

Park County Commission Meeting Minutes
Week of June 27 – July 1, 2011
Park County, Montana

June 20, 2011

Review Daily Agenda/Correspondence and Current County Projects

@8:37:05 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; Shannan Piccolo, civil deputy county attorney; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

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

Correspondence for June 23 included:

- Memo document re. Community Development Department budget cash transfer
- Memo email re. Bruffy Road
- Memo email re. Joe Brown flooding issues and closure
- Memo email re. YGM grant extension
- Memo email re. YGM project implementation schedule
- Memo email re. Montana FY 2012 Park County fuel tax of \$13,162
- Memo email re. June 28 YGM meeting notice
- Memo contract re. professional engineering services amendment
- Memo document re. Resolution #1103 elected officials compensation
- Memo document re. final agency wage complaint decision
- Memo document re. RPA airport project budget

Correspondence for June 24 included:

- Memo email re. MACo vice-president application
- Memo email re. RC&D board member
- Memo email re. 2013 MACo annual conference bid
- Memo email re. PCEC oil and gas proposed changes
- Memo email re. FWP livestock bills
- Memo email re. Gallatin County FY 2012 budget deliberations
- Memo document re. maintenance work request
- Memo document re. MDT online STIP list
- Memo document re. MDT re. HB 351 TSEP funds
- Memo document re. October 6 Area IV Agency on Aging meeting
- Memo email re. oil and gas air standards

- Memo email re. GIS/IT schedule
- Memo email re. SWB signatures
- Memo email re. wolf management
- Memo email re. Mental Health Center funding
- Memo email re. NACo horse welfare report
- Memo document re. blocked ditch and water flow in Gardiner

Commissioner Durgan said a citizen has concerns about losing the Eight Mile culvert from high water.

@9:10:16 a.m., Malone moved to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

June 20, 2011

Budget Workshop FY2012

@10:05:08 a.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan, Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Lani Hartung, finance; Raea Morris, administrative assistant; Scott Hamilton and Jay O'Neill, PCSO; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled as a Fiscal Year 2012 budget workshop.

Captain Jay O'Neill presented the Commission with three bids to replace sink/toilet fixtures in the county jail. The Commission directed Finance Director Lani Hartung to budget \$45,000 in the PCSO budget for new sink/toilet fixture installation.

There was discussion about drawing funds from various county budgets to cover Commission wages. The Commission said a 1.6-percent employee Cost of Living Adjustment shall commence on July 1, 2011.

@10:57:32 a.m., Malone moved to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

June 27, 2011

Review of Minutes for Week of June 20, 2011

@1:09:28 p.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan, Malone and Taylor were present. Also present was Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to review Commission meeting minutes for the Week of June 20, 2011.

Commissioner Malone requested a revision to Page 2 of 12; first paragraph, the last sentence should read, "Hillman said he has five employees on sick or annual leave, so he

will not start a 10-hour per day crewmen work schedule.” On Page 6 of 12; first full paragraph, the second, third and fourth sentences should read, “Road Supervisor Ed Hillman said the plans for those roads are a done deal as part of an agreement with the mine reclamation. He said the county maintains that road, and discussed maintenance of the road with the Forest Service. Hillman said the county has no plans for the Bannock Trail, which experienced some washout issues last year.”

Commissioner Taylor requested a revision to Page 6 of 12, noting the correct spelling of “Bannock” Trail.

Commissioner Malone moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Commissioner Durgan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

@1:17:30 p.m., Malone moved to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

June 27, 2011

Consider Signing Letter of Support for Grant to Rebuild/Reopen Yellowstone River Trail

@2:01:16 p.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan, Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Philip Fletcher, community development; Hank Rate and Becky Johnson, surveyor; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to consider signing a letter of support for a grant to rebuild/reopen the Yellowstone River Trail.

Community Development Director Philip Fletcher said the Yellowstone River Trail was closed one and a half years ago when a citizen no longer permitted trail use across his private property. Fletcher said he has been in discussion with the Forest and Park Services to develop an alternate route to reopen the trail, and the Forest Service provided data for an alternative route that may be funded with Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) funds.

Fletcher provided the Commission with a letter of support to move forward with a RAC grant application worth \$42,500, composed of \$25,500 in grant funds and \$17,000 in local match contribution. Fletcher said the Forest Service has committed \$9,000 in professional in-kind staff services, Lynn Chan will offer her landscaping design expertise as in-kind contribution and Park County and other private matches will equal \$5,000. He said a couple of thousand of dollars would come from the county parks fund for picnic tables. Fletcher said the grant as written does not define work the county will provide, but his idea of county in-kind contribution may be to grade and gravel a trailhead parking area off Jardine Road. He said his time for grant administration will equate to about \$750 in in-kind county contribution.

Commissioner Malone said the funds are not grant funds, but Forest Service Title II funds for four counties, including Park County. Malone said the county must submit applications for projects proposed for use of those funds. Malone said his concern is spending that amount of funds for a trail that will be less-used than the original trail. He said the county already has designated the Main Boulder Road as its priority RAC project.

Surveyor Hank Rate said the closing of the trail was quite a loss to the community of Gardiner and the trail has been an asset to the community. Surveyor Becky Johnson said a lot of community and public interest remains in rerouting the trail and returning it to a working resource, and she is favor of that effort.

Commissioner Malone moved to sign the letter of support for RAC funds to rebuild/reopen the Yellowstone River Trail and grant Fletcher permission to submit the letter to the RAC program. Commissioner Durgan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

@2:30:48 p.m., Malone moved to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

June 28, 2011

Review Daily Agenda/Correspondence and Current County Projects

@9:34:37 a.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Taylor were present. Also present were Raea Morris, administrative assistant; Chuck McCalla, citizen; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller.

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

Correspondence included:

- Memo document re. Montana Tax Foundation taxation mill levies
- Memo email re. DOR assessment statistics
- Memo document re. Title II Forest Service Yellowstone River Trail project
- Memo email re. APHIS brucellosis comment period
- Memo document re. Senator Baucus disaster funding

Citizen Chuck McCalla provided the Commission with photographs of riprap on the isthmus between Siebeck and 9th Street Islands.

@9:46:26 a.m., Durgan moved to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

June 28, 2011
County Road Updates

@9:05:46 a.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Taylor were present. Also present were Ed Hillman, road; Raea Morris, administrative assistant; Kevin Bales, Crazy Mountain Ranch; Ed Lamb, Willow Creek Ranch; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss county road issues.

Road Supervisor Ed Hillman said the road crew is working near West Pine addressing a washout on Trail Creek Road. Hillman said the crew will look at the culvert on Eight Mile, but it looks like it did two weeks ago. Hillman said repairing the culvert is next on the list of projects, and a crewman repaired a bad washout area on Swingley Road on June 27.

Commissioner Taylor said a private entity removed slash and graded and graveled Main Boulder Road as of June 21. Taylor said the Pine Creek cut off road is getting bad with broken-off edges and potholes. Hillman said the road is on the work list, but he cannot say when it will be addressed. Hillman said Mill Creek Road was graded last week and the crew will again address potholes on Merrill Lane in the Five Acre Tracts. Commissioner Durgan said Canyon View and Guthrie Lane badly need to be graded.

Hillman said six loads of patch will be needed for Rock Creek Road North and provided Kevin Bales of Crazy Mountain Ranch with a cost estimate for that work. Bales asked if Hard Drives could conduct its proposed paving work on Rock Creek Road in three phases at about \$275,000 apiece in order to budget for the work.

Citizen Ed Lamb provided the Commission with a cost estimate to repair the upper end of Willow Creek Road, broken into three phases starting at Harms Lane. The proposal included work efforts from the Forest Service, private funds and Park County and is being proposed through a Forest Service RAC program. Commissioner Taylor said Lamb could submit the application for consideration.

Administrative Assistant Raea Morris said a citizen phoned about a cattle guard on Old Chico Road. Hillman said he will look at that cattle guard and the Billman Creek Bridge.

Durgan said a citizen was happy with recent maintenance of Adair Creek Road.

@9:33:49 a.m., Durgan moved to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

June 28, 2011

9:30 A.M. - Human Resources Updates - Commission Chambers – Postponed to June 29
@9:30 a.m.

June 28, 2011

Amended Resolution Setting the Elected Officials Compensation Schedule

@10:07:09 a.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Taylor were present. Also present were Brett Linneweber, county attorney; Lani Hartung, finance; Camden Easterling, Livingston Enterprise; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to amend a resolution setting the elected officials compensation schedule.

County Attorney Brett Linneweber said the resolution states elected officials shall receive a one-percent longevity increase effective with the beginning of the fiscal year following the five-year anniversary as an elected official.

Commissioner Durgan moved to accept amended Resolution #1104 for elected officials' compensation. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

@10:16:01 a.m., Durgan moved to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

June 28, 2011

Consider Signing MDT Documents for Gardiner Sidewalk Project

@10:31:20 a.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Taylor were present. Also present were Philip Fletcher, community development (via telephone); Raea Morris, administrative assistant; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to consider signing Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) documents for the Gardiner Sidewalk Project.

Community Development Director Philip Fletcher said the documents in question were prepared by Great West Engineering and include a final bid letting letter and environmental and categorical exclusion documents. There was discussion about noting Commissioner Taylor's status as the county's environmental certifying officer on documents in question. Fletcher said he will make that revision.

Commissioner Durgan moved to sign the new documents with proposed revisions as part of a categorical exclusion for a MDT Gardiner Sidewalk Project. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

@10:39:58 a.m., Durgan moved to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

June 28, 2011

12:00 P.M. – Airport Board – City/County Airport Office – Commissioner Durgan attended

June 28, 2011

Signing of Notice of Award Documents for City/County Airport Project

@1:40:45 p.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Taylor were present. Also present were Shannan Piccolo, civil deputy county attorney; Jerri Miller and Kerry LaDuke, airport; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to sign notice of award documents for the City/County Airport project.

Commissioner Durgan read into the record an airport project base bid from Knife River of \$2,167,994.90 with a contract increase of \$107,769 for a total cost of \$2,275,763.90.

Airport Board member Kerry LaDuke said funding covers the base bid only, which is for reconstruction of runway #422 with jug handle turnarounds at runway ends, and Taxiway A for 75 feet toward the ramp area. He said reconstruction of the remaining ramp may be done with another \$600,000 of federal funding that the airport may receive.

Commissioner Durgan moved to approve the signing of the award document for the airport document once papers are properly signed by all organizations involved in the project, including Knife River. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

@1:49:11 p.m., Durgan moved to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

June 28, 2011

Consider Signing Agreements for Stafford Animal Shelter and Spay/Neuter Clinic

@2:02:40 p.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Taylor were present. Also present were Shannan Piccolo, civil deputy county attorney; Vicki Blakeman, Mary Bebee and Sally Henrickson, Stafford Animal Shelter; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to consider signing agreements for the Stafford Animal Shelter and spay/neuter clinic.

Mary Beebe, Stafford Animal Shelter, said the spay/neuter clinic used the county's \$3,000 in the last fiscal year to spay/neuter 479 animals at six clinics, 164 of which resided outside of the city limits in Park County. Beebe said she is asking again for

\$3,000 in county funds to maintain the spay/neuter clinics. She said grants exist for spaying/neutering of feral cats.

Vicki Blakeman, Stafford Animal Shelter, said the city is using a database to license dogs, and she would like the county to consider using that system, as well. She said the county may want to consider licensing of dogs in concentrated populations, which may require an enforcement officer.

Commissioner Durgan moved to keep the county's contribution for spay/neuter clinics at the same level as last year, \$3,000. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Commissioner Durgan moved to increase the county's contribution to the Stafford Animal Shelter to not-to-exceed \$9,000, with the shelter fee schedule remaining the same as last year. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2:39 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

June 28, 2011

Signing of Contract for County Contribution to Western Montana Mental Health

@2:41 p.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Taylor were present. Also present was Shannan Piccolo, civil deputy county attorney. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to sign a contract for county contribution to Western Montana Mental Health.

Commissioner Durgan moved to sign the western Montana Mental Health contract for \$15,000. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

@2:43:40 p.m., Durgan moved to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

June 28, 2011

5:30 P.M. – Museum Board – The Club House, Willow Drive

June 29, 2011

Review Daily Agenda/Correspondence and Current County Projects

@8:56:08 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; Scott Hamilton, undersheriff; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

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

Correspondence included:

- Memo email re. June 30 PCEC meeting location
- Memo email re. mileage reimbursement increase
- Memo email re. MACo website log in
- Memo email re. Callender Street garage issues
- Memo email re. Title II funds allocations

Commissioner Malone asked Undersheriff Scott Hamilton to provide a letter of support for a county application for RAC funds for a Main Boulder Road project.

@9:17:39 a.m., Durgan moved to adjourn the meeting. Malone seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

June 29, 2011

9:00 A.M. – Claims Review – Commission Chambers

9:00 A.M. – MACo Board of Directors Meeting – Helena – Commissioner Taylor attended

June 29, 2011

Human Resources Updates

@9:32:57 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; Lani Hartung, finance; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

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

Human Resources Analyst Jill Ouellette provided the Commission with a refund check for \$30,000 from MACo for reserved contribution. Ouellette said an employee that used FMLA leave did not return to work after that leave ended. Ouellette provided a refund check of \$200 from that employee.

Ouellette provided change of status forms for wage increases for two employees in the Clerk and Recorder's Office after performance evaluations and wage increases for Treasurer's Office employees, which are over and above the approved COLA.

Ouellette provided the Commission with a commendation card for review, a job offer for a summer landfill scale house operator and a Gardiner green box attendant exit interview.

Ouellette said a MACo employee cannot be on a county health insurance committee due to conflict of interest issues, and the Commission needs to appoint another member.

Ouellette said beginning employee COLA payments on July 1 will greatly increase payroll entry labor. She said it is easier to do it quick and clean as was done in 2009, where employees would get some of the COLA for the last week of June.

Commissioner Durgan moved to make the employee COLA effective the second pay period in July 2011. Commissioner Malone seconded the motion. Motion passed.

@10:03:10 a.m., Durgan moved to adjourn the meeting. Malone seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

June 29, 2011

Budget Workshop FY 2012

@10:08:04 a.m., Commissioner Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Malone were present. Also present was Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled as a Fiscal Year 2012 budget workshop.

Commissioner Malone said the Finance Department said it has no new changes to budget data for the Commission.

@10:08:17 a.m., Durgan moved to adjourn the meeting. Malone seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

June 29, 2011

Signing of Resolution for Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions

@1:03:37 p.m., Commissioner Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Malone were present. Also present were Lani Hartung, finance; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to sign a resolution for GASB Statement #54, fund balancing and governmental fund type definitions.

Finance Director Lani Hartung said statute requires two resolutions be passed for resource categories expenditure orders for all government expenditure funds.

Commissioner Durgan moved to sign the resolution for Government Accounting Standards Board #54 balance reporting and fund type definitions. Commissioner Malone seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Commissioner Durgan moved to sign the resolution committing fund balance resources for special revenue funds. Commissioner Malone seconded the motion. Motion passed.

@1:07:35 p.m., Durgan moved to adjourn the meeting. Malone seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

June 29, 2011

Signing of Resolution to Temporarily Close Portion of 9th Street Island Road to Non-Residents Use Only

@1:38:23 p.m., Commissioner Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Malone were present. Also present were Shannan Piccolo, civil deputy county attorney; Ed Hillman, road; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to sign a resolution to temporarily close portions of 9th Street Island Road to non-resident use only.

There was discussion about revising resolution language to state the specific location where the road will be closed.

Commissioner Durgan moved to sign Resolution #1105, which will be in effect until further notice. Commissioner Malone seconded the motion. Motion passed.

@1:39:46 p.m., Durgan moved to adjourn the meeting. Malone seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

June 29, 2011

Decision to Submit Application for Secure Rural Schools Title III Funds

@2:14:48 p.m., Commissioner Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Malone were present. Also present were Shannan Piccolo, civil deputy county attorney; Raea Morris, administrative assistant; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to submit an application for Secure Rural Schools Title III funds.

Commissioner Malone said the application is to use \$295,000 awarded to Park County through Forest Service Title III funds to improve 4.7 miles of Boulder River Road, half of which belongs to Sweet Grass County and half to Park County. Malone said Park County's project will extend from Natural Bridge to Two-Mile Bridge and Sweet Grass County's project will extend from Two-Mile Bridge to Beaver Ponds. Malone said the improvements will improve safety in the area and are supported by the Park County Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Durgan moved to submit the application for the road project on the Boulder Road through the Secure Rural Schools Title II fund as a member of the RAC

with Park, Sweet Grass, Stillwater and Powder River Counties. Commissioner Malone seconded the motion. Motion passed.

@2:19:05 p.m., Durgan moved to adjourn the meeting. Malone seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

June 30, 2011

Review Daily Agenda/Correspondence and Current County Projects

@8:31:10 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; Scott Hamilton, undersheriff; 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. City/County meeting agenda
- Memo email re. museum board member resignation
- Memo email re. Cooke City sewer and water issue
- Memo email re. DES road condition report
- Memo email re. SW Regional Juvenile Detention July 6 report deadline
- Memo email re. Wilsall Community events
- Memo document re. 9th Street Island road closure resolution

@8:43:32 a.m., Malone moved to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

June 30, 2011

Public Hearing to Amend FY2011 Budget

@9:33:16 a.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Lani Hartung, finance; Ed Hillman, road; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled as a public hearing to amend the Fiscal Year 2011 budget.

Finance Director Lani Hartung provided the Commission with a Fiscal Year 2011 budget amendment to amend six county funds overspent to-date. Hartung said the overspent budgets include Road, Missouri River Drug Task Force, Joint Training, Victim Witness, Gas Tax Fund and Gardiner Sewer Debt Fund.

Commissioner Malone moved to sign the resolution. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

@9:36:56 a.m., Malone moved to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

June 30, 2011

Signing of Contract Amendment with CTA Engineering for Professional Engineering Services for 9th Street Island Bridge Project

@10:01:07 a.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Shannan Piccolo, civil deputy county attorney; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to sign a contract amendment with CTA Engineering for professional engineering services for the 9th Street Bridge Project.

Civil Deputy County Attorney Shannan Piccolo said the necessary amendment stems back to the original project design contract and modifications made to that contract involving federal funds.

Commissioner Malone moved to sign the amendment to pay CTA for services rendered. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

@10:02:37 a.m., Malone moved to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

June 30, 2011

Consider Recommended Amendments to Parks and Recreation Board Bylaws

@10:32:16 a.m., Chairman Taylor called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Malone and Taylor were present. Also present were Shannan Piccolo, civil deputy county attorney; Philip Fletcher, community development (via telephone); Raea Morris, administrative assistant; Parks Board members Phil Dawson, Hillary Taylor and Kristen Wester; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to review and consider recommended amendments to Parks and Recreation Board bylaws.

Community Development Director Philip Fletcher said the commissioners received the final draft of the recommended amendments from the civil deputy county attorney that morning and most proposed bylaw changes are minor, such as grammar changes.

Board Member Phil Dawson said amended bylaws from August 2, 2010, state in Section 8-A that any changes to bylaws will be reviewed and approved by the board. Dawson said the board has not approved any of the proposed bylaw changes. Fletcher said the

board moved to deny all the changes. Civil Deputy County Attorney Shannan Piccolo said, ultimately, all boards are advisory to the Commission, which has the final say on bylaw changes and amendments, even if a board denies recommended changes or refuses to vote on recommended changes. Piccolo said perhaps the Commission should ask the board why it voted to not support the amendments.

Dawson said he made the motion in a parks board meeting to decline the proposed bylaw changes because the board received four copies of bylaw changes, and a fifth was presented today. He said Senior Planner Mine Inman demanded a vote on the issue at a particular meeting and the board had not reviewed the bylaws at that time, so a majority of the members voted to turn down the proposed changes.

Board Member Hillary Taylor asked who pays for county employees' salaries. She said the taxpayers pay for government, so local government exists to work for the taxpayers. She said with a diverse citizenry she does not think it is appropriate to pick and choose who the county wants as board members based on agendas. She said she was told by a certain member of staff the bylaws were being changed so cantankerous board members can be removed from the board. Fletcher said no proposed changes to the amendments limit who serves on the board.

The Commission reviewed proposed bylaw changes with meeting attendees. Changes included, in part, how many individuals will sit on the board and board member interview committee, expanding the board's scope to include historical aspects, board review of road abandonment petitions and bylaw change procedures. Commissioner Malone asked if the Parks Board was necessary to have. Piccolo said the board needs to exist in order for the county to administer cash-in-lieu of parkland funds per the current parks plan. Malone said the purpose of county government is to protect public health and safety and it does not have enough money for its primary mission if the county deviates too much from it.

Hillary Taylor said her public comment is often times people do not have a hard time with what is being done, but have a hard time with how it is done.

The Commission said it will review the board members' comments regarding the proposed bylaws and make a decision on them at a later date.

@11:44:00 a.m., Malone moved to adjourn the meeting. Taylor seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

June 30, 2011

5:00 P.M. – Planning and Development Board Public Hearing for Public Comment on Draft Floodplain Regulations – Community Room

Voided Checks:

Claims #s: 72428; 72475; 72515

July 1, 2011

No Meetings Scheduled

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

Denise Nelson
Clerk & Recorder
Park County, Montana