sentence should read, "He said FWP is trying to work with the county so it does not have to close the site, and citizens there know the bear is frequenting the area are not dumping trash after dark."

Commissioner Malone requested a revision to Page 14 of 22; last paragraph, the second sentence should read, “Malone said the county does not have a crew to maintain the creek, and the creek currently contains car seats, steel posts, boards and silt that he presumes came off of city streets.”

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Commissioner Durgan seconded that motion. Motion passed.

@11:00:12 a.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

October 12, 2010

Signing of Contract for Museum Indian Education for All Grant

@11:01:27 a.m., Chairman Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan, Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Paul Shea, interim museum director; Shannan Piccolo, civil deputy county attorney; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to sign a contract for a Yellowstone Gateway Museum Indian Education for All grant.

Interim Museum Director Paul Shea said the \$14,000 joint grant from the Montana Office of Public Instruction and Montana Historic Society involves no county funds. Shea said the project has commenced and will be completed in June 2011. He said the grant details history and diplomacy of Native American use in the area, and the idea is to better integrate museums with schools on the issue and enhance museum collections.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to sign the contract for Indian Education for All. Commissioner Durgan seconded that motion. Motion passed.

@11:10:01 a.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

October 12, 2010

1:00 P.M. - Senior Citizens Meeting - Livingston Senior Center – Commissioner Taylor attended

2:00 P.M. - I.T. Advisory Committee - Community Room

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3:00 P.M. - Budget to Actual and Treasurer's Cash Report - Commissioners Chambers – Canceled due to no quorum of commissioners

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7:00 P.M. - Board of Health - East Room – Meeting minutes available in the Environmental Health Department

October 13, 2010

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@8:30 a.m., Chairman Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan, Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Raea Morris, executive assistant; Jill Ouellette, HR; and Martha Miller, auditor. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to review the daily agenda and correspondence.

Correspondence included:

- Memo re. Cooke City snow removal bid
- Memo re. October 21 911 Communications meeting agenda
- Memo re. Cerium Networks telephone check
- Memo re. survey of Gardiner jail
- Memo re. Bear Creek travel plan

Human Resources Analyst Jill Ouellette said an Angel Line driver has resigned. Ouellette provided the Commission with the position posting for review.

Commissioner Malone said he spoke with City Manager Ed Meece and discovered roads to the S Bar S Trailer Park and Catholic School are not owned by local governments. Malone said he does not know why a creek crossing installed by the school district is marked for removal into Sleeping Giant Middle School because it looks good to him.

Commissioner Taylor said he and the refuse manager will talk today with an Envirocon representative regarding a transfer station building lease agreement.

@8:46 a.m., Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

October 13, 2010

Opening of HVAC System Installation Bids for Yellowstone Gateway Museum

@9:30 a.m., Chairman Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan, Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Raea Morris, executive assistant; and Paul Shea, museum. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to open HVAC system installation bids for the Yellowstone Gateway Museum.

Commissioner Malone said one bid was submitted to the county clerk and recorder's office by KMA Inc. prior to the bid deadline. Interim Museum Director Paul Shea said there was confusion by two contractors in the community because this type of bidding is typically a request for qualifications and not a request for proposals, and there is concern only one bid was received because of that confusion. Shea said he is asking if he can redo the bid and put out a request for qualifications. Malone said that decision should be made by the civil deputy county attorney, and information will be sent to her for review.

@9:37:10 a.m., Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

October 13, 2010

Park County Fair Wrap-Up Meeting

@10:30 a.m., Chairman Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan, Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Kim Knutson, fair manager; and Mike Adams and Bob Skillman, fair board. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss 2010 county fair revenues and expenditures.

Fair Manger Kim Knutson provided the Commission with revenue and expenditure figures for the 2010 Park County Fair. Knutson said a carnival may not be possible again in 2011, but many parents with younger children appreciated the inflatables. She said a carnival is necessary to draw crowds, and additional vendors and marketing of vendors needs to increase. Knutson said a PBR bull riding event will not be part of next year's fair, but hopefully will be present at another date. She said the fair would like to run through a weekend in attempt to improve attendance numbers and the livestock auction may be moved back to Saturday.

The Commission said Knutson has permission to book vendors, entertainment or a carnival at the next fair conference the Week of November 8. There was discussion about entertainment in the kitchen and whether it is too loud to enable people to socialize.

Commissioner Malone said the fair currently is designed for agriculture people, but the fair is spending all taxpayers' funds, so the county is open to all suggestions. He said the fair board needs to look at other fairs for ideas.

@11:10 a.m., Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

October 14, 2010

Daily Correspondence/Agenda and Briefing on Current County Projects

@8:33:50 a.m., Chairman Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Raea Morris, executive assistant; Philip Fletcher, community development; Lani Hartung, finance; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to review the daily agenda and correspondence.

Correspondence included:

- Memo re. county road crewman daily work schedule
- Memo from Montana Clean re. courthouse restroom supplies
- Memo re. Fleshman Creek landowner consent form
- Memo from city manager re. parking lot powerline work
- Memo from community development re. NPS Rivers and Trails grant
- Memo re. Arch Park open container request

@8:56:22 a.m., Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Malone seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

October 14, 2010

9:00 A.M. – Safety Meeting – Commissioners Chambers – Minutes available in the DES Department – Commissioners Durgan, Malone and Taylor attended

10:00 A.M. – Local Emergency Planning – Community Room – Commissioner Durgan attended – Minutes available in the DES Department

12:00 P.M. – Resolution Rewrite Committee – Museum Office

October 15, 2010

No Meetings Scheduled

Marty Malone
Chairman, Park County Commission
Park County, Montana

Denise Nelson
Clerk & Recorder
Park County, Montana