

Park County Commission Meeting Minutes
Week of April 11 – 15, 2011
Park County, Montana

April 11, 2011

Review Daily Correspondence and Agenda and Briefing on Current County Projects

@10:11 a.m., Commissioner Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Malone were present. Also present were Raea Morris, administrative assistant; Ed Hillman, road; Jerry O’Hair, citizen; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

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

April 7, 2011, correspondence included:

- Memo letter re. economic development district
- Memo letter re. delinquent taxes
- Memo document from Clerk of Court re. March juror/witness check register
- Memo documents from Department of Revenue re. K-Bar and Two-Bit Saloon
- Memo re. Main Boulder Road recreation numbers

April 8, 2011, correspondence included:

- Memo email re. Sheriff’s Office and Road Department union bargaining
- Memo email re. Cooke City motel fire
- Memo email re. Emigrant Community Center meeting
- Memo newsletter re. Montana Department of Public Health
- Memo email re. emergency detention utilization
- Memo payment re. road work permit

@10:22:31 a.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Malone seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

April 11, 2011

9:30 A.M. – Review of Minutes for Week of April 4, 2011 – Postponed to April 14 @1:30 p.m.

April 11, 2011

Consider Approval of Road Work Permit for Pray Siding Road

@10:30:41 a.m., Commissioner Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Malone were present. Also present were Ed Hillman, road; Citizens Jerry O’Hair, Mike Adkins and Harvey Massey; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller.

The meeting was scheduled to consider approval of a road work permit for Pray Siding Road.

Engineer William Smith said he needs a county road work permit to bury a utility pipe along an easement from the Park Branch Canal, underneath Highway 89, running the full length of Shelter Belt Road to an existing irrigation culvert, and terminating on Massey’s property. Smith said all disturbed areas will be restored and any rocks and boulders affecting road safety will be removed during work.

Commissioner Durgan made a motion to approve the updated work permit for Pray Siding Road as submitted. Commissioner Malone seconded that motion. Motion passed.

Citizen Harvey Massey said he wants to thank Jerry O’Hair and Smith for their assistance with the proposed effort.

@10:43:45 a.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Malone seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

April 11, 2011

Update from MACo Healthcare Trust

@11:31:51 a.m., Commissioner Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Malone were present. Also present were Jill Ouellette, HR; Raea Morris, administrative assistant; Pam Walling, MACo HCT; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to update the Commission on MACo Healthcare Trust (HCT) issues.

Pam Walling of MACo HCT said Park County will receive a \$30,733.86 rebate from the HCT reserve fund. Walling said Park County’s employee insurance premiums will increase for Fiscal Year 2011. She said HCT’s average rate increase of MACo membership pool counties is 19.8 percent, but Park County will increase 23.6 percent next year. Walling said Park County’s dental and vision loss ratios are fine, but its medical and prescription drug loss ratio was 98.8 percent. She said the HCT is trying to build its reserves this coming year to a 95-percent confidence level, as some of the reserves were used.

Walling said Park County's loss ratio with HCT was 85 percent over a 24-month period, which does not take stop-loss and administrative expenses into effect. Walling said HCT had to pay out \$100,000 more dollars in claims than it collected from Park County. She said the county may be able to change its insurance year from July through June to August through July, but would need to decide if it wants to run a full-time or part-time year flex plan.

Walling said HCT paid out net medical funds in the amount of \$970 per Park County employee per month over a 24-month period and \$74.95 for prescription drug benefits on average for the 24-month period. Walling said Park County's prescription drug payout dollar figure is in line with or less than other Montana member counties and she provided figures of those county's costs.

@11:59:22 a.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Malone seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

April 11, 2011

1:00 P.M. – Montana Department of Transportation Meeting – MDOT Office, Bozeman – Commissioner Malone attended

3:00 P.M. – Local Advisory Committee – Mental Health Drop-In Center, Livingston

April 12, 2011

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

April 12, 2011

Review of Daily Correspondence / Agenda and Briefing on Current County Projects

@8:39:32 a.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Raea Morris, administrative assistant; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

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

Correspondence included:

- Memo document re. MACo insurance costs
- Memo document from MT DEQ re. open burn permit
- Memo email from MACo re. Emergency Response Commission vacancy
- Memo email re. central contractor registration for PILT payments
- Memo document re. sanitarian services contract
- Memo email re. April 13 ITAC agenda

- Memo email re. April 27 MEDA spring conference
- Memo email re. April 14 bison meeting
- Memo email re. county attorney's office HVAC issue
- Memo contract re. Bell and Associates
- Memo document re. DIS CountySilo workers compensation forms

@8:45:02 a.m., Malone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

April 12, 2011

County Road Updates

@9:00:20 a.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Ed Hillman, road; Dan Hackman, mechanic; Mike Inman, community development; Lani Hartung, finance; Scott Hennager, Chet Sharbono and Eric Beckett, RDO; Matt Asplund, contractor (via telephone); and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss county road issues.

Road Supervisor Ed Hillman said road crewmen are hauling gravel to Mission Creek Road and graveled Divide Road yesterday to the Y with Old Yellowstone Trail North. He said Cinnabar Road is being graded today, a crewman is removing snow fence, and crewmen are working on water trucks to water roads next week that will receive millings.

Commissioner Malone said he would like to see a written plan from Hillman of who what, where, and estimated hours regarding the upcoming milling work, which will be two miles up Swingley Road, Meigs Road, and Cokedale Road to Cokedale if enough material remains.

Matt Asplund, Cooke City snowplow contractor, telephoned and updated the Commission on snow removal activities in Cooke City. Asplund said the Park Service is removing snow and has created two wide-opened lanes of traffic, but there is nowhere to put snow on connecting streets and that issue is becoming a problem. He said it would help to keep the school better cleared from snow. Malone asked Asplund to telephone Hillman about work efforts and proposed expenditures.

Commissioner Taylor said Hillman needs to put warning signs near a large hole on Old Clyde Park Road. Hillman said he had put signs at each end of that road, but he can put warning signs close to the pothole area.

Hillman said a culvert needs to be installed on Divide Road before spring runoff. The Commission said he can contract out that job if necessary.

Chet Sharbono of RDO said Hillman voiced concerns about RDO's service to the county and he is present to field questions. Eric Bechtold, RDO, said he sensed frustration from Hillman with the level of service Park County is getting from RDO and wants to improve that level of service. There was discussion about improving lines of communication.

@9:40:53 a.m., Malone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

April 12, 2011

Human Resources Updates

@9:43:30 a.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Jill Ouellette, HR; Mike Inman, community development; and 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 provided the Commission with change of status forms for new Road Department hires in Gardiner and Livingston and a deputy sheriff longevity form.

Commissioner Malone made a motion the Health Insurance Committee is officially activated to evaluate the health plan for Fiscal Year 2011. Commissioner Taylor seconded that motion. Motion passed.

@9:48:44 a.m., the meeting was postponed to 10:00 a.m. on April 13.

April 12, 2011

11:00 A.M. – City/County Compact Project – Livingston Fire Training Room – Commissioner Taylor attended

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

1:30 P.M. – City/County Airport Pre-Construction Meeting – City/County Airport Office, Livingston

2:00 P.M. – IT Advisory Committee – Community Room

3:00 P.M. – Web Committee – East Room

5:30 P.M. – Board of Health – East Room – Meeting minutes available in the Environmental Health Department – Commissioner Taylor attended

April 13, 2011

Review of Daily Correspondence / Agenda and Briefing on Current County Projects

@8:33:38 a.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Raea Morris, administrative assistant; Mike Inman, community development; Ed Hillman, road; Lani Hartung, finance; Jon Holmquist and Jim Blueher, citizens; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller.

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

Correspondence included:

- Memo email re. Montana Association of Gas Counties
- Memo letter re. letter to governor Sweitzer
- Memo email re. Cattle PRAHD group
- Memo letter re. survey work on Billman Lane
- Memo email re. Pepsi machine malfunction
- Memo email re. Bannack Trail snow plowing
- Memo email re. DES safety fest
- Memo design re. Gardiner sidewalk project
- Memo email re. increase rates for juvenile detention
- Memo document re. Taylor Fork exchange of property
- Memo email re. Bannock Trail snow plowing
- Memo email re. penalty and interest request

Citizen Jon Holmquist said the American Legion and other veterans would like to build a caisson for the courthouse cannon in order to pull the cannon through parades. Citizen Jim Blueher said the total cost of the project may be \$8,000 to \$9,000, but those funds could be secured through fundraising. Commissioner Malone said he thinks the cannon needs to go in the parade. The Commission said the gentlemen have a tentative okay to build the caisson after providing a written proposal of the project.

Road Supervisor Ed Hillman said he will get a revised gravel bid from Steve Koontz next week.

Malone said he, the county attorney and the undersheriff viewed bison on the roadway in Gardiner on April 12 and the county attorney may consider an injunction against the bison release from Yellowstone National Park.

Finance Director Lani Hartung provided the Commission with a road department budget expenditure report.

@9:03:19 a.m., Malone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

April 13, 2011

Discussion of Use of Yellowstone River Ranch Estates Funding

@9:03:31 a.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan, Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Raea Morris, administrative assistant; Carol Woodley and Connie Standish, PCGS; Jerry Brekke, historian; Citizens Audrey Dodge, Merry Horn, Bill Harris, Bill Berg and Larry Lahren; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss use of Yellowstone River Ranch Estates funding.

Commissioner Taylor said the Commission scheduled the meeting to gain a better understanding of what the Yellowstone River Ranch Estates (YRRE) funding is for and who it is supposed to be used by since resolutions state spending of the funds needs to be approved by the Commission.

Carol Woodley, Park County Genealogical Society (PCGS), submitted to the Commission email correspondence she had with Community Development Philip Fletcher inquiring into how much of the YRRE funding would be used for Chico and Emigrant Cemeteries.

Archaeologist Larry Lahren said the YRRE issue started in 2005. He said the Park County Commission did not sell a county road, but abandoned it through the appropriate, legal process. He said that process required a legal survey and research. He said the developer initially wanted two roads abandoned, and during research it was discovered Old Yellowstone Trail along the river was still a county road and provided access to the river, and the upper road up for abandonment was a historic road and resource from the Crow Reservation era. He said the Commission suggested a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or contract to the developer as part of the abandonment agreement as contingency for losing the county road stating the county would like reimbursement for the value of the road in order to develop the trail by the river. Lahren said the Commission's civil attorney and the developer's attorney were present and concurred with that request and the proposed value of the abandoned road.

Lahren said the value of the road was calculated using the number of acres in the road multiplied by the price of an acre of land selling in that area at that time, which was around \$3,000. Lahren said he presented a paper at MACo explaining the new and innovative proposal and notifying other county commissioners they may have similar options in similar road abandonment circumstances. Lahren said some county roads that have been improved over time have a dollar value.

Lahren said language "such as" in the agreement meant work at the Chico and Emigrant Cemeteries had priority for expenditure of YRRE funds, but it was unknown at that time how much work was necessary for those two properties. Lahren said he then met with the PCGS to discuss the YRRE funding and cemetery projects, and it was then learned

the scope of work was beyond mere placement of interpretive signage and benches. He said the Emigrant Cemetery has access and expansion issues, and both cemeteries have unmarked burials.

Lahren said he submitted a hypothetical proposed budget and work plan for the two cemeteries to Community Development Department Director Philip Fletcher at Fletcher's solicitation. He said he also submitted to Fletcher upon request a historical interpretive plan for the valley associated with the contract from the Pop Stand to Jardine. He said the original intent was to put interpretive signs along bicycle or walking trails, connect a trail from the Old Yellowstone Trail at Chicory to Chico, have signs at places such as Point of Rocks, Carbella Bridge, Jardine mining site and Gardiner. He said that was prior to realizing how much work needed to be done to the two cemeteries.

Lahren said the county and developer are not in compliance with the MOA, as a fence down the middle of the county road has not been removed by the developer and cairns have not been placed along the trail. Lahren said he and Engineer William Smith agreed to erect the trail cairns. He said he recommends the county fulfill completing the cairns erections and the fence is moved as per agreement. Lahren said the county needs to determine whether the Dunn Road on the north end of the Old Yellowstone Trail where it intersects with the Chicory Subdivision connects to the Old Yellowstone Trail.

There was discussion about which parties are to perform what work as per the signed MOA, as well as language within the MOA that does make clear the Commission's original intent for the YRRE funds. Commissioner Durgan said his interpretation was not all funds were to be devoted just to the Chico and Emigrant Cemeteries, but they were the first two projects identified in the MOA. Durgan said he understands the funds were not set aside solely for PCGS use and the PCGS would have to approach the Commission with requested expenditures of funds the same as any other party does. Lahren said that interpretation is correct and was the general concept at the time, but the magnitude of work needed at the Chico and Emigrant Cemeteries was unknown.

Lahren said he advocates the YRRE funds go toward the two cemeteries to resolve issues of road access and cemetery expansion, as local citizens provide volunteer time to the cemeteries but do not have a lot of funds to offer.

Historian Jerry Brekke said he is an advocate for historical interpretation because it gives Park County its community identity. He said he advocates strongly for Chico and Emigrant Cemeteries as the oldest burial grounds in the county and thinks it would be a service to the people of Park County at large to put money into restoration of the cemeteries. He said Chico goes back to 1864 and Emigrant was established in the 1880s. He said cemeteries at that time were deeded to respective school districts and both cemeteries are now consolidated into the Arrowhead School District. Brekke said volunteer hours of PCGS members make historical interpretation possible.

There was discussion about resolution language and whether it requires the county to contract with the PCGS. Durgan said the Commission is not bound to have the PCGS do

all historical work. Lahren said voluntary work is that done on a voluntary basis and payment is necessary for photocopies and such expenses incurred. Woodley said the PCGS is not owed any money at this point.

Durgan said he has a problem with the county Grants Review Committee reviewing YRRE funds designated for historical use in the valley. Malone said the Commission needs to decide on how many funds will go to the two projects. Lahren said the intent was there, but the language is unclear. He said the region in which the funds are to be spent is from the Pop Stand to Jardine, and he recommends language within the resolutions regarding the YRRE funds, PCGS efforts and administration needs be made specific and tightened up.

Malone said he recommends the Commission tighten the language in the resolutions and look at the original contract with the county and landowner to determine whether it is in compliance. He said the Commission should make a decision that tightens the language and provides money for cemeteries and other monies for historical restoration projects.

Lahren said he thinks the submitted budget for the cemetery work needs to be revised at this point. Woodley said the PCGS never felt it had rights to all YRRE funds, but it wanted to try to protect the funds for itself and the county. Woodley said school deeds need to be clarified by the county attorney's office, and she will not move forward until the contracts are signed. Woodley said she would like the Commission to urge the county attorney's office to move on the school deeds.

Bill Berg, Gardiner Chamber of Commerce, said he sees the Chamber innocently stepped into the middle of the historical funding issue. He said it is sad it has come to a competition, but he hopes everyone can find a way to talk about the history of Park County.

Commissioner Malone made a motion the Commission look at all reference and information brought up today and at the budget coming forth and rewrite the resolutions to clean up language. Commissioner Durgan seconded that motion. Motion passed.

@9:51:22 a.m., Malone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

April 13, 2011
Human Resources Updates

@10:05:44 a.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan, Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Jill Ouellette, HR; and 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 open and close reports for trend analysis from MACo regarding worker's compensation. The Commission said hail damage to the road supervisor's truck will not be fixed.

Ouellette said excess vacation was completed as of March 31 and 47.7 hours were carried over by four employees, which is significantly less than the last two years. She said 77.2 hours were lost by employees. Ouellette said the county was not in compliance with its RM-500 plan contract with less than 20 percent employee participation and needs to have 50 percent of its employees on the dental and vision plans. She said the county may have to drop the vision plan in Fiscal Year 2013 due to a lack of participation.

Ouellette said MACo is requiring a local manager for web-based training, who would be responsible for entering new employees into the system, assigning training and adding the employees into the system. Ouellette said she suggests she serve as that manager.

Ouellette said Scott Rogers of Taylor-Leavitt conducted Job Site Analyses for building offices and building parking areas, and Assistant DES Coordinator Greg Coleman assisted with other JSAs. She said Coleman, IT, DES and employees and Taylor-Leavitt completed data gathering for an upcoming MACo safety audit, and 12 JSAs have been completed.

Ouellette said she and MSU personnel will reinstitute board member trainings for new board members. She said she reduced her proposed FY 2011 budget by \$3,300.

There was discussion about using the city fire department bay for a May 5 safety training barbecue. The Commission said it trusts Ouellette to spend funds appropriately for the barbecue. She said she will check with jail personnel about purchasing bulk food from Cisco Foods for the barbecue.

@10:34:54 a.m., Malone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

April 13, 2011

11:00 A.M. – 9th Street Bridge Construction Meeting - CTA Office in Sterling Bank, Livingston – Commissioners Durgan, Malone and Taylor attended

1:00 P.M. – Weed Board – East Room

April 13, 2011

Consider Adoption of the Mandated 2011 Changes to Healthcare Reform

@1:11 p.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan, Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Jill Ouellette, HR; Marilyn Hartley, accounting; Ed Hillman, road; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to consider adoption of mandated changes to 2011 benefits as a result of Healthcare Reform.

Assistant Finance Director Marilyn Hartley provided the Commission with mandatory changes to the 2011 employee healthcare benefits as a result of Healthcare Reform.

Commissioner Durgan made a motion the Commission adopt mandated changes to employee benefits per Healthcare Reform and union contract as presented and reviewed by the insurance committee.

@1:21 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

April 13, 2011

Preliminary Discussion of Upcoming Union Bargaining with Sheriff's Office and Road/Bridge Department

@1:33:40 p.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan, Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Jill Ouellette, HR; Ed Hillman, road; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss upcoming union bargaining with the Sheriff's Office and Road and Bridge Department.

Human Resources Analyst Jill Ouellette said the county's union negotiator would like to begin discussion on how the Commission would like to change its contract with the Sheriff's Office union. Ouellette said the Road and Bridge union contract still is unsigned and she expects the union to come back with additional requests.

The Commission said it would like have the option to employ road crewmen 10-hour days when desired. Road Supervisor Ed Hillman said road crewmen would like to have holiday pay considered days worked.

Ouellette said she would provide the Commission with the current contracts for review.

@2:06:18 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

April 14, 2011

Review of Daily Correspondence / Agenda and Briefing on Current County Projects

@8:32:52 a.m., Commissioner Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Raea Morris, administrative assistant; Ed Hillman, road; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

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

Correspondence included:

- Memo emails re. April 14 bison meeting
- Memo letter re. Brucellosis-free status
- Memo email re. IMPD dissolution
- Memo email re. HB 316
- Memo email re. motor pool keys dropbox
- Memo email re. courthouse combo lock
- Memo email re. April 19 airport bid opening
- Memo email re. Cooke City snow plowing to Bannack Trail
- Memo email re. transfer station vehicle for sale
- Memo email re. Mission Field project addendum
- Memo email re. Severe Weather Week
- Memo email re. SB 237

Road Supervisor Ed Hillman said grass is not growing on the reclaimed Eight Mile Pit. Commissioner Taylor asked Hillman to price hydroseeding of the pit.

@8:50:02 a.m., Malone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

April 14, 2011

9:00 A.M. – Safety Meeting – Commission Chambers – Meeting minutes available in the DES Department

10:00 A.M. – Local Emergency Planning Committee – Community Room – Meeting minutes available in the DES Department

April 14, 2011

Discussion of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Recommendations for Orfalea Minor Subdivision

@10:02:38 a.m., Commissioner Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Mike Inman, community development; Shannan Piccolo, civil deputy county attorney; Citizens George Borneman, Daniel Tompkins, and Joan and George Hedrick; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss Montana FWP recommendations for the Orfalea Minor Subdivision.

Senior Planner Mike Inman said the Orfalea Minor Subdivision application off Tom Miner Creek was reviewed and approved by the Commission earlier in 2011. Inman said a stipulation of the Commission's approval was the applicants must meet with FWP prior

to final plat approval and present all proposed temporary uses and structures within the setback of Tom Miner Creek. He said all proposed uses must be approved by the Commission.

Inman said he has letters from FWP Fisheries Biologist Scott Opitz and Karen Loveless, the Livingston area wildlife biologist. He said Opitz's letter states the existing temporary structures are fine, but he does not recommend any additional tent structures be put within the 100-foot creek setback. He said Loveless' letter speaks to potential disease transferred from domestic goats and sheep to wild bighorn sheep. Civil Deputy County Attorney Shannan Piccolo said the Commission cannot statutorily impose any new conditions on a subdivision after preliminary plat approval and recommends the county does not request any additional provisions of the applicants.

Inman said the letter states FWP's protocol is to terminate any wild bighorn sheep population that comes into contact with or within close proximity to domestic goats and sheep due to disease transfer. He said the letter recommended only temporary 4-H sheep and goat projects on the property.

Citizen Joan Hedrick asked the definition of temporary structure. Piccolo said the definition was set forth in the preliminary plat approval conditions. She said for the subdivision in question the definition refers to the existing, seasonally-used tents.

Inman said he will submit a letter to the applicant that specifies Condition 16 as part of the final plat approval requirements.

Commissioner Malone made a motion to accept Scott Opitz's, Livingston fisheries biologist recommendation for Condition #16 that FWP recommends no new structures be allowed to be constructed within in the 100-foot setback as defined by the current subdivision regulations. FWP recommends existing tent platforms be allowed to remain as part of the subdivision approval process and the tents are only used seasonally and do not appear to be a threat during significant flow events. Commissioner Taylor seconded that motion. Motion passed.

@10:19:54 a.m., Malone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

April 14, 2011

1:00 P.M. – Fire/IT/Community Development Meeting – East Room

April 14, 2011

Review of Minutes for Week of April 4, 2011

@1:24:57 a.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan 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 April 4, 2011.

Commissioner Taylor requested a revision to Page 8 of 14 noting the light bulbs being replaced in the courthouse as Model 4100 bulbs.

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

@1:25:49 a.m., the meeting adjourned.

April 14, 2011

Discussion of Refuse Department Issues

@1:36:56 p.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Taylor were present. Also present were Richard Wright, refuse; Jill Ouellette, HR; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss refuse department issues.

Transfer Station Manager Richard Wright provided the Commission with a letter requesting a demotion from refuse manager. Wright said he is fed up with budget issues. Wright said he wonders why the first time he was notified that a private contractor was hired with funds from his budget to repair Strong Lane was when he received a bill for the work. Commissioner Taylor said his understanding is Road Supervisor Ed Hillman said he needed to hire someone to address the Strong Lane green box site and he assumed Wright was at a Solid Waste Board (SWB) meeting where the board voted to repair Strong Lane. Wright said he was upset because the road department has always maintained Strong Lane, and half the road graders the county has were paid for from refuse funds through a Burlington Northern lawsuit settlement.

Taylor said Commissioner Malone told him he was going to hire John Mann to fix Strong Lane. Wright said any SWB decisions should go the Commission and the Commission should approach Wright with requests and he will do whatever the Commission directs him to do on each matter. Taylor said he assumed Wright knew what was going on with his budget. He said the Commission will pay for the road work from a budget other than the Refuse budget. There was discussion that better communication is in order and Taylor apologized to Wright for accessing his budget without Wright's knowledge and said it would not happen again.

Wright said if the county wants to keep him employed as the refuse manager, it needs to provide him with an available work truck because he is tired of cleaning Nead's green box site on his way into work three days a week and tearing up his personal pickup. Human Resources Analyst Jill Ouellette said the Commission can take action to permit

Wright to drive the county truck to and from his personal residence since he conducts work on behalf of Park County in transit.

In other discussion, Wright said he has not put in much time at the landfill, but he makes the final decisions. He said landfill employees contact him on the telephone when they need Wright's assistance. Commissioners Durgan and Taylor said the county will remove tires and bill the county resident tire owner if tires are not removed by the date as permitted in the contract to store the tires at the landfill on a temporary basis.

Taylor said the Commission needs monthly tonnage of refuse from 2006 to complete its portion of the Zia Solid Waste Management Report study update. He said Wright will need to provide data on the costs and numbers of trips to outlying green box and compactor sites. Taylor asked if the county could close the Nead's and the Forest Service green box sites on Strong Lane if the county had the City of Livingston collect donut-area trash. Wright said "yes," and such was proven to be the case when the Forest Service green box site was closed for two to three weeks during a county/RV Timber dispute. Wright said city and county overrun garbage costs the county \$60,000 per year, which is also lost landfill revenue.

@2:11:03 p.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

April 14, 2011

5:00 P.M. – Interagency Bison Management Plan Meeting – Yellowstone Association, Gardiner – Commissioners Durgan and Malone attended

6:00 P.M. – 4-H Council Meeting – Community Room

Randy Taylor, R.S.
Chairman, Park County Commission
Park County, Montana

Denise Nelson
Clerk & Recorder
Park County, Montana