

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
December 16, 2013**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN: Robert P. Cosgriff  
VICE-CHAIRMAN: Jerry L. Coldwell  
MEMBER: Teddy R. Robertson

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Carla McWilliams

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Chairman Cosgriff called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Robertson will be arriving late.

AGENDA

Motion by Coldwell and seconded by Cosgriff to approve agenda as posted 48 hours ago.  
Motion carried.

TIM FOGLE – ROAD SUPERVISOR

Cosgriff said Mothershead and Higgins had asked if they could plow snow last Friday and Cosgriff told them to go ahead since the weather was going to be good. Also discussed request to plow the Old Stage Road and which other roads need plowed. Cosgriff said Robertson had told them to contact Travis Browning. Discussed fuel that is being used by Browning's and Singleton's. Jerry Collins joined the meeting. Collins said the school was plowed out but if the wind blows it will be a mess because they left high banks on each side. Collins asked why someone follows the patrols with a pickup. Fogle said it was because of breakdowns. Cosgriff told Fogle that he should start thinking about which grader to trade off. The military loader still will not run. Collins said he would be willing to clean up the Cohagen schoolyard. Cosgriff said it would need to be done this week. Collins said he would contact Fogle. Discussed getting Collins on workman's comp. Fogle said he didn't know what Mothershead and Awbery were doing but they could possibly do it.

EXTENSION SERVICES AGREEMENT

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Cosgriff to approve FY Extension Services Agreement between Montana State University Extension and Garfield County. Motion carried.

JESSICA McWILLIAMS – JANITORIAL ISSUES

McWilliams has been receiving complaints about the cleanliness of the old grade school. Cosgriff asked if McWilliams had contacted the janitor. McWilliams said she had and had very little response. Cosgriff instructed McWilliams to write a letter outlining what needs to be done and deliver it personally and to have her sign a receipt.

NELL PHIPPS – ROAD ISSUES

Phipps met with the Commissioners to discuss the procedure to get the Garthy road designated as a county road.

Reviewed bill from Central Montana Health District for sanitarian services. Discussed how the users will be billed for the services. Robertson contacted Central Montana Health District and was told Deen Pomeroy was no longer working for Central Montana Health District.

#### WM. & LORENE NEFSY FOUNDATION, INC.

Cosgriff notified the other Commissioners that Stan Markuson with Stockman Bank contacted him last week to say the Nefsy Foundation had awarded the Garfield County Health Center a \$9,000 grant to help with the cost of the new wander-prevention system.

#### CLAIMS

Claim Check Nos. 30669 through 30689 in the amount of \$62,780.24 were approved and paid.

Recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Reconvened by Chairman Cosgriff at 1:00 p.m.

#### DAVE AWBERY

Awbery stated he would like to apply for the road supervisor job but wanted to be assured he could go back to his old position if it didn't work out. After a brief discussion it was agreed that he could apply for the position and if he got the job, the probationary position would be for 30 to 60 days, which could be tailored for different applicants, and if it didn't work out he could still have his old job. Cosgriff said the new position would be a working supervisor and Awbery said he was aware of this.

#### FIREHALL

Discussed what should be done with the fire hall now that the appraisal has been completed.

#### MINUTES

Motion by Coldwell, seconded by Robertson to approve December 2, 2013 minutes with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussed various grants that Cathy Byron could apply for.

#### HANZ ARNSTON / PAT MURNION

Cosgriff informed Arnston the Nefsy Foundation awarded \$9,000 to the Health Center. An article will be submitted to the Jordan Tribune and Miles City Star for publication.

Arnston requested a closed meeting to discuss personnel issues.

Chairman Cosgriff then closed the meeting at 3:30 p.m. under the provisions of §2-3-203 to discuss matters of confidentiality with Hanz Arnston and Pat Murnion. Meeting was opened at 4:42 p.m. No action was taken.

#### HEALTH CENTER ISSUES

Hanz Arnston, Administrator, Sarah Nordlund, DON met with Commissioners for weekly report. The Plan of Correction for fire life survey has been approved. A contractor contacted the Health Center about repairing the roof. Arnston will contact the Contractor and let them know we are not interested. A complaint survey was completed last week on EMTALLA, CAH and NH.

Discussed letter from Jeniffer Pluhar stating she has a doctor's release to return to work. She is no longer employed at the Health Center but will be called if needed.

Collins brought up the incident that involved a family member and he indicated the family is still looking at different options. Collins wanted the facility to know the doctors in Billings were upset how everything was handled. Collins said his family member wants to come home and he considers the Health Center his home. Collins said his father-in-law has been taken from his home and is now considered violent so their options are limited. Collins said he hopes the staff has learned something from this incident. Cosgriff asked if Nordlund or Arnston wanted to add anything. Arnston said he feels the patient is happy where he is presently. Nordlund wanted it known that she and Arnston did not make the decision alone.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. to attend LEPC meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 23, 2013, at 9:00 a.m.

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

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ATTEST:

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Janet Sherer, Clerk & Recorder