

Park County Commission Meeting Minutes
Week of March 7 - 11, 2011
Park County, Montana

March 7, 2011

Review Daily Correspondence / Agenda and Briefing on Current County Projects

@9:02:13 a.m., Commissioner Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Malone were present. Also present were Raea Morris, executive assistant; Michael West citizen; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller.

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

Correspondence included:

- MT Rural Education Association
- Memo from PRAHD re. FWP brucellosis issue
- Memo re. Beartooth Economic Development group
- Memo from community development re. fracturing procedure
- Memo from BBBS re. funding letter
- Memo from sanitarian re. Cooke City sewer district
- Memo from county attorney re. Fleshman Creek RFQ
- Memo from county attorney re. county Volvo truck
- Citizen memo re. White Lane road issue
- Memo re. Chad Standish certificate of liability insurance
- Memo from MDT re. 9th Street Bridge FWP permit

Citizen Michael West asked whether a tire shredding operation is permitted in the county. Commissioner Malone said Montana DEQ is responsible for allowing such a land use.

@9:45:54 a.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Malone seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

March 7, 2011

Review of Minutes for Week of February 28, 2011

@10:37:58 a.m., Commissioner Durgan called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Malone 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 February 28, 2011.

Commissioner Durgan requested a revision to Page 4 of 10; last paragraph, the last sentence should read, “She said potential future EPA rules may confound the use of landfills and the PCCC wanted to know if incineration was the best option now and into the future.”

Commissioner Malone requested a revision to Page 5 of 10; third paragraph, the last sentence should read, “He said Bell asked the county to put together a committee of interested stakeholders to gather information for submission to Bell and Associates.”

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

@10:40:27 a.m., Malone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

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12:00 P.M. - Community Networking - Livingston Job Service – Commissioner Durgan attended

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

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@8:32:22 a.m., Commissioner Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Malone 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. removal of Bailey bridge
- Memo re. March 8 weed meeting
- Memo from Board of Health re. illegal outhouse

Community Development Director Philip Fletcher said he and Finance Director Lani Hartung will be onsite to take photos of today’s removal of the temporary Bailey bridge to 9th Street Island.

@8:48:16 a.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Malone seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

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9:00 A.M. - County Road Updates – Commissioners Chambers – Canceled due to employee illness

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Human Resources Updates

@9:51:02 a.m., Commissioner Durgan called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Malone were present. Also present were Jill Ouellette, HR; 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 provided the Commission with a change of status form for a Sheriff's Office deputy anniversary; suggestion from the employee suggestion box to number offices in the courthouse building; and a PERS calculation form for payroll adjustments received through a sheriff's office longevity pay issue. Ouellette said she is discussing scheduling of an employee meeting with a MACo health insurance representative.

Commissioner Malone made a motion to reinstate the insurance committee for the purpose of discussing changes to county healthcare benefits. Commissioner Durgan seconded that motion. Motion passed.

@9:59:31 a.m., Malone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

March 8, 2011

Consider Decision to Join Beartooth Economic Development District

@10:30:40 a.m., Commissioner Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Malone were present. Also present were Raea Morris, executive assistant; Philip Fletcher, community development; Stuart Leidner, Prospera Business Network; Kevin Funk, citizen; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller.

The meeting was scheduled to consider joining the Beartooth Economic Development District.

Community Development Director Philip Fletcher said Park County must be a member of an economic development region to receive economic development funds, as one county entity cannot receive funds on its own. Fletcher said he suggested Gallatin County form a region, but those talks have resulted in nothing. He said he and Tracy Mosley, MSU Extension, met with the Beartooth Economic Development District in Joliet about joining

that district and Beartooth will contact the Department of Commerce about adding Park County to the region. He said he will attend a meeting in Columbus to propose the idea, as well.

Citizen Kevin Funk asked how much joining the district would cost taxpayers. Fletcher said the joining fee \$3,500 to be split with other cities in the county that may wish to join Park County in the membership with an assessment of \$0.15 per capita, which equals an annual financial obligation of \$5,000. He said membership allows the county to bring in economic development grants that should offset the membership fees. Funk said he does not want any more government than the county already has and this will just be another government agency telling the county what is best for it economically. He said he thinks the effort would be better in the hands of people living here rather than people without a stake in the community, and he is not big on revolving loans either. Funk said getting into a group becomes a war to see what funds each entity receives. He said an outside group does not know more than in-county people can figure out and growth will go to Yellowstone County as part of the regional group because it has the land to grow and is business friendly. He said the Commission will be growing the county government by joining a regional group.

Fletcher said he has given the City of Livingston parallel information on the issue. Leidner said he is working with the city on economic development efforts.

Stuart Leidner of Prospera Business Network asked the strategic advantage of Park County moving forward with the current effort. Commissioner Malone said the county will assess the performance Leidner's firm is doing for the county for management of the local revolving loan fund program.

Commissioner Durgan said he appreciates the citizen's concerns, but the county has an opportunity to make some progress and make some advancement in economic development with joining the district.

Commissioner Durgan made a motion to join the Beartooth Economic Development District. Commissioner Malone seconded that motion. Motion passed.

Commissioner Durgan made a motion to sign and send a letter to Chuck Egan of the Beartooth EDD. Commissioner Malone seconded that motion. Motion passed.

@11:09:32 a.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Malone seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

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1:00 P.M. – Senior Center Meeting – Livingston Senior Center – Commissioner Durgan attended

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

2:00 P.M. – Weed Board - USDA Office, Livingston – Commissioner Durgan attended

3:00 P.M. – Web Committee – East Room

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@8:34:29 a.m., Commissioner Durgan called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Malone were present. Also present were Raea Morris, executive assistant; 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 from IT re. 9th Street Bridge website updates
- Memo re. March 14 Angel Line agenda

Commissioner Durgan said he returned a message from Citizen Ed Skillman about potholes in Guthrie Lane that caused damage to the Adventist Church sprinkler system last year. Durgan said the road supervisor will check on that issue today. Durgan said a road crewman is headed to Old Yellowstone Trail to grade the road in the park, but that road is muddy and may need some gravel. He said a problem with drifting snow exists on Swingley Road.

Finance Director Lani Hartung provided an update report of a courthouse building air balancing project headed up by the community development director.

@8:51:48 a.m., Malone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Durgan seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

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9:00 A.M. - Claims Review- Commissioners Chambers

11:00 A.M. – 9th Street Bridge Construction Meeting - CTA Office, Livingston – Commissioner Malone attended

March 9, 2011

Nomination of County Representative to Clyde Park Planning Board

@2:33:36 p.m., Commissioner Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Malone were present. Also present were Raea Morris, executive assistant; Philip Fletcher, community development; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to nominate a county representative for the Clyde Park Planning Board.

Community Development Director Philip Fletcher said Clyde Park Planning Board bylaws state one of the board's members is to be nominated by the county. He said the board requested the Commission recommend Skip McIlhattan be appointed as the county representative.

Commissioner Durgan made a motion to conditionally recommend Skip McIlhattan as a county representative on the Clyde Park Planning Board per approval of the county attorney that Durgan can vote to nominate McIlhattan who his brother-in-law and determine whether McIlhattan can sit on the county board living in the Clyde Park city limits. Commissioner Malone seconded that motion. Motion passed.

@2:41:11 p.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Malone seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

March 10, 2011

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@8:51:44 a.m., Commissioner Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Malone were present. Also present were Raea Morris, executive assistant; Philip Fletcher, community development; and Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

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

Correspondence included:

- Memo re. February safety committee meeting minutes
- Memo from Big Sky Snow Riders re. poker run snow plowing
- Memo re. construction demolition recycling training in Great Falls

Commissioner Malone said the National Park Service is paying for 300 tons of gravel for the county to spread on Old Yellowstone Trail in the park. He said the Eight Mile washout is being addressed. Commissioner Durgan said he will check on potholes in Guthrie Lane.

@8:57:14 a.m., Durgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Malone seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned.

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9:00 A.M. – Safety Meeting – Commissioners Chambers

10:00 A.M. – Local Emergency Planning Committee – Community Room

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Discuss Advertisement for Distribution of RFQ for Fleshman Creek Project Final Design

@10:08:06 a.m., Commissioner Malone called a meeting to order in the Commissioners Chambers. Commissioners Durgan and Malone were present. Also present were Raea Morris, executive assistant; Philip Fletcher, community development; Scott Nelson, CTA Engineering; and Commission Minutes Clerk John Mueller. No public comment made.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss an advertisement for distribution of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Fleshman Creek Project final design.

Community Development Director Philip Fletcher said the RFQ is the next step in moving forward on the project final design, which includes a scope of services. He said the RFQ has been reviewed by the civil deputy county attorney.

Commissioner Malone said language within the background section of the scope of services states the purpose of the project is to mitigate flooding. He said he would like to have the project length extend from 2nd Street to M Street. Malone said he wants to reread the FEMA grant that will provide funds to the project and he has questions on wastewater issues and the City of Livingston's involvement in the project. He said he does not want to bankrupt the county with the project.

Fletcher said he will provide the Commission with new verbiage addressing evaluation of the creek crossing and city/county boundary line, alternative designs for the sewer system, storm water BMPs and restoration of the creek bed.

@11:14:13 a.m., the meeting adjourned.

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12:00 P.M. - Legislative Work Session - Commissioners Chambers – Commissioner Malone attended

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1:00 P.M. – RC&D Board Meeting – Farm Bureau, Bozeman – Commissioner Durgan attended

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No Commission Meetings Scheduled

9:00 A.M. - Fairgrounds Committee - East Room

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