

JULY 1, 2014

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

The Montana State Family Services and the Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services moved out of the Valley County Annex today and will no longer be renting office space from Valley County.

Chairman Pippin left the office.

The Commissioners left the office from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. to participate in the quarterly jail inspection.

Leni Loendorf, District Manager, MT Department of Public Health and Human Services Office, gave the Commissioners a very old ledger book that was found in their office this morning as they were packing up to move. The ledger book is titled "Valley County Auditor's Record of County Poor Farm and Hospital" with entries beginning May, 1916. This book will be taken to the Valley County Historical Museum for their display.

Mary Simonson stopped in to request the Commissioner replace the basketball hoop in the jail that was broken.

Chairman Pippin returned to the office.

Mike Bain, Valley County Computer Technician, updated the Commissioners on his plans for the computer services and reviewed the items he is attending to and future plans. He explained some of the changes that will have to be made at the Annex to relocate some of the Valley County Health Department's computer services as they relocate some of their offices into the new vacated area across the hall. They believed there would be enough computers to meet their needs, just needed to be moved to different locations.

Mr. Bain left the office.

Commissioner Peterson and Chairman Pippin left the office.

Cam Shipp, Valley County Sanitarian, informed the Commissioners that the computer and phone services won't be available in the new offices at the Annex until July 11, 2014.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and carried unanimously to approve the minutes for the month of June, 2014.

Commissioner Reinhardt left the office.

Nick Murnion, Valley County Attorney, stopped in to inform the Commissioners that he is still evaluating the request from the Conservation District regarding an ordinance to protect Valley County grazing. He said he is still not convinced that the Valley County Commissioners are involved with this process and that the Valley County Conservation District can have this put on the ballot for an election and it will become a Conservation Ordinance, not a Valley County Ordinance. He said he would be at the meeting tomorrow where this issue is on the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

ATTEST: 
 Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: 
 David L. Pippin, Chairman



JULY 2, 2014

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Cam Shipp, Valley County Sanitarian, visited with the Commissioners about possibly increasing the hours for his part-time secretary from a ten hour per week position to 20-hours per week. Discussion followed.

Mr. Shipp left the office.

Nick Murnion, Valley County Attorney, joined the meeting and reviewed his findings on the Valley County Conservation District's proposed Ordinance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to rescind the motion that was made June 25, 2014, by Commissioner Reinhardt,

"to hold a public hearing that will be held by the Valley County Commissioners to obtain public comments regarding their intent to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 5-2014, an ordinance for the protection of soil and water from wild, free roaming or domestic Bison/Buffalo grazing in the Valley County Conservation District."

The motion to rescind was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and it unanimously carried.

Jeff Pattison, Valley County Conservation District member joined the meeting.

Chairman Pippin began Discussion and Decision at 10:35 a.m.

Chairman Pippin said there would be three additions to the Agenda, pledged securities, check to cancel for the Treasurer's Office and three Right-of-Way Applications to consider.

Chairman Pippin asked for public comment and none were given.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Patrick McGuinness as a temporary, full-time Mower for the Road Department beginning July 15, 2014, at \$11.91 per hour. he motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Kevin A. Coveidell, as a temporary, full-time Mower for the Road Department beginning July 14, 2014, at \$11.91 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Termination for Rick Stellflug who has retired as the Valley County Weed/Mosquito Coordinator effective July 3, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson authorizing Wayne Waarvik, Jr. a Leave of Absence for ninety (90) days from July 11, 2014, through October 11, 2014, as provided by the Valley County Personnel Policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously.

The Valley County Conservation District Ordinance request was the next item on the agenda.

Chairman Pippin asked Mr. Murnion to discuss his information with the group.

Mr. Murnion said since last week he has studied this issue and he said the documents that were submitted were not asking for the Commissioners to pass an ordinance, it was asking for a Soil Conservation District Ordinance. There is a difference because the documents that were submitted to the Commissioners reference statutes that are for Conservation Districts, which is basically just an adoption of a land use regulation. He said the Conservation Districts are actually a political subdivision of the State through their affiliation with the Department of Natural Resource and Conservation, not a County entity. The Valley County Conservation District was incorporated in 1954. Discussion followed.

Mr. Murnion said the statutes used on these documents indicate that the decision to adopt would be decided through an election. The City of Glasgow and the Town of Nashua are not included in the Grazing District so they would not vote, just those within the boundary of the Valley County Conservation District.

Mr. Murnion said the Valley County Commissioners just need to approve to put this on the ballot and inform Lynne Nyquist, Valley County Clerk and Recorder to include this in the general election ballot. The Conservation District will have to have their own hearing and follow the required procedures. Mr. Murnion said he would review the language for the ballot. Discussion followed on the language requirements.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt to execute the following Resolution directing Lynne Nyquist, Valley County Clerk and Recorder, to include the Valley County Conservation District's request on the general election ballot and seconded by Commissioner Peterson.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2014

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF SOIL AND WATER FROM WILD, FREE ROAMING OR DOMESTIC BISON/BUFFALO GRAZING IN THE VALLEY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Valley County Conservation District proposes to submit to a vote of the people, to adopt ordinance No. 2014-1, for the protection of soil and water from wild, free roaming or domestic bison/buffalo grazing in the Valley County Conservation District which includes a requirement that all land occupiers grazing bison must obtain a permit with an acceptable conservation plan which will include provisions for fencing and certification that the bison/buffalo are disease free; a complaint process; establishment of board of adjustment to review petitions for variances from bison/buffalo requirements; enforcement in District Court; and provision that this ordinance does not relieve land occupiers who graze bison/buffalo of liability for damages to persons or property; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to 76-15-702, Valley County Conservation District has the authority to formulate regulations governing the use of lands within its boundaries in the interest of conserving soil and water resources and preventing and controlling erosion; and

WHEREAS, the Valley County Conservation District is authorized to adopt regulations that include any means, measures, operations, and programs as may assist conservation of soil and water resources and prevent or control erosion in this district

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has duly reviewed and considered this matter and finds as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners:

1. That the Valley County Clerk and Recorder, as Election Administrator, is hereby directed to prepare an election ballot for consideration of the electorate living within the Valley County Conservation District, which excludes the Towns of Glasgow and Nashua, on the issue as to whether the County Conservation District will adopt ordinance No. 2014-1.
2. That said election shall be held on November 4, 2014, the same day as the regular election and the ballot language will read as follows:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF SOIL AND WATER FROM WILD, FREE ROAMING OR DOMESTIC BISON/BUFFALO GRAZING IN THE VALLEY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Valley County Conservation District proposes to adopt ordinance No. 2014-1 for the protection of soil and water from wild, free roaming or domestic bison/buffalo grazing in the Valley County Conservation District which includes a requirement that all land occupiers grazing bison must obtain a permit with an acceptable conservation plan which will include provisions for fencing and certification that the bison/buffalo are disease free; a complaint process; establishment of board of adjustment to review petitions for variances from bison/buffalo requirements; enforcement in District Court; and provision that this ordinance does not relieve land occupiers who graze bison/buffalo of liability for damages to persons or property.

Insert an "X" mark in the square before one or the other of said propositions as the voter may favor or oppose approval of proposed ordinance.

A vote "For" is a positive vote indicating support for the enactment of the ordinance.

A vote "Against" is a negative vote indicating opposition to the enactment of the ordinance.

FOR approval of proposed ordinance No. 2014-1, prescribing land use regulations for the conservation of soil and the prevention of erosion from wild, free roaming or domestic bison/buffalo grazing in Valley County Conservation District.

AGAINST approval of proposed ordinance No. 2014-1, prescribing land use regulations for the conservation of soil and the prevention of erosion from wild, free roaming or domestic bison/buffalo grazing in Valley County Conservation District.

3. That the Valley County Clerk and Recorder shall publish notice of this election as provided in MCA § 13-1-108.
4. That the Valley County Conservation District will be required to have the proposed ordinance and the ballot language be posted in some public places and

have copies available at the Valley County Conservation Office and the Valley County Commissioners' Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed Ordinance No. 2014-1 reads as follows;

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF SOIL AND WATER FROM WILD, FREE ROAMING or DOMESTIC BISON/BUFFALO GRAZING IN VALLEY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Section 1. FINDING, POLICY AND INTENT.

It is the finding of the Valley County Conservation District that due to the migratory behavior of bison/buffalo to search out desirable grazing forage, their social behaviors, and other bison/buffalo behaviors, bison/buffalo grazing can create lasting impacts to soil and water resources.

- 1) Pursuant to 76-15-102 it is the declared policy of the State of Montana to provide for the conservation of soil and soil resources of the State of Montana, for the control and prevention of soil erosion, for the prevention of floodwater and sediment damages, and for furthering the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water and thereby to preserve natural resources, control floods, prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs, preserve wildlife, protect the tax base, protect public lands, and protect and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of the State of Montana.
- 2) It is the policy of the Valley County Conservation District to provide for the conservation of the soil and water resources of the district and the prevention of soil erosion, accelerated soil erosion and the prevention of sediment damage to the land, water and other resources within the boundaries of the conservation district.
- 3) It is Valley County Conservation District's intent, in furtherance of the policy of the State of Montana and of Valley County Conservation District, to protect the soil and water resources within the boundaries of the conservation district from unreasonable depletion and degradation of natural resources from the grazing of wild, free roaming and domesticated bison/buffalo.
- 4) It is Valley County Conservation District's intent that all wild, free roaming and domesticated bison/buffalo be healthy subject to a disease testing plan and certification that the bison/buffalo are disease free and brucellosis free.

Section 2. PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this ordinance to:

- 1) enact a soil conservation and erosion prevention program for the conservation and protection of land, water, and other resources of the Valley County Conservation District from the grazing of wild, free roaming and domesticated bison/buffalo;
- 2) encourage the use of land in accordance with its capabilities and treat it according to its needs;
- 3) prevent the degradation of rangelands, cultivated lands, waterways, drainages, reservoirs and lakes;
- 4) protect the tax base;
- 5) protect and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the people; and
- 6) ensure that soil resources are preserved for the production of food and fiber for the present and future generations of this district.

Section 3. AUTHORITY.

- 1) Pursuant to 76-15-702, Valley County Conservation District has the authority to formulate regulations governing the use of lands within its boundaries in the interest of conserving soil and water resources and preventing and controlling erosion.
- 2) In pertinent part, Valley County Conservation District is authorized to adopt regulations that include any means, measures, operations, and programs as may assist conservation of soil and water resources and prevent or control erosion in this district.

Section 4. DEFINITIONS.

Unless the context requires otherwise in this ordinance, the following definitions apply:

- 1) "Bison/buffalo" means bison/buffalo that are wild, free-roaming or domestic.
- 2) "Conservation plan" means the plan developed by the landowner and approved by the board of supervisors which describes the suitability of the land for its intended uses and the measures required to prevent, to the extent possible, erosion from occurring on the land for which the plan is developed.
- 3) "District" or "conservation district" means the Valley County Conservation District, a governmental subdivision of the State of Montana and a public body, corporate and politic, exercising public powers.
- 4) "Erosion" means the process by which the surface layer of the land is worn away by the action of water, wind, gravity, or a combination thereof.
- 5) "Land occupier" means any person, firm, corporation, municipality, or other legal entity who holds title to, or is in possession of, any lands lying within the district, whether as owner, lessee, renter, tenant, or otherwise the occupier of land. Where the term land

occupier is used in this ordinance, the term shall include both the owner and the occupier of the land when they are not the same person.

- 6) "Person" means any natural person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, association, municipality, governmental agency, political subdivision, or other legal entity.
- 7) "Qualified elector" means an individual qualified to vote under state law residing within the Valley County Conservation District.
- 8) "Sediment" means the solid material, both mineral and organic, that is in suspension, is being transported, or has been moved from its site of origin by air, water, gravity, or ice, and has come to rest on the earth's surface.
- 9) "Sediment damage" means the economic or physical damage caused to any person's property or natural resource resulting from erosion.
- 10) "Sedimentation" means the process or action of depositing sediment into a waterway.
- 11) "Supervisors" or "district supervisors" means the Valley County Conservation District board of supervisors.
- 12) "Water" means any and all surface water and groundwater which are contained within, flow through, or border upon the Valley County Conservation District.

Section 5. APPLICABILITY.

This ordinance applies only to bison/buffalo grazing on lands within the Valley County Conservation District.

Section 6. COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE.

- 1) No land occupier or person may cause, conduct, contract for, or authorize any bison/buffalo grazing activity without a permit from the Valley County Conservation District.
- 2) Bison/buffalo grazing of all land within the district shall be carried out under a conservation plan developed under Section 7.
- 3) No lands may be grazed by bison/buffalo if:
 - a) the lands do not have sustainable or suitable habitat/forage for bison/buffalo;
 - b) the lands do not have an adequate and sustainable water supply, or an approved plan to provide an adequate and sustainable water supply for the maximum number of bison/buffalo to be grazed on the land; or
 - c) the grazing will result in sediment damage to lands, drainages, waterways, reservoirs, and other water storage facilities.

Section 7. CONSERVATION PLANS.

- 1) Management practices that meet or exceed the USDA Natural Resource and Conservation Service technical guides for Valley County in existence at the time a permit is applied for is the standard for conservation planning. The land occupier's conservation plan must address wind erosion, water erosion, the protection of grass waterways, the proper grazing rates, and any other management practices which protect the land and water resources from degradation.
- 2) The conservation plan must include the management, techniques, and methods for control of accelerated erosion and sediment damage resulting from the activities of grazing bison/buffalo.
- 3) If no applicable USDA technical guidelines are available, the applicant must demonstrate to the supervisors the chosen conservation plan is appropriate and consistent with the policy and purpose of this ordinance.
- 4) The USDA electronic field office technical guides shall be available for public inspection during normal office hours at the Valley County Conservation District office located in Glasgow, Montana.

Section 8. WILD, FREE ROAMING OR DOMESTIC BISON/BUFFALO GRAZING PERMIT.

- 1) A land occupier planning to graze bison/buffalo on lands within the district shall submit to the supervisors a completed application on a form provided by the district that meets the requirements of Section 7 and Section 9.
- 2) The application must include:
 - a) a description of the lands upon which the bison/buffalo grazing is proposed;
 - b) the number of acres proposed to be grazed by bison/buffalo;
 - c) the maximum number of animal units and bull/cow ratio;
 - d) the location of all watering facilities and a watering management plan;
 - e) a health and disease testing plan and certification that the bison/buffalo are disease free and brucellosis free;
 - f) the location and type of bison/buffalo fence proposed to keep the bison/buffalo from leaving the proposed grazing land; and
 - g) a conservation plan as described in Section 7.

Section 9. PROCESSING PERMIT APPLICATIONS.

- 1) Within 10 days after acceptance of a correct and complete permit application, the supervisors shall set a date for a meeting on the application.
- 2) The meeting must be open to the public.
- 3) The applicant may appear at the meeting and provide information in support of the permit application. Other persons may appear at the meeting and provide information in support of or in opposition to the permit application.
- 4) The supervisors shall issue a decision on the permit application within 15 working days of the meeting.
- 5) The supervisors may extend, upon the request of a supervisor or an applicant, the time limits in this section when, in their determination, the time provided is not sufficient to carry out the purposes of this section.
- 6) A majority vote of the supervisors is necessary to approve a permit application. In order to approve an application, supervisors must determine that:
 - a) the proposed grazing lands have sustainable or suitable habitat/forage for the maximum number of bison/buffalo to be grazed;
 - b) a conservation plan has been developed that meets or exceeds USDA, Natural Resource and Conservation Service technical guides and approved by the district;
 - c) the applicant's application demonstrates that the proposed plan appropriately protects soil and water resources;
 - d) an adequate health and disease testing plan has been developed;
 - e) certification has been given that the bison/buffalo are disease free and brucellosis free;
 - f) an adequate fencing plan has been developed to keep the bison/buffalo from leaving the proposed grazing land; and
 - g) has adequate water storage facilities or surface water.

Section 10. COMPLAINTS.

- 1) A complaint signed by a land occupier may be filed against any other land occupier or person alleging that bison/buffalo are grazing on lands within the district in violation of this ordinance.
- 2) The complaint must:
 - a) include the name and address of the complainant;
 - b) be in writing, signed, and delivered to the district office by mail, email or in person;
 - c) include the location of the alleged violation;
 - d) include the date of the alleged violation, if known;
 - e) describe the source, nature and extent of any erosion or sediment damage that is alleged to have occurred or that is occurring; and
 - f) describe whether degradation of the lands has occurred or is occurring.
- 3) The complaint is a public record that is maintained in the district office.

Section 11. ACTION ON A COMPLAINT.

- 1) Within 5 working days of the receipt of a correct and complete complaint the supervisors shall notify the alleged violator of the complaint.
- 2) The supervisors shall set a date to conduct an onsite inspection within 10 working days of receipt of the correct and complete complaint to determine whether an actual violation exists. The alleged violator, or a designated representative, may participate in the onsite inspection.
- 3) At the onsite inspection, the supervisors shall acquire all of the following information:
 - a) the location of and estimated amount of acreage involved in the alleged violation;
 - b) the description of the source, nature and extent of any type of erosion or sediment damage;
 - c) identification of the type of land involved, including, but not limited, to rangelands, croplands, water ways/drainages, riparian areas, reservoirs, creeks and dams;
 - d) the type of fencing, if any, being used to control the bison/buffalo;
 - e) whether a conservation plan is in place and is being implemented;
 - f) the number of animal units and bull/cow ratio grazing on the land;
 - g) whether adequate water supply is available;
 - h) whether a health and disease testing plan is in place and being implemented and
 - i) whether there is certification that the bison/buffalo are disease free and brucellosis free.
- 4) Based upon the subsection (3) information the supervisor shall determine whether there is a violation of this ordinance. The alleged violator and the complainant must be notified of the supervisors' determination within 5 working days of their determination. If there is a violation the violator must be given a violation notice by

certified mail. The supervisors shall include with the violation notice the corrective actions necessary to resolve the violation.

- a) If the supervisors determine that the degradation of the land or waters is occurring, the violation notice must include an order requiring the cessation of degradation of the land.
- b) If degradation of the land continues after an order to cease has been issued the supervisors may petition the district court under 76-15-709 for the enforcement of the ordinance and for such other temporary relief as may be necessary.
- c) If the violator ceases the degradation of the land pursuant to the supervisors' order or if the violation does not involve the degradation of land, the supervisors, or their designated representative, shall meet with the violator within 5 working days of the notice of violation to:
 - i) discuss solutions to resolve the corrective actions identified in the violation order; and
 - ii) specify a reasonable length of time to complete any corrective measures identified in the agreed to solution.
 - (a) A meeting under this subsection may be continued from time to time in order to reach an agreed to solution.
- 5) If the violator and the supervisors do not agree to a solution, within 10 working days of the conclusion of the meeting, the supervisors shall notify the violator of the corrective actions necessary to resolve the violation. The violator is not entitled to any further meeting under Section 12.
- 6) The supervisors may extend the time periods in this section as they deem necessary.

Section 12. REVIEW OF SUPERVISORS' DETERMINATION.

- 1) A person determined to be in violation and who disagrees with the supervisors' determination and who is issued an order to cease under Section 11 (4)(b) from further activity may request in writing a meeting with the supervisors. The request must be made within 5 working days of receipt of the violation notice. The supervisors shall hold a meeting with the violator to review the information set forth in Section 11 (3).
- 2) A person determined to be in violation and who disagrees with the supervisors' determination under Section 11 (4)(a) may request in writing a meeting with the supervisors. The request must be made within 5 working days of receipt of the violation notice. The supervisors shall hold a meeting with the violator at a regular monthly meeting of the supervisors. The meeting must be a review of the information set forth in Section 11 (3).
- 3) Within 10 working days of a meeting held under this section, the supervisors shall notify the person determined to be in violation of the ordinance by certified mail of the result of the supervisors' review under subsection (1) or (2) and the remedy to be implemented by the violator.
- 4) A person who does not comply with a remedy determined by the supervisors under Section 11 or this Section shall be subject to enforcement pursuant to Section 15.
- 5) The supervisors may extend the time periods in this section as they deem necessary.

Section 13. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

- 1) A board of adjustment shall exist to hear and determine matters filed pursuant to 76-15-223 through 76-15-725.
- 2) The board of adjustments shall be structured as set forth in 76-15-721 through 76-15-722.
 - (a) The board of adjustment shall be made up of three members, each to be appointed for a term of three years, except that the members first appointed shall be appointed for terms of one, two, and three years, respectively.
 - (b) The members of the board of adjustment shall be appointed by the administrator of the Conservation and Resource Development Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation with the advice and approval of the district supervisors.
 - (c) All meetings of the board of adjustment shall be open to the public and its records and proceedings shall be public.

Section 14. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT--PETITION FOR VARIANCE.

- 1) A petition may be filed for a variance with the board of adjustment as provided in 76-15-723, alleging that there are great practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships in complying with the land use regulations prescribed by the ordinance.
- 2) Any qualified elector, person or land occupier against whom a complaint has been filed may petition the board of adjustment for a variance as provided in subsection (1). The petition must be filed with a written notice to the supervisors that the person or land occupier does not contest the violation. If the variance is not granted, the person or land occupier shall correct the violation pursuant to the corrective action determined by the supervisors under the provisions of Section 11.

- 3) An order of the board of adjustment may be appealed to district court pursuant to 76-15-726.

Section 15. ENFORCEMENT IN DISTRICT COURT.

- 1) The supervisors may bring enforcement actions in district court as provided in 76-15-709 against any person failing to comply with the ordinance and any corrective action or order issued by the supervisors.
- 2) The supervisors may seek an enforcement order requiring the removal of bison/buffalo, against any person whose bison/buffalo grazing practices are degrading lands which results in accelerated erosion, sediment damage, or damage to waterways, drainages, reservoirs or lakes.

Section 16. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS.

Nothing in the ordinance shall be construed as exempting a person from the requirements of other local, state or federal laws. To the extent that the requirements of the ordinance conflict with any applicable local, state or federal requirements, the local, state, or federal requirements shall apply.

Section 17. LIABILITY.

- 1) The Valley County Conservation District, conservation district supervisors, and conservation district employees are immune from suit for any liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed for an act or omission committed while engaged in conservation district activities under the ordinance as more fully set forth in 76-15-320.
- 2) No person or land occupier acting in compliance with the ordinance is relieved of liability for damage to any person or property as the result of the person's or land occupier's negligent acts or omissions. Nor are such persons or land occupiers relieved of the compliance with and are subject to "The Constitution of the State of Montana", Montana Code Annotated Title 81 Livestock; specifically 81-4-208 and this shall include bison/buffalo.

Section 18. ALTERATION OR REPEAL OF ORDINANCE.

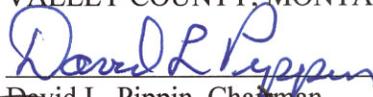
The ordinance may only be amended, supplemented or repealed by the filing of a petition as provided in 76-15-705. Referenda on the adoption, amendment, supplementation, or repeal of any part of the ordinance shall not be held more often than once in six (6) months.

Section 19. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

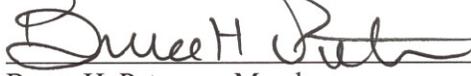
If a part of this ordinance is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of this ordinance is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.

DATED this 2nd day of July, 2014.

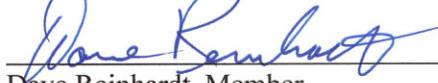
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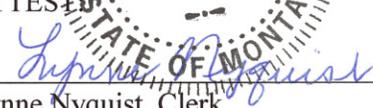
David L. Pippin, Chairman



Bruce H. Peterson, Member



Dave Reinhardt, Member

ATTEST 


Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

Mr. Murnion said that he will want to verify the ballot language to make sure it meets the statute requirements.

Commissioner Peterson asked if the entire proposed ordinance had to be on the ballot or just the language to adopt the ordinance.

Mr. Murnion said he would verify that information with Mrs. Nyquist before the ballot is completed.

Mr. Pattison said that it is true that the Conservation District is State recognized, but his intent was to protect all people in Valley County, to include the cities outside their District. If bison were to get out and end up coming into town, there would still be damage done and they would want this protection for them. Based on that, he would like to see this protection for all of Valley County.

Mr. Murnion said that the cities involved would be responsible to protect and adopt their ordinances for their jurisdictions. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that if bison/buffalo were to end up in town it would become a safety issue, probably not a conservation or soil issue which a Conservation District monitors. It would probably become a safety issue for law enforcement to handle if there was an issue in town with bison/buffalo.

Chairman Pippin said that perhaps the Commissioners should go to the City of Glasgow and inform them of this ordinance and make them aware that they are not included in this ordinance, leaving them unprotected from "free roaming bison/buffalo" with no liability associated with the animals.

Nick Murnion, Valley County Attorney, questioned whether the Conservation District has jurisdiction on a Tribal Reservation. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Reinhardt asked for the vote on the motion to put the Conservation District's request on the ballot and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The purpose of this election is to gain voter approval from property owners in the Valley County Conservation District to adopt the ordinance. The wording for the proposed ordinance will be available for public review at the Valley County Conservation District and the Office of the Valley County Commissioners.

Mr. Murnion and Mr. Pattison left the office.

The next item on the agenda was the appointment of Valley County board members.

The Commissioners reviewed the list of Valley County Boards and the members whose terms expired this year and the following appointments were made.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint Pat Knierim to the City-County Library Board for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint Albert Franzen to the Glasgow Mosquito Control District Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint James Ward to the Glasgow Mosquito Control District Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint Paul Jensen to the Hinsdale Mosquito Control District Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to appoint Virgil Vaupel to the Hinsdale Television District Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint Ken Floyd to the Opheim Cemetery District Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to appoint Myron Redfield to the Refuse Disposal District No. 1 Board to fill the vacated seat of Halvar Olstead, beginning immediately, and ending June 30, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint Jayson Nelson to the Valley County Airport Commission Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint Nancy Gallaher to the Valley County Council on Aging Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint Pat Neuleib to the Valley County Council on Aging Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint Richard Neuleib to the Valley County Council on Aging Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to appoint Gene Hartsock to the Valley County Fair Commission Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending December 31, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint Roberta Barstad to the Valley County Historical Museum Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint Dave Olson to the Valley County Historical Museum Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to appoint Owen Childers to the Valley County Planning Board for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint LeRoy Kountz to the Valley County Planning Board for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint Betty Stone to the Valley County Planning Board for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint Mona Amundson to the Valley County Salary Compensation Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint Lorrie Sampson to the Valley County Salary Compensation Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to appoint Stan Ozark to the Valley County Salary Compensation Board to fill the vacated position of Tom Klotz, beginning immediately, and ending June 30, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint James DeWit to the Valley County Tax Appeal Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint Rene Clampitt to the Valley County Television District No. 1 Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint Jolene Cotton to the Valley County Transit Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint Constance Wethern to the Valley County Transit Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint John Knierim to the Valley County Weed Control District Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint Glenn Rorvig to the Valley County Weed Control District Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint Tami Burke to the Missouri River County Tourism Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and unanimously carried.

The appointment to fill the Valley County Treasurer's position when the Valley County Treasurer retires end of July, was next item up for action.

Chairman Pippin said the Valley County Commissioners will have to appoint an Acting Valley County Treasure to fill the position when Jenny Reinhardt, Valley County Treasurer, retires July 31, 2014.

Commissioner Peterson verified that he had spoken with Nick Murnion, Valley County Attorney, about the requirements and was told that the Commissioners make that appointment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt to appoint Brenda Anderson for the position of Acting Valley County Treasurer, effective August 1, 2014. This appointment is contingent upon the intended retirement date of July 31, 2014, as submitted by the current Valley County Treasurer Jennifer Reinhardt. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Fire Warden appointment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint Dan Carney as the Valley County Fire Warden for another year, effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and it carried unanimously.

The Application for Cancellation of Taxes forms were the next item on the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously authorizing the Chairman to sign an Application for Cancellation of Taxes No. 0236 for a total of \$35.00 to Ruth M. Erickson for a refund of the Nashua Mosquito Fee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously authorizing the Chairman to sign an Application for Cancellation of Taxes No. 0237 for a total of \$35.00 to Ruth M. Erickson for a refund of the Nashua Mosquito Fee for another year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously authorizing the Chairman to sign an Application for Cancellation of Taxes No. 0238 for a total of \$498.68 to Scott and Arlene Sheehan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously authorizing the Chairman to sign an Application for Cancellation of Taxes No. 0239 for a total of \$344.10 to the following individuals:

T.J. Payne	2010 Tax Year	\$140.57	(Refuse & TV Assessments cancelled)
T.J. Payne	2011 Tax Year	\$150.62	(Refuse & TV Assessments cancelled)
Strobbe Ranch	2011 Tax Year	\$52.91	(Moved cattle to western part of State)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt directing the Chairman to sign the List of Checks to Cancel submitted by the Valley County Treasurer's Office, Check No. 15395, for \$29.41, written to Eugene Villarr, dated December 28, 2012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt authorizing the Chairman to execute an Application and Permit to Use Right-of-Way No. 625, between Valley County and Mike Ames, for the construction of an underground utility line located at his grain bin site in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 3, and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 4, Township 26 North, Range 44 East. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt authorizing the Chairman to execute an Application and Permit to Use Right-of-Way No. 626, between Valley County and Mike Ames, for the construction of an underground utility line located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 33, and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 34, Township 27 North, Range 44 East. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt authorizing the Chairman to execute an Application and Permit to Use Right-of-Way No. 627, between Valley County and Nemont Telephone Cooperative, for the construction of an underground utility line running parallel to Boxcar Road, located in Section 34, Township 27 North, Range 41 East. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it unanimously passed.

Commissioner Reinhardt left the office.

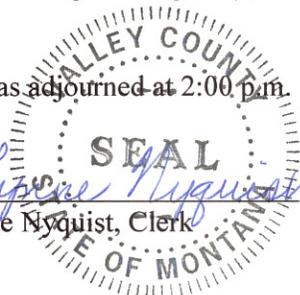
Chairman Pippin left the office.

Delmarene Mullins, Park Grove, phoned and visited with Commissioner Peterson voicing her frustration with the Montana Department of Transportation's (DOT) project to widen Highway #24 through Park Grove. The DOT will be taking property to extend their present right-of-way easements from those property owners along this Highway, even if those owners do not want to sell.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynne Nyquist, Clerk



ATTEST:

David L. Pippin, Chairman

David L. Pippin

JULY 7, 2014

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Vern Buerkle, Valley County Undersheriff, visited with the Commissioners about

Reuben Vincent, GNDC Brownfields Program Manager, visited with the Commissioners about the Magruder property and the current status of that project. He said that this project is currently in the Phase I status and has to be updated every six months. He said that there are some requirements that we want to meet so that this project will continue to qualify for the Brownfields funding source. He said that he was hoping there would be funds available through the Petrofund program for further cleanup of that property if needed.

The Commissioners informed Mr. Vincent that Valley County had taken that property for taxes and the property now belongs to Valley County. The intent is to sign an agreement with the City of Glasgow giving them the ownership of this property, as long as the property stays as a public park. Discussion followed.

Mr. Vincent said that he believed there were some forms, #5 and 1R, that needed to be completed by the Commissioners but Mr. Vincent wanted to verify the steps with his Supervisor. A call was made and it was verified that Valley County needed to complete the two forms and get them sent back to GNDC to move forward with the property cleanup.

Mr. Vincent said his office would send the form and he left the office.

Bonnie Davidson, Glasgow Courier, joined the meeting to get an update on current Valley County issues. She asked how the budgeting process was done in Valley County and said she wanted to attend the meetings where the Commissioners set the budgets.

The Commissioners said that they can't really set the County budgets until they get the mill value from the Department of Revenue. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Davidson said she would be meeting with Connie Boreson, Valley County Health Department Supervisor, to get an update on the changes being made in that department.

Mrs. Davidson asked about the replacement of the previous Airport and Refuse Board Secretary and said that she has had some concerns from a few individuals in Valley County with regards to this position. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Davidson left the office.

Rick Stellflug stopped in and told the Commissioners that he had enjoyed working for Valley County and said he would be moving to Oregon in September.

The Board received a letter from the Opheim Town Council appointing Myron Redfield to be the Opheim representative to the Refuse District Board.

Chairman Pippin left the office for the day.

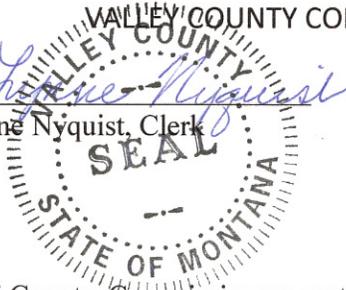
The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST:

David L. Pippin, Chairman



JULY 8, 2014

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Commissioner Peterson will be Acting Chairman in the absence of Chairman Pippin.

Dan Carney, Fire Marshall, joined the meeting to participate in the weekly Lewistown Area Fire Restrictions Conference call. The general consensus of the group was that it is fairly wet all over the State at this time and the fire danger is very low. The weekly fire calls will be held each Tuesday throughout the fire season. Mr. Carney left the office.

Connie Boreson, Valley County Health Department Supervisor and Cam Shipp, Valley County Sanitarian, visited with Commissioner Peterson about the possibility of a wage increase for one of their employees.

Mrs. Boreson and Mr. Shipp left the office.

Tara Hicks, Nemont Telephone Cooperative, stopped in to inform the Commissioners that Nemont is looking at updating the Hinsdale area with fiber optic lines and will need to procure the easements for those lines.

After some discussion it was agreed that Mrs. Hicks would schedule a meeting with the Commissioners and the Valley County Road people to discuss the Hinsdale Project and she left the office.

Commissioner Reinhardt joined the meeting

Connie Boreson, Valley County Health Department Supervisor and Ella Tweten, Valley County Health Nurse, joined the meeting and visited with the Commissioners about a wage increase and the on-call compensation.

Mrs. Boreson said she wanted to thank the Commissioners for their support by allowing her to hire another nurse at \$25 per hour, which brought about the decision to increase Mrs. Tweten's salary to \$26.00 per hour.

Mrs. Boreson said that in the past Vickie Bell, who was the previous Health Department Coordinator, was compensated approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000 per year through a Family Emergency Plan (FEP) grant to carry the State Department of Homeland Security satellite phone on the weekends so the Valley County Health Department could be contacted in case of an emergency. The State called this phone quarterly to test and make sure someone was in fact available if an emergency occurred. Now that Mrs. Bell is gone, they need to decide who was going to carry the phone and received the compensation for that task.

Mrs. Tweten was asked what her opinion was.

Mrs. Tweten thanked the Commissioners for the increase in wages. She said she feels that two part-time and one full-time nurse is needed to meet the requirements of their department. When people are gone on vacation and the busy times, like just before school for immunizations and during the flu season, they need more help. Now that there has been some interest shown and they could now hire another qualified nurse, she felt that another nurse should be hired. Mrs. Tweten said if the Commissioners were not going to hire an additional nurse to help than she would want to keep the on-call pay for her extra work.

Mrs. Tweten said that to be a nurse in a public health department they must have a DNS, Director of Nursing Science endorsement, with a four year degree. Mrs. Tweten said that right now she is working full-time, four ten hour days, but in the winter she will probably want to go back to 30 hours per week. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Peterson said that as he recalled when he was talking to several counties about how their Health Departments were run, he didn't find any counties that paid extra money to their nurses to carry the satellite phone. There were some counties that just had their dispatch called for this phone check and then someone from the Health Department was called from Dispatch. He said there have been several changes made in the Valley County Health Department and he would like to see how things run for a while and see what changes will be needed. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Boreson said that she is trying to avert some of the clients that come in for services that are not a required service of the Health Department. She feels this is getting Mrs. Tweten more time to work on things that she needs to do. As that continues she believes this will alleviate some of the pressure on the nurses to do what they are required to do and meet those goals. At this time, due to all the changes, we really don't know what will be needed until some time goes by, but she wouldn't want to lose the option of hiring another nurse if they find they need more nursing staff.

Commissioner Peterson said that he would like to see how things progress and see how the budget is affected. He asked for Commissioner Reinhardt's comments.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that it seems like we are going backwards if we get another nurse, because there were three nurses there in the past. There is no way they could add another nurse and do it all with the same budget as last year. Everything that Mrs. Tweten is suggesting costs money.

Commissioner Peterson asked Mrs. Tweten what she was suggesting for another nurse.

Mrs. Tweten said she would think another nurse for about 15 hours a week would meet their needs. Discussion followed.

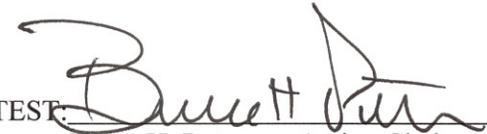
Mrs. Boreson said she is not asking for more help right now, she is just asking that the options be open for the future if they discover they need more help. She was here today to give Mrs. Tweten a chance to voice her opinion.

Mrs. Tweten and Mrs. Boreson left the office.

Commissioner Reinhardt left the office to assist Glen Meier, Valley County Sheriff, with the transport of a prisoner to Deer Lodge.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

ATTEST: 
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: 
Bruce H. Peterson, Acting Chairman

JULY 9, 2014

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Commissioner Peterson left the office from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. to attend the Department Heads meeting.

Commissioner Reinhardt joined the meeting.

Commissioner Peterson will be Acting Chairman in the absence of Chairman Pippin.

Sandy Boese, COA Employee, visited with the Commissioners about a complaint she has with the way her employment was handled when her position as Cook's Helper was terminated and she went to the home maker position. She said that she was considering filing a grievance with the State Department of Labor saying it was retaliation. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Peterson said he had spoken with Vicky Wetz, Council on Aging (COA) Supervisor, and was told that Mrs. Boese can work the same amount of hours as the home maker position as when she was working in the kitchen.

After some discussion Mrs. Boese was told to do what she feels she needs to do and she left the office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt authorizing the Chairman to execute Certificate of Survey No. 422 for Montana Department of Transportation for the purpose to retrace existing Section lines and Highway and Railroad Right-of-Ways.

S½, Section 36, Township 28N, Range 41E, Montana Principal Meridian, Valley County, Montana;

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and the motion carried unanimously. The said Document, No. 153955 was filed in the office of the Clerk and Recorder on July 16, 2014.

Commissioner Peterson left the office.

Emily Wilson, Glasgow Library Director, visited with Commissioner Reinhardt and said the Library had been awarded \$12,000 from BNSF on a grant she had applied for to remodel the children's reading area, and would only need about \$4,000 of the \$16,000 that the Valley County Commissioners had agreed to give her for this project. She said she would like to purchase some more chairs and things in addition to the remodel project and would like to use more of the \$16,000 if the Commissioners agreed. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that there would have to be a decision made when all the Commissioners were in attendance and he asked Mrs. Wilson to come back and meet with all the Commissioners with what her needs were and the costs.

After some discussion Mrs. Wilson left the office.

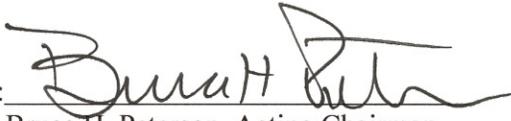
Stone Tihista, Valley County Weed/Mosquito Coordinator, visited with Commissioner Reinhardt about some BLM requirements that she is struggling with which has changed and is requiring so much more paperwork and time.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST:


Bruce H. Peterson, Acting Chairman

JULY 10, 2014

Commissioner Reinhardt was in the office in the morning visiting with Stone Tihista, Valley County Weed/Mosquito Coordinator, about AV8-ORR, Helicopter Services, who was scheduled to come to Valley County with their helicopter and do some weed spraying in the area. This company has informed her that they will not be able to come to Valley County after all. This company was awarded the project through the bidding process and a \$3,000 bid bond was submitted by check.

Ms. Tihista said that Chairman Pippin knew of another helicopter service that may be able to do the spraying and she left the office.

Commissioner Reinhardt spoke with Nick Murnion, Valley County Attorney, about cashing the bid bond check that was submitted due to the fact that the Helicopter Services did not fulfill their obligation. Mr. Murnion said to deposit the check right away.

Commissioner Reinhardt left the office.

JULY 14, 2014

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Chairman Pippin was in Billings today attending the public meetings held by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, titled the Bison Discussion Group Agenda.

In the absence of Chairman Pippin, Commissioner Peterson will be Acting Chairman today.

A letter was signed and sent to the Montana Department of Administration, State Information Technology Services Division (MDOA/SITSD) submitting an application for reimbursement of expenses incurred by Valley County in procuring extended warranty services from Motorola Solutions, Inc. for trunked land mobile radio equipment that Valley County currently owns and maintains. This came as a request from Vern Buerkle, Valley County Undersheriff.

Nancy Hamilton, Safety Coordinator, asked the Commissioners if she could get the offices she was moving to in the Annex basement painted before she moved in and after some brief discussion it was agreed by Commissioner Peterson and Commissioner Reinhardt for her to go ahead and have it done.

Bonnie Davidson, Glasgow Courier, visited with the Commissioners regarding her concerns that the Commissioners were not following the open meeting laws and following the freedom of information act by not putting all meetings on an agenda for public information. She said she has people from Valley

County complain to her so she has discussed it with Peter Meloy, Montana FOI Hotline, and he explained it more clearly to her and she just wanted to make the Commissioners aware of what she was told.

Commissioner Peterson asked if she thought that everyone that comes through the door must be on an agenda before anything can be discussed and Mrs. Davidson said yes, that would be best.

Commissioner Reinhardt said he did not agree with that because the law refers to discussion of "significant public interest" and that does not mean everything discussed in this office.

Mrs. Davidson said that she believed someone could drop into the office and speak to a Commissioner one on one, but if more than one Commissioner is present than it is a quorum and it has to be on an agenda.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that the Commissioners are not required to put every decision and discussion on an agenda. Housekeeping issues are not considered significant public interest. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Davidson said that her thought is from the complaints she gets, if people could show up to the meetings and listen to what you are discussing, then maybe there would be less talk in the public.

Commissioner Peterson said that first of all he did not believe that everyone in Valley County is questioning what the Commissioners are doing. If Mrs. Davidson is listening to three or four people, then he did not believe that was the majority of Valley County and was not a fair assumption. He said that anyone can come in and ask questions. If there was a majority, the Commissioners would be hearing it. You will always have some people that disagree with any decision. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Peterson said if there is a problem, than we want to change and do it right.

Mrs. Davidson said she would just ask that the Commissioners look into it further.

Commissioner Peterson said he would call Mr. Meloy and discuss this.

Commissioner Reinhardt said he would contact the legal representatives at MACo and ask them about this issue also. MACo does a lot of training on this matter for new Commissioners and have a good understanding of this.

Mrs. Davidson said she is going to print several articles regarding this issue and her mission is to get the more people involved in their local government. If there is more people involved, then maybe those stupid little complaints will cease.

Commissioner Peterson said that no matter what you do, there are still those certain people who will always complain, that you can never satisfy, no matter what you do.

Commissioner Reinhardt explained that people elect the Commissioners and have to trust them to make certain decisions. Commissioner Peterson verified that people have to trust that the Commissioners are doing their best for Valley County.

Mrs. Davidson said that if there is a major project being done than the decision should be on an agenda.

Commissioner Peterson asked what Mrs. Davidson thought was a major project and she said that if it is project that is out of the budget than it should be on an agenda.

Commissioner Reinhardt pointed out that the Road Department orders a load of culverts that may cost over \$30,000, but that is part of the Department Head's responsibility to order what they need, and his budget is set to have those supplies included. The Department Head will come in and say they are ordering this, but they have the authority to get it ordered when needed. In the Road Department that is just housekeeping, in another department that would be a huge expense and would have to be on the agenda for a decision to be made.

Mrs. Davidson said if it was an extra expense that was not in their budget than it should be on an agenda. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Reinhardt said if it was an expense that was not in their budget, than there is a public hearing advertised and an increase done through a resolution, so it is done on an agenda.

After some discussion Mrs. Davidson left the office.

Roubie Younkin, Extension Agent, dropped off an updated FY 2014-15 budget for her department that reflects an increase in grant revenue of \$3,000 and the budgeting authority to spend it.

Pat Gunderson, Glasgow BLM Field Manager, joined the meeting.

Mr. Gunderson said that he has a testing committee in the area right now who are testing and evaluating the soils in some areas in Valley County. Discussion followed.

Stone Tihista, Valley County Weed/Mosquito Coordinator, joined the meeting.

Mrs. Tihista said that she has asked Mr. Gunderson to come in and give his thoughts on the helicopter weed spraying that won't be done which is funded by the BLM. She asked if the bid bond check for \$3,000 had been cashed from the company who had bid to do the spraying originally but will not be coming, and Commissioner Reinhardt verified that yes, it was deposited based on the recommendation by Nick Murnion, Valley County Attorney.

Mrs. Tihista said that there are such a few number of companies who will do this helicopter spraying that she did not want to lose this company's services and asked if the Commissioners would consider returning the \$3,000 because she would like to have them come back next year.

Mr. Gunderson said that he appreciated Ms. Tihista coming to his office and keeping him apprized of the situation. He said he had read the letter from the company saying they weren't coming and he agreed that there are not many who will do this service so they hate to burn the bridges there. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Peterson asked what the cost was.

Ms. Tihista said that Valley County gets about \$30,000 from a BLM to do this spraying, so it will have to be returned this year. Both Mr. Gunderson and Ms. Tihista said the company had done a good job spraying in the past two years.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that even though they ran into some mechanical problems and an employee issue, they still could have come to Valley County as soon as it was fixed instead of putting us off until October. Discussion followed.

Ms. Tihista said that the clover has grown up so high now, it will be very difficult to spot the weeds to spray and perhaps it is already too late to do the spraying.

After some discussion it was agreed that due to the circumstances it is probably best to not spray this year because at this stage of the weed growth, it would be tough to kill them.

Mr. Gunderson said he wanted to make sure that they were all aware that the BLM money needs to be reimbursed by Valley County for the spraying and Ms. Tihista verified that she will get the balance of that money back to the BLM.

Commissioner Reinhardt left the office.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST:

Bruce H. Peterson, Acting Chairman

JULY 15, 2014

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Dan Carney, Fire Marshall, joined the meeting to participate in the weekly Lewistown Area Fire Restrictions Conference call. After a review of the fire activity, which was still low, the group felt the hot dry weather would soon be here and the conditions would turn dry. The call came to an end and Mr. Carney left the office.

Lynne Nyquist, Valley County Clerk and Recorder, visited with the Commissioners about the budgeting for a grant that Mr. Carney had received from the State DNRC to purchase fire equipment.

Paul Tweten, Valley County Road Administrator, Todd Young, Valley County Road Supervisor, and Rick Seiler, Valley County DES Coordinator, joined the meeting.

Chairman Pippin said that he had spoken with an individual from the Lustre area who had requested gravel near the school and in the four corner area. The group discussed various options to improve the condition of the roads in that area.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that maybe they should think about putting some of the scraper operators on mowers when the roads are too dry to run the maintainers. He said that we need to make sure the mowers aren't traveling too fast and are cutting down the weeds in one pass and doing a good job. It is much more cost efficient to slow them down and cut down the weeds once rather than having to go back and make another pass. Discussion followed.

The road group left the office.

Linda Sibley visited with Commissioner Peterson about her address change that has been made for the 911 readdressing project. Commissioner Peterson explained to her that they are readdressing all of Valley County to make the numbers all universal so emergency services can find a location when needed.

Commissioner Peterson left the office to attend the LAC meeting over the noon hour.

Mike Stevenson and Brandon Janshen, AIA, Stevenson Design, joined the meeting.

Mr. Stevenson introduced Mr. Janshen to the Commissioners and said he has been working for Stevenson Design for the past three years.

Glen Meier, Valley County Sheriff, joined the meeting.

The group discussed the water valve issue at the Valley County Detention Center. He said that he is in the process of building a jail in Miles City that is almost identical to Valley County's, and he made sure that the water valve was a 2" valve as that is more than sufficient for the structure.

Mr. Stevenson said Miles City is projecting to open their jail in March, 2015.

Sheriff Meier said that once Miles City gets their jail open Valley County will no longer house Miles City's inmates. He said that there are other entities that have shown interest to put prisoners in our facility when some openings come up so he should be able to replace that revenue. Discussion followed.

Sheriff Meier left the office.

Mr. Stevenson asked if there had been anything done on the Courthouse roof yet and Commissioner Reinhardt said he is still waiting for a call back from the contractor that originally put the roof on.

Mr. Stevenson said that it costs about \$2 to \$3 per foot to have the roof sprayed with a neoguard roofing product that he has seen last ten years or more. Discussion followed.

Mr. Stevenson asked Chairman Pippin, if there was any projects going on that they could help with.

Chairman Pippin said that the Museum is adding on but it is being funded through the Friends of the Pioneer Museum and they took care of all the construction process.

Commissioner Reinhardt asked Mr. Stevenson what he would estimate it would cost to build a small office building and he said about \$200 per square foot for nothing fancy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson directing the Chairman to sign a letter from Olness & Associates, P.C., confirming that Valley County understands the services provided by this audit firm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson authorizing the Chairman to sign the Standard Audit Contract between the Montana Department of Administration, Local Government Services Bureau; Olness & Associates, P.C. and Valley County for the audit periods of July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and it unanimously passed.

This contract was originally agreed upon in 2013 for a three year term, ending 2016 with a 3% increase each year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt directing the Chairman to sign the Montana Transportation Alternatives Program Project Funding and Maintenance Agreement between the State of

Montana, Department of Transportation and Valley County for the Fairgrounds Sidewalks Project for construction costs not to exceed a total of \$177,000, State using FA funds in the amount of \$153,24, with a Valley County match of \$23,753. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Reinhardt attended the Valley County Refuse District meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: 
David L. Pippin, Chairman

JULY 16, 2014

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Roubie Younkin, Extension Agent, Shelley Mills, Extension Agent, and Kim Suta joined the meeting.

Mrs. Younkin said that Ms. Suta was a student "in training" from MSU who is here for the summer getting some experience in the role of a county extension agent. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Younkin asked if they could get the 4H money out of the Fair's budget and put it as a line item in the Extension's budget.

Commissioner Peterson said he worries that if the 4H budget were removed from the Fair Commission's budget, then many questions would arise on who would be paying for what and how the revenue will be allocated.

Commissioner Reinhardt joined the meeting.

Mrs. Younkin said that they all work together but disagreements often arise when it come to the budget. Discussion followed.

Chairman Pippin asked if there was ever any money left over in that budget after the 4H claims are paid and Mrs. Younkin said they seldom spend it all.

Ms. Mills said she wonders if the Fair Commission knows how much help and money that their 4H group volunteers put into the Fairgrounds, and in putting on the Fair. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Younkin said that at the National 4H Council meetings she was told, if the policy does not say they cannot vote, then ex officio members can vote.

Ms. Mills said she does not always feel a part of the discussion and decisions that are made at Fair Commission meetings concerning the 4-H budget and their participation in the Fair.

Commissioner Peterson asked if they had ever spoken with Smiley Johnson, Fair Commission Chairman, or one of the other Commission members directly about these matters and the 4H group said no.

Mrs. Younkin said that she feels the Extension makes a good effort to get along with the Fair Commission.

Chairman Pippin suggested they set up a liaison with one of the Fair Commission members and work with that individual to take their issues to the Fair Commission Board. Discussion followed.

Bonnie Davidson, Glasgow Courier joined the meeting.

Chairman Pippin said he would like to take the 4H budget out of the Fair budget on a trial base for three years and see how it works.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that he wanted to move the 4H money to their budget last year, but it didn't get done, however he didn't believe that will make much difference between the two groups getting along.

Commissioner Peterson said maybe the Fair Commission members don't realize or understand how the 4H group feels.

After much discussion it was agreed to agenda this decision to give the Extension budget the 4H money and make an appointment to have the Fair Commission Board members come in to discuss it.

The group left the office.

Chairman Pippin began Discussion and Decision at 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Pippin asked for any additions and/or deletions to the agenda and there were none given.

Chairman Pippin asked for public comment, three times, and none was given.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Termination for Beatrice Stellflug as a temporary, part-time Museum Aid, effective July 11, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Beth Cross as a permanent, part-time bus cleaner for the Transit, beginning July 15, 2014, at \$10.50 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Kendall Vaughn as a temporary, full-time mower for the Road Department, beginning July 14, 2014, at \$11.91 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Julie McGuinness as a permanent, part-time Motor Clerk, for the Treasurer's Office beginning July 14, 2014, at \$13.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Tisa Seiler as a temporary, full-time data entry clerk for the Health Department, beginning July 7, 2014, at \$12.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Leslie Simensen as a permanent, part-time RN for the Health Department, beginning July 14, 2014, at \$25.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Ella Tweeten, RN for the Health Department, increasing her salary to \$26.00 per hour, effective July 14, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Tracie Vaughn, Sanitarian/Health Department Secretary, at \$14.87 per hour, changing her funding source to 25% out of budget 1000-24-440140 and 75% out of budget 1000-23-440100, with no additional funds, \$1 per hour, from Fund #2969, effective June 29, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Brenda Anderson, appointed as Valley County Treasurer, increasing her salary to the elected official's base plus \$2,000, effective August 1, 2014, contingent upon the intended retirement date of July 31, 2014, for Jenny Reinhardt, Valley County Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Application for Cancellation of Taxes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously authorizing the Chairman to sign an Application for Cancellation of Taxes No. 0240, of \$29.51 in personal taxes, for Ominex Canada, LTD, due to a value change. A rewrite will be done for this change.

The County Treasurer Report for June 30, 2014, was the next agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously to sign the Valley County Treasurer's Report for the month ending June 30, 2014.

The next item on the agenda was the Montana Association of Counties (MACo) membership dues and the National Association of Counties (NACo) membership dues.

Chairman Pippin said that these dues are based on Valley County's PILT payments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to pay the MACo membership dues of \$7,150.00, NACo membership dues of \$450.00, and the special dues assessment for PILT FY 2015 of \$747.00. the motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and it passed unanimously.

The Contract with Home Care Services - Private Pay Clientele with Valley County providing personal care services for senior citizens was the next item on the agenda.

Chairman Pippin said that these home care services are for the senior citizens of Valley County. The County gets a set amount of money from the State to provide these services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt directing the Chairman to sign the Contract for Personal Care Services with Home Care Services to provide up to 322 hours of service at \$22.75 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Davidson asked how many people used this service and what the total allotment was.

Chairman Pippin said that he could get that information from Vicky Wetz, Council on Aging (COA) Supervisor, but he suggest Mrs. Davidson visit with Mrs. Wetz to get more details.

Commissioner Reinhardt said he wanted to inform the Commissioners that a Road Department employee had called him and said that the Road Department had asked the Valley County Weed District to spray weeds in the area and there was just a very small amount of weed spraying done and they were questioning what had happened. Paul Tweten, Valley County Road Administrator, was going to discuss this with Stone Tihista, Valley County Weed/Mosquito Coordinator, to see why only a small patch was done. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Davidson left the office.

Jenny Reinhardt, Valley County Treasurer, updated the Commissioners on the tax collection progress. She said that the Verizon protested taxes had been settled and about \$4,400 of Valley County tax revenue was deposited.

Mrs. Reinhardt informed the Commissioners that she and Darrell Morehouse had completed their investigating of the money still owed by Choice Aviation to the Valley County Airport. She said there is still approximately \$15,100 due to the Valley County Airport from Choice Aviation. Mr. Morehouse will be in contact with that company to collect the funds.

The letters to be sent to the Beaverton property owners are ready to go out informing them that their taxes this year will reflect two years of Saco elementary school taxes because last year's school taxes were inadvertently left off the tax statements. This will only affect people who reside in the Beaverton School District, which is a very small number.

Mrs. Reinhardt said that she feels she has cleaned up all the loose ends and worked with Brenda Anderson and she is very confident that Mrs. Anderson will be ready to take over the duties of the Valley County Treasurer the first of August when Mrs. Reinhardt retires.

Mrs. Reinhardt left the office.

Chairman Pippin left the office for the day.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Montana Wool Growers Association Predator Control Fund to allocate \$610 for the protection of sheep from destructive animals. The motion was seconded by Acting Chairman Peterson and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Montana Stock Growers Association Predator Control Fund to allocate \$29,633 for the protection of sheep from destructive animals. The motion was seconded by Acting Chairman Peterson and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST:

David L. Pippin, Chairman

JULY 21, 2014

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Richard Markle dropped off a Right-if-Way Application for a water line.

Connie Boreson, Valley County Health Department Supervisor, visited with Commissioner Peterson about some Health Department issues and said she needs two more computers for her new set-up at the Annex.

Lynne Nyquist, Valley County Clerk and Recorder, visited with the Commissioners about the Long Run Fire Department's budget.

Bridgette Lonebear, Council on Aging (COA) Cook, visited with the Commissioners about an employee issue at the COA.

Commissioner Reinhardt joined the meeting.

Bonnie Davidson, Glasgow Courier visited with Commissioner Peterson about some information from the Valley County minutes for her news article. She asked about Health Department changes that are being made, the Conservation District's Ordinance and the Fort Peck Fire Department's Fire Chief's concerns about a State fire requirement for water pressure and water supply. The Fire Chief feared the Fort Peck home owners' insurance rates would reflect this noncompliance issue.

Mrs. Davidson again discussed her concerns that the various discussions and meetings held with the Commissioners should all be on an agenda for public awareness.

Mrs. Davidson left the office.

Commissioner Peterson left the office to meet with Nick Murnion, Valley County Attorney.

Paul Tweten, Valley County Road Administrator, and Todd Young, Valley County Road Supervisor joined the meeting.

Mr. Tweten said that they are putting some gravel down on some roads to complete the projects that were approved through the FEMA program. Other road projects were discussed.

There was a request to put gravel on the four corners of the Lustre Road and Mr. Tweten would like to do the road work after harvest time because it is a very busy road right now. The Commissioners agreed they could wait to gravel until later this Fall, when the traffic and activity is less. The gravel will be pulled out of the ditches and the shoulders to supply some additional material to put on the road.

The group discussed a rock disc that the Road Department had tried.

Glen Meier, Valley County Sheriff, joined the meeting.

Sheriff Meier said that there may be some old 1033 Program equipment that could be traded in to reduce the price for equipment that the Road Department might need to purchase. He said that they would need to read the requirements for the program and see what equipment can be removed when it is no longer needed or needs repairs beyond a certain cost. Discussion followed.

Sheriff Meier suggested that Mr. Young maybe work with Rick Seiler, Valley County DES Coordinator, to learn the administrating of the 1033 Program because Mr. Seiler will be retiring in the future and someone will need to take over that program. Discussion followed.

Mr. Tweten said that the Whately Bridge construction is done and the Whately Road was opened up this morning and the group left the office.

Brenda Anderson, Valley County Treasurer's Office dropped off the City/Town/County of Valley, Contract No. MT-CDBG Annual Program Income Report or Housing Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Funds Balance, All Funds for 2014, with an ending fund balance of \$43,946.29, for Chairman Pippin to sign and that was done.

Emily Wilson, Library Director, stopped in and thanked the Commissioners for their support of the remodel project for the children's area in the Glasgow City-County Library. She said that she got a grant, donation of \$12,448 from BNSF to help pay for the remodel project. She plans on getting BNSF some publicity out of this and she will be sending them some pictures of the completed remodel project. Due to BNSF's money, it substantially reduced the amount she needed from Valley County. She asked if the \$16,000 was still available that was offered from Valley County, to subsidize the remodel project if she needed it. There should be a balance of just over \$12,000. She also reminded the Commissioners that she had sent a letter requesting the Library's budget be increased by the allowable CPI rate, about an additional \$2,000. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Wilson said she has a couple more projects that she is looking at doing. She would like to get a six station computer table at a cost of around \$2,000, and matching furniture for the circulation desk, which is the area that is seen when one first enters the Library, at a cost of around \$6,000. Discussion followed.

Chairman Pippin asked Mrs. Wilson to get some actual costs of what she wants and come back and she left the office.

Wayne Waarvik, RDO Representative, visited with the Commissioners about replacing the backhoe for the Road Department.

Commissioner Peterson left the office.

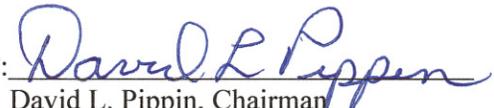
Mr. Waarvik left the office.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST:


Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST:


David L. Pippin, Chairman

JULY 22, 2014

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Dan Carney, Fire Marshall, joined the meeting to participate in the weekly Lewistown Area Fire Restrictions Conference call. There still hasn't been many fires in Valley County and the majority of the areas, but it looks like it is going to get drier and the fire danger will increase with each hot, dry day. The weekly fire calls will be held each Tuesday throughout the fire season.

Lynne Nyquist, Valley County Clerk and Recorder, joined the meeting and they discussed a grant that Mr. Carney was awarded, about \$7,000. He is purchasing some needed fire clothing and equipment for Long Run. The match money will be subsidized with PILT funds.

Mrs. Nyquist and Mr. Carney left the office.

Commissioner Reinhardt joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to sign the Montanan Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board Application for Petroleum Release Eligibility Form 1-R and Owner/Operator's Report of Insurance or Other Third Party Liability Form 7 for the Magruder property to ask for funds to complete the contamination clean-up of this property. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and it passed unanimously.

Brian Austin, Valley County Refuse District Supervisor, joined the meeting.

Mr. Austin said that Adams Paving Co. will be in the Glasgow area soon to do some pavement repairs and he would like to have them make some repairs to the Refuse Road when they are in town. Mr. Austin estimated it would cost around \$38,800 dollars for the needed repairs.

Commissioner Peterson said that they had reviewed the minutes and it was decided in 2013 that the Refuse District will put up to \$30,000 a year in road repairs, and after that amount Valley County will pay for repairs. The Refuse is currently making loan payments of approximately \$17,000 per year to pay for the big repaving project that was done in 2012.

Mr. Austin said that the road is a Valley County Road, and Valley County has not put much money into the repairs. The Refuse District has put about \$350,000 into that road in the past ten or so years. He said it was time that Valley County put some money into this road because it is a Valley County Road.

Commissioner Peterson said that the Refuse District's budget is in pretty good shape after they increased the Refuse District fees a couple of years ago. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that he would agree it really is a Valley County Road, and not the responsibility of the Refuse District.

Chairman Pippin said if it wasn't for the Landfill being located on that road, there wouldn't be near the traffic on that road. The Landfill does generate revenue from those people who drive down that road. He said he did not mind putting some money into that road but thought the Refuse District should too.

Commissioner Peterson said his first reaction is that there are other departments also asking for money. So, he would like to see what the rest of the budgets require. He said that he doesn't want the Refuse to feel like just because they are doing a good job and making money, that we are here to take it away from them. Commissioner Peterson asked what the costs for repairs would be next year if it is \$38,000 this year. Discussion followed.

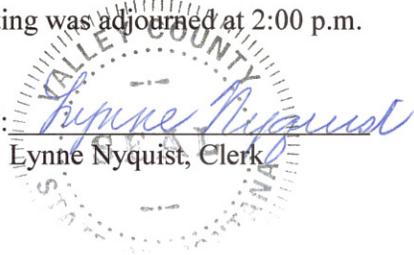
Chairman Pippin said that he would have to think about it because there is also repairs that need to be done to Skylark Road, and which one is the priority to get repaired. He asked when Adams Paving was going to be in the area, so they would know when a decision will have to be made.

Mr. Austin said that Adams Paving will be here soon, and the paving will have to be repaired, so he will schedule it to be done regardless of who pays. So, when the Commissioners make their decision, they can either pay part of the bill or refund the Refuse District.

After some discussion it was agreed to put this on the agenda for a decision to be made and Mr. Austin left the building.

Leslie Simensen, Valley County Health Nurse, and Connie Boreson, Valley County Health Department Supervisor visited with Commissioner Peterson about their plans for the Health Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: 
David L. Pippin, Chairman

JULY 23, 2014

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Paul Tweten, Valley County Road Administrator, and Todd Young, Valley County Road Supervisor, visited with the Commissioners about the Sixth Street South Road. He said there has been an approach constructed recently that goes over the top of two Valley County culverts.

After some discussion the group agreed that Mr. Tweten will visit with Jim McIntyre about this newly constructed approach and ask them to remove this approach and submit a Right-of-Way Application to build an approach in a different location that does not affect any culverts.

Stan Ozark, KLTZ/Mix 93, and Bonnie Davidson, Glasgow Courier joined the meeting.

Chairman Pippin began Discussion and Decision at 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Pippin asked for any additions and/or deletions to the agenda and Commissioner Reinhardt requested they add a discussion regarding the Valley County Health Department's satellite phone to the agenda.

Chairman Pippin asked for public comment three times and none was given.

The first item on the agenda was Notices of Employment/Termination.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Termination for Marlo Aiken for the Transit, effective July 18, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously.

The next agenda item was County Building Permits.

Chairman Pippin said that there has been some thought that perhaps Valley County should have a County Building Permit requirement. That would alert the County when new buildings are being constructed.

Commissioner Reinhardt said he had requested this to be put on the agenda. He said that Allen Bunk, Department of Revenue (DOT), had visited with Commissioner Reinhardt saying he can't keep up with the buildings in the County because it is being constructed without his knowledge. He is notified through the Valley County Sanitarian when a sanitation permit is issued. Mr. Bunk is notified by the State when an electrical permit is issued, but if someone builds a grainery or replaces a trailer or home dwelling and uses the old sewer and electrical hookup, than Mr. Bunk is not notified. When these buildings are not taxed, the County is losing revenue.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that they do not anticipate there being any charge for it, just to make the County aware of new construction and give Mr. Bunk notice.

Chairman Pippin said that this would also help to ensure E911 services are aware of these new structures for emergency purposes.

Commissioner Peterson questioned how they would enforce this.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that he would anticipate it would fall under the County Sanitarian to hand out the permits.

After some discussion it was agreed that Commissioner Reinhardt will visit with Cam Shipp, Valley County Sanitarian, and René Clampitt, Planner/911/GIS Supervisor, and try to get some additional information to bring back to the Board.

The 4H Budget was the next item on the agenda for discussion.

Chairman Pippin said that for the past couple years they have been leaning towards putting the 4H budget with Extension.

Commissioner Peterson said that he would like to postpone any decision on this until after budgets are set and the Commissioners agreed to do that. No action will be taken at this time.

The Application for Cancellation of Taxes was next on the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously authorizing the Chairman to sign an Application for Cancellation of Taxes No. 0241 of \$73.32 for Ominex Canada, LTD, for personal taxes that had been figured using the wrong values.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously authorizing the Chairman to sign an Application for Cancellation of Taxes No. 0242 of \$5.14 for Curtis A. Holter, for Mobil Home taxes.

The next item on the agenda was the Right-of-Way Applications.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt authorizing the Chairman to execute an Application and Permit to Use Right-of-Way No. 628, between Valley County and Don Fast, for the construction of an approach off New Deal Road located in Section 5, Township 26 North, Range 41 East. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and it unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt authorizing the Chairman to execute an Application and Permit to Use Right-of-Way No. 629, between Valley County and Markle Enterprises, for the construction of an underground waterline, located in the Southwest Quarter, West Half and the Southeast Quarter of Section 29, and the North Half of Section 32, Township 27 North, Range 41 East. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and it unanimously passed.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution No. 24-2014, Adopting Resource Categories and Expenditure Order for Resource Categories for all Governmental and Proprietary Funds (GASB 54). Chairman Pippin said that the next two resolutions are just bookkeeping actions that are required by the Auditors and are passed each year to meet those requirements.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to execute the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously:

RESOLUTION No. 24-2014
ADOPTING RESOURCE CATEGORIES AND EXPENDITURE
ORDER FOR RESOURCE CATEGORIES
FOR ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND PROPRIETARY FUNDS (GASB 54)

WHEREAS, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued its Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, requiring, among other things, all state and local governmental entities to adopt a policy regarding spending priorities of fund balance in governmental and proprietary funds; and

WHEREAS, Valley County receives inflows of revenue and other financing sources for use in governmental and proprietary funds; and

WHEREAS, governmental and proprietary funds will expend those resources; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to adopt this resolution to affirm that the fund balance resources of the County’s governmental and proprietary funds will be categorized according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for state and local governments, to identify the expenditure order of resource categories for all governmental and proprietary funds and to designate the County Clerk and Recorder and/or the Board of County Commissioners, individually and/or collectively, as having authority to express assignments in the County’s governmental and proprietary funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Valley County that the fund balance resources of the County’s governmental and proprietary funds will be categorized as follows:

RESOURCE CATEGORIES

- **Nonspendable** Resources not in spendable form (ex: inventory) or those legally required to be maintained intact (ex: principal portion of permanent trust funds)
- **Restricted**: Constraint is externally imposed by third party (grantor, contributor, etc.), State Constitution or by enabling legislation by the State Legislature
- **Committed**: Constraint is internally imposed by local government by resolution
- **Assigned**: Constraint is internally expressed intent by government body or authorized official through budget approval process;
- **Unassigned**: no constraints

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Valley County that the expenditure order of resource categories for all governmental and proprietary funds, when restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned are available, be as follows:

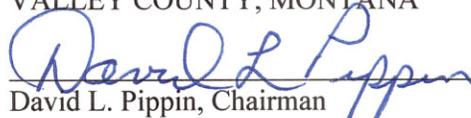
EXPENDITURE ORDER FOR RESOURCE CATEGORIES

- First: Restricted
- Second: Committed
- Third: Assigned
- Fourth: Unassigned

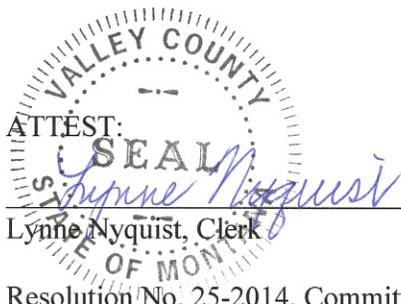
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Valley County designates the County Clerk and Recorder and/or the Board of County Commissioners, individually and/or collectively, as having authority to express assignments in the County’s governmental funds.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of July, 2014, as moved by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously. Effective upon passage and approval.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA



David L. Pippin, Chairman



David Reinhardt
David Reinhardt, Member

Bruce H. Peterson
Bruce H. Peterson, Member

Resolution No. 25-2014, Committing Fund Balance Resources for Special Revenue Funds (GASB 54) was the next agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to execute the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously:

**RESOLUTION No. 25-2014
COMMITTING FUND BALANCE RESOURCES
FOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS (GASB 54)**

WHEREAS, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued its Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, requiring, among other things, all state and local governmental entities to adopt a policy (Resolution) committing fund balance resources for special revenue funds; and

WHEREAS, Valley County receives inflows of property tax, State Entitlement share, investment earnings, grant funding and other revenues including but not limited to certain lease revenue and fee and permit revenue for expenditures on the specific purpose (function) of certain Special Revenue Funds; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Valley County Board of County Commissioners to adopt this resolution to restrict and commit the fund balance resources of special revenue funds in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and GASB 54, and intends to continue to allocate and report the activity of the specific purpose in Special Revenue Funds, as follows:

FUND NAME	FUND #	DESCRIPTION	FUNCTION	MCA CITE
Road	2110	Public Works	430000	7-14-2501
Road - 10 Mills	2112	Public Works	430000	
Bridge	2130	Public Works	430000	7-14-2502
Weed	2140	Public Works	430000	7-22-2142
Predatory Animals	2150	Public Health	440000	81-7-303
Predatory Animal Cattle	2155	Public Health	440000	
County Fair	2160	Culture & Recreation	460000	7-21-3410
Airport	2170	Public Works	430000	67-10-402
District Court	2180	General Government	410000	
Nashua Mosquito Control	2200	Public Health	440000	
Glasgow Mosquito Control	2205	Public Health	440000	
Hinsdale Mosquito Control	2206	Public Health	440000	
Park	2210	Culture & Recreation	460000	
Library	2220	Culture & Recreation	460000	22-1-304
Emergency Disaster Programs	2260	Public Works	430000	
Extension	2290	Social and Economic Services	450000	7-21-3203
Detention Commissary	2305	Public Safety	420000	
Rural Fire Control	2340	Public Safety	420000	
Fire Warden	2341	Public Safety	420000	
Museum - 1 Mill	2360	Culture & Recreation	460000	
Search and Rescue	2382	Public Safety	420000	
Local Option Tax	2384	General Government	410000	
Local Option Tax	2384	Public Safety	420000	
Local Option Tax	2384	Public Works	430000	
Local Option Tax	2384	Social and Economic Services	450000	
Local Option Tax	2384	Culture & Recreation	460000	
Drug Forfeiture	2390	Public Safety	420000	44-12-206(2)
Records Preservation	2393	General Government	410000	7-4-2635
CDBG-Housing	2396	Housing & Community Development	470000	7-12-2202 xx
Aids Grant	2398	Public Health	440000	Grant

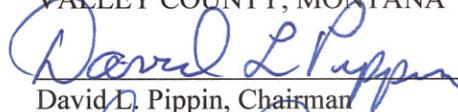
FUND NAME	FUND #	DESCRIPTION	FUNCTION	MCA CITE
Hinsdale Lights	2400	Public Works	430000	
Richland SID 9-R	2420	Public Works	430000	
Noxious Weed Grant	2640	Public Works	430000	Grant
Bell Motel Trust	2701	General Government	410000	
Fair Endowment	2702	Culture & Recreation	460000	
Long Run Fire Control Endowment	2703	Public Safety	420000	
Museum Expenditure	2704	Culture & Recreation	460000	
Alcohol Rehab	2800	Public Health	440000	53-4-206
Junk Vehicle	2830	Public Works	430000	75-10-534
Noxious Weed Grant	2840	Public Works	430000	
Noxious Weed Coop	2841	Public Works	430000	Grant
Noxious Weed Eurasian Watermilfoil	2844	Public Works	430000	Grant
911 Emergency	2850	Public Safety	420000	10-4-311 & 12
County Land Information	2859	Public Safety	420000	7-6-2230
Land Use Planning	2860	General Government	410000	90-1-108
State Allocated Federal Mineral Royalties	2894	General Government	410000	17-3-240
PILT	2900	General Government	410000	
PILT	2900	Public Safety	420000	
PILT	2900	Public Works	430000	
PILT	2900	Public Health	440000	
PILT	2900	Social and Economic Services	450000	
PILT	2900	Culture & Recreation	460000	
PILT	2900	Housing & Community Develop.	470000	
Stone Garden-Homeland Security	2914	Public Safety	420000	Grant
COPS &/or MT Brd Crime Control Youth	2916	Public Safety	420000	Grant
Training Hazmat Operations Grant	2929	Disaster & Emergency Services	420000	Grant
Breast & Cervical Screening Grant	2968	Public Health	440000	Grant
Bio Terrorism/Chemical Warfare	2969	Public Health	440000	Grant
Family Planning	2972	Public Health	440000	Grant
Maternal Child Health Grant	2973	Public Health	440000	Grant
Immunization Action Program Grant	2976	Public Health	440000	Grant
Immunization Billing Service	2979	Public Health	440000	Grant
Council on Aging	2980	Social and Economic Services	450000	Grant
Transportation	2990	Social and Economic Services	450000	Grant

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Valley County Commissioners that it commits allocated general tax, State Entitlement, grant revenue and interest earnings for expenditure on the specific function of the Special Revenue funds listed above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the specific amount formally committed will be determined by the Clerk and Recorder, in conjunction with the Board of County Commissioners by means of the following: (1) review fund balance as of June 30th each year (2) determine necessary cash/reserve to be maintained in the fund, and (3) determine if excess fund balance will be retained in the fund as a commitment for the specific purpose or transferred to the General Fund.

Adopted this 23rd day of July, 2014, as moved by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously. Effective on passage and approval.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA


David L. Pippin, Chairman





ATTEST:

Lynne Nyquist
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

David Reinhardt, Member
Bruce H. Peterson
Bruce H. Peterson, Member

The next item on the agenda was Resolution No. 26-2014, Resolution Authorizing the Overtime Hours Paid Through the Operation Stone Garden Grant Program (OPSG) and Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP).

Chairman Pippin said that this program is grant money to pay our deputies who fall under the 171 rule which allows their overtime to be paid at a different rate. This documents clarifies the compensation process for these two programs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt to execute the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously:

RESOLUTION No. 26-2014
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OVERTIME HOURS PAID THROUGH THE
OPERATION STONE GARDEN GRANT PROGRAM (OPSG)
AND
SUSTAINED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP)

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has received funding through the **Stone Garden\Crime Control (OPSG)** and the **Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)**; and

WHEREAS, the OPSG supports enhanced cooperation and coordination among local, tribal, territorial, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the United States' borders along routes of ingress from international borders to include travel corridors in States bordering Mexico and Canada, as well as States and territories with international water borders; and

WHEREAS, STEP funds will allow the Valley County Sheriff's Office to conduct special enforcement for impaired driving mobilizations and/or occupant protection mobilizations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners hereby agree to compensate Deputies in conjunction with the availability of OPSG and STEP funds to pay:

"All hours that the Sheriff assigns as Operation Stone Garden (OPSG) hours or STEP hours shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1½) of the Deputies regular rate of pay. There shall be no pyramiding of time."

DATED this 23rd day of July, 2014.

VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF
Glen Meier
Sheriff Glen Meier

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA
David L. Pippin
David L. Pippin, Chairman
Bruce H. Peterson
Bruce H. Peterson, Member

ATTEST:
Lynne Nyquist
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

Dave Reinhardt
Dave Reinhardt, Member

The added agenda item to discuss the Valley County Health Department's satellite phone was next.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that Connie Boreson, Valley County Health Department Supervisor, had visited with him yesterday and Mrs. Boreson asked what they were to do with this phone because it is just being stored in a drawer for now.

Commissioner Reinhardt said he had inquired of several counties and their Health Departments said they did not use the satellite phones because they did not work most of the time. He said other counties have the State call their Dispatches when the State makes their quarterly calls to verify that the county health departments are available if needed for an emergency. These phones were originally purchased through a Homeland Security Grant. Each county was to purchase the satellite phones and they would always be available in an emergency situation. The State makes a call each quarter to the county to verify that they

are accessible. The county then has 15 minutes to contact someone on the list who will then call the State back completing the process. Commissioner Reinhardt said he would like Valley County to follow that procedure and have the State call Valley County Dispatch for the quarterly test.

Chairman Pippin said in the past Valley County allowed someone in the Valley County Health Department to carry a phone to take these calls, and that individual has been compensated monetarily to carry this phone. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt that the Valley County Health Department will inform the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (MDPHH) to call Valley County Dispatch when conducting the quarterly Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) phone test, and the Valley County Health Department will give Valley County Dispatch the protocol to follow, with a list of contact numbers to call when this quarterly testing is conducted, with no monetary compensation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it carried unanimously.

A memo will be sent to the Health Department verifying this decision.

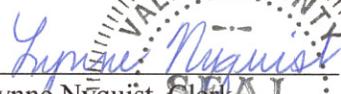
The Commissioners received a letter from Russell Leader stating that he is interested in serving on the Valley County Airport Commission.

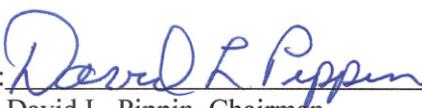
Commissioner Reinhardt left the office for the day.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson directing the Chairman to sign the Family Planning Agreement between Valley County and the Dawson County Family Planning to carry out all administrative and supervisory responsibilities, and provide fiscal management for the operation of a family planning service program from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015. The motion was seconded by Chairman Pippin and it passed.

Chairman Pippin delivered a 2008 Chevy Blazer to the Valley County Airport to be used for their courtesy vehicle. This Blazer came out of the Travel Fleet used for Valley County employees' travel.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: 
David L. Pippin, Chairman

JULY 24, 2014

Chairman Pippin was in the office in the morning for a while.

JULY 25, 2014

Chairman Pippin and Commissioner Reinhardt attended the retirement party for Jenny Reinhardt, Valley County Treasurer, this afternoon.

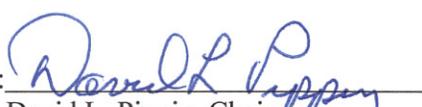
The Commissioners received the 2014 Certified Taxable Valuation Information from the DOR today.

JULY 28, 2014

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, member David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: 
David L. Pippin, Chairman

JULY 29, 2014

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Dan Carney, Fire Marshall, phoned and said that he was out of town but he had participated in the weekly Lewistown Area Fire Restrictions Conference call this morning. He said that Roosevelt County has opted to go into Stage 1 fire restrictions and he anticipates that Valley County may go into that designation next week as the weather continues to be hot and dry increasing the fire danger.

Paul Tweten, Valley County Road Administrator, and Todd Young, Valley County Road Supervisor stopped in and updated Commissioner Peterson on the road activities. He said they are almost done graveling the Aitkin Road and are planning on hauling the remaining gravel from the Page Pit to a cement pad at the old Air Base for storage and easy access.

Mr. Tweten asked if the Commissioners have considered putting a request for the 10-Mill Road Levy on the November ballot, even though it was voted down in June.

After some discussion Commissioner Peterson said he would discuss this with the other Commissioners.

Mr. Tweten said that someone had damned up the culvert at the low water crossing on the Milk River in Beaverton and the Road Department cleaned it out. He said that he did not want to compromise the integrity of the newly constructed low water crossing bridge with the added pressure. Discussion followed.

Mr. Young said that he spoke with Jim McIntyre and informed him that they had to remove the approach they constructed into their field that was built over a culvert on the Sixth Street South Road. He informed the McIntyres that they have to submit a Right-of-Way Application if they want to put in another approach.

Chairman Pippin joined the meeting.

Mr. Tweten said that the backhoe is getting very weak and needs to be replaced. He said he understands that the budgets are tight, but asked that the Commissioners please consider replacing the backhoe.

Mr. Tweten and Mr. Young left the office.

Commissioner Reinhardt joined the meeting.

Commissioner Reinhardt made a motion directing the Chairman to sign Amendment Number One to Contract Number 14-331-74073-0 between the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and Valley County to implement the strategic crisis intervention plan, providing funding in the amount of \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it passed unanimously.

Connie Boreson, Valley County Health Department Supervisor, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that Dan Carr, Shopko, asked about giving immunizations at Shopko. She said it is difficult to keep accurate immunization records when shots are given to a child in different locations. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Boreson said she is working on the protocol and the contact numbers for the quarterly Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) phone test. She will get this information to the Valley County Dispatch for them to follow.

Mrs. Boreson said that the Valley County Health Department is updating their mission statement.

The Public Health Department will be on Face Book, and Mrs. Boreson will be the only one who will access Face Book in her office. She said the Valley County Sheriff's Department uses Face Book to put a lot of information out to the public such as burn permits that are issued and amber alerts. Discussion followed on the uses Face Book could provide for the public.

Mrs. Boreson said that immunization hours will be scheduled as they get closer to flu season and for school immunizations. Discussion followed.

She is hoping to have an informative news article detailing the new changes that are being made at the Valley County Health Department. She asked if the new sign could be put up and the front of the building cleaned up for a picture to be taken. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Boreson left the office.

Commissioner Peterson left the office.

Commissioner Reinhardt left the office.

Rob Brunelle, visited with Chairman Pippin about Long Run's plans to begin the construction of a new building, 80 feet by 40 feet, next to their current location. Mr. Brunelle asked if the Commissioners were still willing to donate \$35,000 to begin the project.

After some discussion, Chairman Pippin said that he would verify the \$35,000 donation with the other Commissioners and get back to Mr. Brunelle.

Mr. Brunelle left the office.

Commissioner Reinhardt returned to the Office.

Commissioner Peterson returned to the Office.

Commissioner Reinhardt left the office with Bill Lloyd, P.E. Great West, to travel to Nashua and Opheim for Mr. Lloyd to examine the areas for engineering some sidewalk projects that have been awarded through the Montana Community Transportation Enhancement Program (CTEP).

Colleen Pankratz, Valley County Transit Supervisor, met with Commissioner Peterson regarding the administrative costs she needs for her grant funding.

Mrs. Pankratz said the Transit is now using the new computer program that tracks and schedules her Transit buses. The new program asks for each riders name, address and birthdays for identification purposes. She has had some riders that are very reluctant to give out that information, even though she has reassured them that she does not forward any of this information to anyone. She said the birthdates are put into the program to document the riders that are over sixty for grant funding purposes.

Mrs. Pankratz left the office.

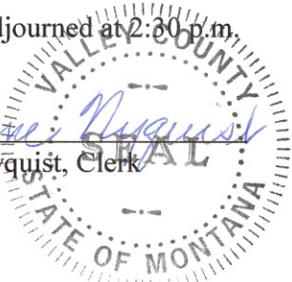
Commissioner Peterson left the office.

Airport Commission members Kristie Brabeck, Darrell Morehouse, Paul Koski and Lucas Locke, Airport Manager, visited with Chairman Pippin about a variety of airport issues and the group left the office to interview two applicants for the Airport Board Secretary position.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: 
David L. Pippin, Chairman



JULY 30, 2014

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Dan Carney, Fire Marshall, and Brian Austin, Valley County Refuse District Supervisor, joined the meeting.

Chairman Pippin began Discussion and Decision at 10:30 a.m.

There were no additions and/or deletions to the agenda.

Chairman Pippin asked for public comment three times.

The Notice of Employment/Termination was the first item on agenda for consideration.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Termination for Sawyer Hillman as a temporary, full-time Operator for the Mosquito District, effective July 30, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to appoint a Valley County Airport Board member and a Valley County representative for Great Northern Department Corporation.

Chairman Pippin said that Russell Leader has submitted a letter of interest to be a member of the Airport Commission and Chairman Pippin thought he would be a good fit for that opening. Mr. Leader is an aircraft mechanic and is familiar with the airport and its workings.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt to appoint Russell Leader to the Valley County Airport Commission Board to replace the vacated seat of Robert Lipscomb, a three year term, beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and unanimously carried.

Chairman Pippin said that he would like to reappoint Mona Amundson to continue as the Valley County representative to Great Northern Development Corporation (GNDC). He said he was not sure that she had been attending the meetings recently, but he would contact her about this position and make sure she was still willing to continue this appointment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to have Mona Amundson continue to be the Valley County Representative for Great Northern Development Corporation (GNDC). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and it passed unanimously.

The Refuse Road repairs was the next item on the agenda.

Chairman Pippin said that Mr. Austin was here for this agenda item.

Commissioner Reinhardt asked how much the yearly payment was for their \$165,000 loan they got to repair the road last year and Mr. Austin said it was around \$18,000.

Chairman Pippin asked what the cost was for the road repair they needed now and Mr. Austin said it was around \$38,000.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that last year it was agreed that the Refuse District would pay up to \$30,000 per year on road maintenance and anything over that amount Valley County would pay. So, if we take the loan payment away from the \$30,000, that leaves a balance around \$12,000 for the Refuse District to put towards the \$38,000 cost of repair. Valley County would then have to pay the remaining \$26,000 for those repairs. Discussion followed.

Chairman Pippin asked Mr. Austin what he thought.

Mr. Austin said that last week when he was here he said that the Refuse Road is a Valley County Road and the Refuse District has already put about \$350,000 into that road over time and he felt Valley County has not invested any money into the road even though it is a Valley County Road. He said that when the road was originally paved the County made that decision. When the road was originally paved, Valley County supplied some millings and man power, but they would have had to pay those individuals anyway so that is a wash, not money invested.

Mr. Austin said he realizes the County budgets are tight and the money has to be spread among all the departments. However, he believes the Refuse District has already done more than their fair share on that Road. He said again, this is a Valley County Road, not the Refuse District's road. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Peterson said that if the Refuse wasn't out there, the road would not have been paved and this maintenance would not be needed. He asked what additional costs will there be with this road. Discussion followed.

Mr. Carney said the Road Department put down the original oil and millings and there were some problems with the last bit of the road because they rushed to get done at the end. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Peterson said that he does feel that the Refuse is a business and an enterprise fund. Keeping the road maintained is part of that business. He asked if the Commissioners have to make this decision today.

Mr. Austin said that Adam's Construction is in the area working on the school project and when that is done he is coming to repair the Refuse Road. Mr. Austin already scheduled the repairs because they have to be done regardless, it just depends on how it will be funded.

Chairman Pippin asked if the Refuse District considered increasing their fees to maintain the road and Mr. Carney said they had just increased the fees two years ago. Chairman Pippin said that a lot of the heavy

traffic that is hard on the road is loaded trucks from trucks out of Valley County, and Mr. Austin said that 90% of the truck traffic that goes across that road is Valley County's and the City of Glasgow's garbage. Commissioner Peterson said if Valley County had a lot of extra funds around then it would not be a tough decision. He said he does not want to make a decision until they get more of next year's budgets finalized and see how it all comes out and prioritize the needs.

After some discussion it was agreed that a decision on this project will not be made until the FY 2014-15 budgets are completed and Mr. Austin and Mr. Carney left the office.

Commissioner Reinhardt updated the Commissioners on the CTEP projects he looked at yesterday in Opheim and Nashua.

Commissioner Reinhardt said the Opheim sidewalk project is fairly straightforward and the engineer was content that it would be an easy project to complete.

The Nashua project is a bit more complicated because the sidewalks to be replaced are different widths which will increase the total cost of the project to replace the wider sidewalks. Great West Engineering will make the drawings and do an estimated cost on the project and Nashua will have to then make a decision on what they want done based on the cost and the amount of money that was funded.

Ron Garwood visited with the Commissioners about the Valley County Conservation District Ordinance that will be on the November ballot regulating free roaming buffalo/bison in the Conservation District.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to pay Amazon, \$919.99, out of Local Option Tax, for a Fujitsu Fi-7160 color printer/scanner for the Clerk and Records office, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Reinhardt left the office.

Chairman Pippin left the office.

Claims for the month of July were approved as follows;

Vendor	Claim #	Amount
2820 ADAPCO, INC	62115	1,625.00
4435 AG PARTNERS LLC	62116	120.00
3479 ALFRED SCHMITT	62090	280.00
558 ARCH'S TIRE & SERVICE	62117	289.00
2957 AXMEN	62091	7,477.74
504 BOB BARKER CO INC	62119	791.08
2962 BORDER PLAINS EQUIPMENT	62118	85.00
331 BROOKMAN RODEO COMPANY	62122	18,400.00
4427 BS CENTRAL INC	62120	444.00
756 CAMERON SHIPP	62198	220.78
182 CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	62121	2,007.11
2690 CENTRAL SERVICES DIVISION	62092	1,699.19
3360 CENTURY LINK	62199	1,148.58
4761 CENTURY LINK	62123	5.98
4764 CHASE TACTICAL LLC	62124	6,972.25
4241 CHRIS MABREY	62125	2,000.00
677 CITY OF GLASGOW	62203	3,202.56
4723 CITYSERVICEVALCON	62093	524.11
4636 CLOUD SHERPAS	62126	7,516.68
1095 COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO	62127	7.00
4615 COMMUNICATION RESOURCES LLC	62200	1,376.00
1204 CONNIE BORESON	62201	148.64
3619 CONNIE'S COLORS	62114	630.00
3217 CREATIVE INFORMATION SYSTEMS	62094	270.00
225 D & G SPORTS & WESTERN	62128	507.79
40 DAN OLSON DBA	62129	286.20
903 DELL MARKETING L.P.	62204	3,262.20
3035 DEWAYNE OZARK	62130	149.99
4765 DUSTY TIHLARIK	62131	27.00
260 EASTERN MONTANA MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	62095	250.00
2757 FARM EQUIPMENT SALES	62133	361.50
54 FOOD SERVICES OF AMERICA	62132	2,107.15
59 FRANCES MAHON DEACONESS HOSPITAL	62135	68.34
206 FRANCES MAHON DEACONESS HOSPITAL	62136	2,182.92
4766 FRANKIE SMITH	62134	2,400.00
1622 FREDERICK E PEREZ	62137	4,650.00
4655 G & J ENTERPRISES	62138	294.00
311 GAFFANEYS TOTAL OFFICE SOURCE INC	62139	2,648.36
66 GLASGOW AUTO SAFETY CENTER	62140	1,170.00
71 GLASGOW COURIER INC	62141	130.00
4767 GWYNN SIMENIUK	62142	35.00

Vendor	Claim #	Amount
4629 HARMONY COMMUNICATIONS INC	62143	280.00
392 HI LINE FORD INC	62144	274.02
3301 HOME CARE SERVICES	62145	444.38
3576 J & M DISTRIBUTING	62146	155.38
574 JIMISON JANITORIAL & CARPET CLEANING LLC	62147	1,165.70
4540 JODY CARPER	62148	2,500.00
367 KARI LEE KNIERIM	62150	40.04
4768 KARNE QUEST	62149	2,550.00
987 L & D SIGNS	62151	335.00
4775 LESLIE SIMENSEN	62202	214.08
4769 LEVI KEYS	62152	679.68
4770 LISA BAXTER	62153	75.00
4771 LISA DONEY	62154	612.48
1805 LOU'S TRAVELLING ZOO	62155	1,800.00
3133 MAPPING & PLANNING SPECIALISTS, INC	62171	617.50
101 MARKLE'S INC	62156	1,293.43
413 MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP.	62196	5,430.20
4756 MICHAEL BAIN	62157	3,280.00
104 MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	62158	262.92
4417 MIDWEST LABORATORIES INC	62159	75.00
4617 MILK RIVER MOTORSPORTS	62160	9,081.00
4777 MILLER BROTHERS LAND CO	62205	540.80
751 MOGAN SAW SHARPENING	62161	350.00
540 MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES/MACO	62096	228,895.00
	62162	8,347.00
113 MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	62163	1,256.77
239 MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	62164	4,512.76
183 NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC	62097	4,985.55
165 NEWTON MOTORS INC	62165	285.65
272 NICKOLAS C MURNION	62110	42.00
600 NORTHEAST MONTANA FAIR	62167	16,000.00
661 NORTHEAST MONTANA FAIR	62166	20,000.00
732 NORTHEAST MONTANA FAIR	62168	3,400.00
121 NORTHERN MONTANA TEXTILES SERVICES	62169	637.08
115 NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	62098	1,241.33
	62170	8,060.84
120 NORVAL ELECTRIC CO-OP INC	62099	1,585.53
126 PACIFIC STEEL & RECYCLING	62172	42.19
759 PAGE-WHITHAM LAND & CATTLE CO	62100	280.00
758 PAUL MOGAN	62101	280.00
129 PETTY CASH	62113	645.15
4551 PFIZER INC	62173	5,432.20
332 PRCA RODEO SECRETARY	62175	12,000.00
2768 PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS	62174	65.00
76 REYNOLDS	62176	609.80
3658 SCOTT ROPER	62177	5,000.00
147 SCOTT'S TRACK 'N' WHEEL	62178	39.75
3804 SHELLEY MILLS	62102	105.30
4772 SHIRLEY SIEFERT	62179	35.00
4763 SILYNX COMMUNICATIONS INC	62103	11,290.00
2744 STATE OF MONTANA DEPT OF REVENUE	62112	2,557.84
162 SYSCO MONTANA INC	62104	963.34
	62180	524.83
4571 TCA INC	62111	253,225.86
788 TERRY LIGHTHIZER	62105	224.02
680 TOWN OF OPHEIM	62106	60.00
171 TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO	62181	1,437.24
172 TRI STATE TRUCK-EQUIP INC	62184	125.72
4773 TRI-AGENCY TASK FORCE	62182	36,500.00
174 TRIPLE A GLASS INC	62183	337.56
4620 TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS	62185	6,276.50
4373 TWENTERPRISES INC	62186	415.68
2737 TWO RIVERS ECONOMIC GROWTH	62107	600.00
1296 U.S. BANK TRUST-SPA LOCKBOX CM9695	62189	8,955.65
787 U.S. POSTAL SERVICE/PITNEY BOWES	62187	365.26
4374 ULTRAMAX	62188	163.50
58 VALLEY CO FAIR BOARD	62197	60.00
614 VALLEY CO TRANSIT	62190	2,154.90
674 VALLEY VIEW HOME	62192	320.00
4245 VERIZON WIRELESS	62191	45,192.86
1087 VISA	62108	49.25
3023 VISA	62109	37.50
4465 WENDY BECKER	62193	215.36
190 WILLS OFFICE WORLD/RADIO SHACK	62194	383.02
193 ZERBE BROS INC	62195	2,614.40
	Total:	808,661.95

Payroll for the month of July was approved in the amount of \$399,595.64.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

ATTEST: *Lynne Nyquist*
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk



ATTEST: *David L. Pippin*
David L. Pippin, Chairman

JULY 31, 2014

Chairman Pippin was in the office for a while in the morning.