

Chairman Reinhardt stopped by to look at the damages caused to the Senior Center.

Payroll for the month of December was approved in the amount of \$535,159.48.

January 3, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Mike Bain, Valley County Computer Technician, came in to set the computer work station up for our new Commissioner, John Fahlgren.

Dylan Jensen, Valley County Attorney, stopped by needing information on the DOWL airport engineering contract.

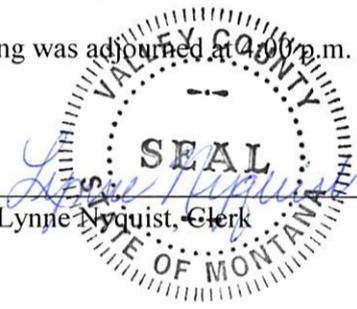
Commissioner Peterson left the office to attend a Coordination Access Resource Education (CARE) meeting.

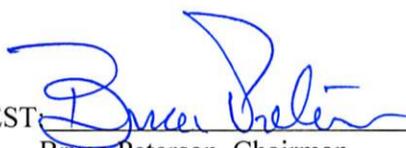
Joe Yeoman stopped in to say hello.

Megan Haddix from the Glasgow City County Library dropped by to discuss Library Board happenings.

Virgil Nelson stopped by to discuss various issues.

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

ATTEST:  Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST:  Bruce Peterson, Chairman

January 4, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Lynne Nyquist, Valley County Clerk and Recorder, came in to discuss budgets. Also discussed was the upcoming election due to Congressman Ryan Zinke accepting the job as Secretary of the Interior that was offered to him by President-elect Trump.

Stone Tihista, Valley County Weed and Mosquito, stopped in to discuss financing with Commissioner Fahlgren.

Mayor Becky Erickson, Robert Kompel, City of Glasgow Public Works Director, Rick Seiler, Valley County DES Coordinator, and Todd Young, Valley County Road Supervisor attended Mayor Erickson's monthly meeting with the Commissioners.

Mayor Erickson stated that she spoke with Mr. Kirkland, who offered different alternatives and options for the levee in Glasgow. After researching priorities, the best fit is to fix three sections of the levee for approximately \$3.3 million.

Commissioner Peterson mentioned if the \$3.3 million dollar fix will not satisfy FEMA regulations, what is the purpose of following that suggestion.

Mr. Kompel stated that the \$3.3 million would get Glasgow back into the Corp of Engineers (Corp) program which allows access to Federal funding. If Glasgow is inactive or taken out of the Corp program, FEMA could redraft the flood plan and all of Southside would have to carry flood insurance. Currently everything on the city side of the levee is not in the flood plain. By spending the \$3.3 million and returning to the Corp program, Glasgow should be bypassed for redrafting the flood plan.

Mr. Kompel stated that Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is the only one who certifies levees. If we are under the Corp plan, the levee will not be certified, but FEMA should not be knocking at our door.

The levee committee has been looking at extending the levee near the Cherry Creek Subdivision. The Corp will not approve the old railroad bed as a levee. Mr. Kompel stated that until a levee goes through the FEMA certification process, it is just a pile of dirt.

There was a suggestion made that we could possibly create a levee district to maintain the levee. Mr. Kompel stated that Glendive tried to create a levee district and that is one of the reasons they are struggling right now.

Mayor Erickson said that if Glasgow is in the Corp program and there is a problem, the Corp would pay for 80% of the damage, with local government paying the rest.

Commissioner Tweten mentioned that if FEMA comes in and remaps the flood plain, we could never build anywhere that they designate as flood plain.

Mayor Erickson stated that Action for Eastern Montana is helping out low income people by replacing refrigerators with more energy efficient refrigerators.

Mayor Becky Erickson and Robert Kompel, Director of Public Works, left the office.

Robert Latimer of TransCanada Relations from Omaha Nebraska came in for his meeting.

Mr. Latimer stated that Valley County received \$4.6 million in taxes from Northern Border Pipeline in 2016.

Pertaining to the Keystone XL pipeline (KXL), Mr. Latimer stated that they are committed to the project and are eagerly awaiting to see what President-elect Trump will do.

Rick Seiler, Valley County DES Coordinator, asked if all easements are still in place for KXL.

Mr. Latimer advised that all easements are still in place until 2022. There are a lot of materials stacked and ready.

Commissioner Tweten asked if they will have to do more environmental impact studies.

Mr. Latimer responded that South Dakota recertified in 2015 and that the land acquisition is pretty much done. In Nebraska, the certification will take approximately one year.

Mr. Seiler asked if there was concern over river crossings.

Mr. Latimer responded that they are watching the situation with interest. He also mentioned that the U.S. imports over 6 billion barrels today even with the Bakken running.

Mr. Seiler mentioned there are concerns in this area about all of the trains full of oil.

Mr. Latimer responded that trains are more expensive than pipelines. Plans for Keystone XL would mean 830 thousand barrels per day going through a 36" system.

Mr. Seiler wanted to know if the 36" pipeline is in place in Canada.

Mr. Latimer stated that the permits are in place, pipe is stacked and it is shovel ready.

Discussion ensued concerning where pipes will be stacked in Valley County. A couple of sites that were mentioned were St. Marie or the old airport. Mr. Latimer stated that it is still open, no decision has been made on where to stack the pipes.

Pertaining to workforce camps, Mr. Latimer stated that they contract with Target Logistics for workforce camps.

Mr. Latimer reiterated that KXL is looking forward to President-elect Trump taking office in the next sixteen days.

KXL has a Community Investment Program that has contributed to Block of Bucks, Chamber Sponsorships, and Safety and Emergency Responders.

Mr. Latimer left the office.

Todd Young, Valley County Road Supervisor, advised that the motor grader was sent to Williston for repair. There is not enough room to repair it in the Road Shop, and it is still under warranty. Mr. Young also expressed the desire to promote a current employee to the position of Bridge Crew.

Mr. Young left the office.

Commissioner Peterson began Discussion and Decision at 10:30 a.m.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda, and no public comment was submitted.

The first actionable item on the agenda was employment/termination notices:

*A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Accounting Change for MiLynn Miller, a full-time registered nurse beginning January 1, 2017, at \$25.50 per hour. Funding will be as follows: Oral Health, 25%, 1000-23-440100, 20%, 2973-76-440170, 15%, 2976-124-440150, 20% and 2969-125-440100 at 20%. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Accounting Change for Lucas Strommen moving to full-time Undersheriff beginning January 1, 2017 at 95% of the Sheriff's salary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Accounting Change for Lucas Strommen as Deputy Coroner beginning January 1, 2017 at \$100 per month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Termination for Cassandra Strong, Dispatcher, beginning January 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.*

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

ATTEST:

Lynne Nyquist, Clerk



ATTEST:

Bruce Peterson, Chairman

**January 5, 2017**

Commissioner Fahlgren and Commissioner Tweten were the office today.

Chris Knodel, Long Run Fire Chief, came in to discuss Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's) for the fire departments. Mr. Knodel also dropped off a request from the Wolf Point Fire Department requesting use of the portable air compressor.

Daryl Toaves came in to see if there was anything he could do concerning crushed gravel in Valley County.

David Reinhardt came in to sign various documents.

**January 6, 2017**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Melanie Sorenson, Juvenile Probation stopped in to discuss the proposed budget cut in juvenile probation.

Joleen Cotton, Maintenance Supervisor, dropped in to discuss various issues.

**January 9, 2017**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Lynne Nyquist, Valley County Clerk and Recorder, came in to discuss polling districts in Valley County. Commissioner Peterson recommended that there be a rundown of the cost savings by combining districts.

Nancy Hamilton, Safety Coordinator, let the Commissioners know that she cancelled her Safety meeting tomorrow due to the conditions of the road.

Joe Yeoman stopped by to discuss possible training for blade operators.

Commissioner Tweten stated that Local Technical Assistant Program (LTAP) comes out to train the crew on a yearly basis.

Mr. Yeoman left the office.

Joleen Cotton, Maintenance Supervisor, came in for her weekly meeting. The breezeway heating was not working correctly this morning. She did a shutdown and hard start and the heater began working correctly. The variable air volume (VAV's) have been reset. It will be four to six weeks before we get a motor. Ms Cotton will be working on cleaning the snow out of the corners of the sidewalks this morning.

The Council on Aging floor needs to be stripped and waxed, and the Center will be closed for one week in February or early March. According to Vicky Wetz, Council on Aging (COA) Supervisor, the floor has not been stripped and waxed for 6 to 8 years, and the seniors have agreed to pay half of the cost of having the work done.

Ms Cotton showed the Commissioners an example of the paper towel dispenser that may be used for the entire Courthouse. She would like to install one dispenser to see how it works before committing to buy more dispensers. Commissioner Peterson advised Ms Cotton to go ahead and install the dispenser so it can be tried.

The new gas commercial convection oven has been installed in the Detention Center.

There was a comment about purchasing cameras for the gages in the Detention Center so that Ms Cotton could track the gages remotely on her phone instead of having to come in to the Courthouse to monitor the gages. Ms Cotton stated that the financial outlay for the cameras to remotely monitor the gages would not be cost productive and that she did not feel it was a good use of finances.

There is a lot of salt being brought in to the Courthouse due to the snow. Discussion ensued concerning salting verses blowing the snow so that we don't have the wear and tear on the carpet. Ms Cotton stated that a slip or fall would be far more harmful than the amount of salt that is on the carpet. The small blower that the County has is not working at this time and Ms Cotton will take it to the road shop to have it looked at.

Ms Cotton left the office.

Bonnie Bell came in for her meeting concerning Cadastral/taxable properties project she has been working on for Valley County.

Ms. Bell gave the Commissioners a seven page list of owners whose tax records show inconsistency between bins and buildings which are pictured on Cadastral and what is shown on the tax records.

Over the last 4 months Ms Bell has spent about 10 hours per week comparing cadastral pictures with tax records. She said that her list may not be absolutely correct because sometimes it was hard to tell if what was shown on picture was a bin or trees. She is very confident that there are a good number of structures, mostly bins that are not being taxed. As the Commissioners looked over the list there were several comments that some the bins not counted have been in place for many years, and question then arises that perhaps there have been many years when taxes have not been collected.

There was discussion as to what to do with this information now that it has been compiled. It was suggested that Pondera County, who did a similar study a couple years ago, should be contacted to see how this was handled. It was also suggested that Tully Tryan, regional DOR director, should be contacted. Ms Bell is not sure if our local DOR has been advised that this project was under way.

Ms Bell said she is available to be part of meeting with DOR to explain her methodology. During that meeting it may be of value to ask if property on the list would be subject to back taxes. It would also be of value to know how the DOR would propose to use the information. The County would obviously want to have proper amount of taxes assigned and paid so that our tax procedure is as fair as it can be. Of further interest would be the amount of time DOR would have to spend to verify the accuracy of the discrepancies. A final question of interest is the amount of taxes, on average, of grain bins seeing that a vast majority of the property not listed is grain bins.

Ms Bell left the office.

Terry Lighthizer stopped in to say he will work on the fire alarm system next week when it is warmer outside.

Jerry Arnold, Valley County Fair Board came in to discuss various issues concerning the fair, including hours and pay for the fair manager.

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

ATTEST:   
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST:   
Bruce Peterson, Chairman

**January 10, 2017**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Pat Gunderson, Field Manager BLM, stopped in to update the Commissioners on what is going on with BLM. There have been a number of changes due to the consolidation of staff. The office in Glasgow runs with ten employees year round with an additional three seasonal employees. Discussion ensued about the American Prairie Reserve wanting to change from cattle to cattle/bison, the Sagebrush focal area, travel planning, transporting bentonite, and BLM contracts.

Doug Bailey, Opheim Fire Department, dropped off an Ezzie's bill for LongRun Fire Department.

Roubie Younkin, Extension Agent, stopped in to update the Commissioners on the activities that the Extension agency is involved in.

Dan Carney, Fire Marshall, visited with the Commissioners concerning a variety of issues.

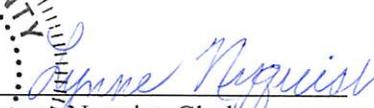
Discussion ensued concerning insurance coverage for the Opheim Firefighters. It was discovered that purchasing insurance through the Wolf Agency would cost \$25 less per firefighter than insuring them through Valley County insurance.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman to have the Town of Opheim purchase insurance for the firefighters with the County reimbursing the Town of Opheim. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman to sign the Erickson Subdivision Plat. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.*

Darcia Schindler, Valley County Landfill Secretary, came in concerning insuring the compactor at the landfill.

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

ATTEST:   
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST:   
Bruce Peterson, Chairman

**January 11, 2017**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Acting Chairman Paul Tweten, member John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Commissioner Tweten and Commissioner Fahlgren left the office to attend the Department Head meeting.

Rick Seiler, Valley County DES Coordinator and Todd Young, Valley County Road Supervisor, stopped by to pick up contracts.

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

In attendance were Stan Ozark, KLTZ/Mix 93, and Lynne Nyquist, Valley County Clerk and Recorder.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda, and no public comment was submitted.

The first actionable item on the agenda were employment/termination notices.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing Acting Chairman Tweten to execute a Notice of Accounting Change for Vernon Buerkle as a full-time Sheriff with 92.46% coming from account #1000-18-420100 and 7.54% coming from account #1000-22-420800 effective January 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing Acting Chairman Tweten to execute a Notice of Accounting Change for Alex C. Esteves as a full-time Deputy at 88% of Sheriff Salary effective January 8, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing Acting Chairman Tweten to execute an Employment Notice for Paul Siefert as a full-time Blade Operator at \$18.89 per hour, effective December 26, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed.*

The final item on the agenda was the discussion of reducing the number of polling places in Valley County.

Lynne Nyquist, Valley County Clerk and Recorder, stated that reducing the number of precincts in Valley County from the present number of eight down to three precincts will save Valley County an estimated \$15-\$20 thousand dollars each election year. Ms Nyquist said that 70% of the voting public votes by absentee ballot already. The three proposed precincts would be separated along current house district lines. Historically, Valley County has had as many as twenty plus precincts. Commissioner Tweten stated that at one time in the past voting took place on his parent's family farm.

Voting on the reduction of voting precincts will take place at the next Discussion and Decision meeting on January 18, 2017.

All meeting attendees left the office.

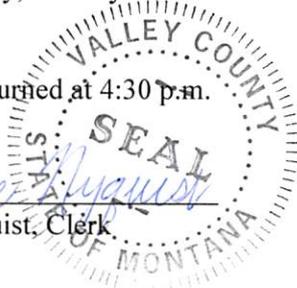
Commissioner Fahlgren left the office to attend the meeting at Taylor's Storage.

Nancy Hamilton, Safety Coordinator and Joleen Cotton, Maintenance Supervisor, came by the office to discuss the proposed fire evacuation plan. They will send out the preliminary plan to the Department Heads for review and suggestions so they can submit the finalized plan to the attendees at the Safety Meeting on Wednesday, January 18th at 8:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

*Lynne Nyquist*  
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk



ATTEST:

*Bruce Peterson*  
Bruce Peterson, Chairman

**January 12, 2017**

Commissioner Tweten and Commissioner Fahlgren were in the office this afternoon.

Commissioner Fahlgren left the office to tour the Road Shop this morning.

**January 13, 2017**

Commissioner Fahlgren was in the office today.

**January 17, 2017**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Acting Chairman Paul Tweten, member John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Mike Bain, Valley County Computer Technician, stopped in to review the progress that has been made in the last year. There have been various computers replaced, thirteen major projects completed, the Courthouse server has been replaced, the migration to Black Mountain is complete, the second live scanner has been installed in the Sheriff's department, old network removal is ongoing, and there is a new backup system in place.

Todd Young, Valley County Road Supervisor dropped by to discuss various road projects.

Connie Boreson came in to extend an invitation to the Commissioners to attend a Kempack meeting tomorrow, January 18<sup>th</sup> 2017, at 11:30 am at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital. Kempack has a pallet of supplies to be used in the case of an emergency. Attending the meeting will be various first responders from areas such as the fire department and the Department of Health and Human Services.

Ms Boreson would also like to close the Health Department tomorrow from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm to allow all of the staff to attend the meeting.

Both Commissioner Tweten and Commissioner Fahlgren were agreeable with having the Health Department closed tomorrow during the above mentioned times.

Jean Liebelt stopped in to discuss the potential change in voting districts. She stated that she would like to vote against the district changes. She does not want to be forced into absentee ballot or coming into Glasgow to vote. Ms Liebelt states that even though the County will be saving \$15,000 to \$20,000, she feels that we should be making it easier to vote, not harder. In Fort Peck, they have the same people working, so there would not be any training costs. Ms Liebelt states that it does not make voting any easier for the public.

Commissioner Tweten stated that the judges have to be trained for every election. Yearly training is mandatory.

Ms Liebelt left the office.

Arlene Mills from St Marie came in to discuss some issues she is having with ownership of a condominium at St Marie. Ms Mills would like Judge McEwen's judgment overturned.

Dylan Jensen, Valley County Attorney, joined the meeting.

Ms. Mills was advised that Valley County is not the resource that she needs to use to get her legal issues with St Marie Condo board resolved.

**January 18, 2017**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Acting Chairman Paul Tweten and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Today's Discussion and Decision has been postponed until tomorrow, January 19, 2017 at 10:00 am due to illness and recuperation of two of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Tweten left the office to attend the Safety Committee meeting.

Lucas Locke stopped by to pick up a car for his trip to Helena for a loan and grant meeting with Mt. Aeronautics Commission.

Nancy Hamilton is doing a fire alarm and slip and fall training on Thursday, Feb 2, 2017.

James Walling, Glasgow Courier came in to say that there are no markers on the north side of the South River Road approach after the cattle guard joint between Nashua and Fort Peck. He stated that it is hard to see where the road is going. Commissioner Tweten will forward the information to Todd Young, Valley County Road Supervisor.

René Clampitt, Planner/911/GIS Supervisor, stopped in to discuss the text to 911 program.

Commissioner Tweten left the office to attend the KEMPACK meeting at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital. Shortly thereafter, Commissioner Tweten attended an online training at the Road Department.

Dylan Jensen, Valley County Attorney, stopped in concerning some issues with St. Marie Fire District. Commissioner Tweten advised that St. Marie is a Fire District and is not under the jurisdiction of Valley County.

January 19, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, member Paul Tweten, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Commissioner Fahlgren is attending the Discussion and Decision meeting via conference call.

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

Attending the meeting were Stan Ozark, KLTZ/Mix 93 and Lynne Nyquist, Valley County Clerk and Recorder.

Added to the agenda was the Contract with Darlene Kolczak to perform certain County Superintendent of Schools duties.

There was no public comment submitted.

The first actionable item on the agenda was employment/termination notices.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Termination for Loyal Kauffman effective December 12, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Accounting Change for MiLynn Miller as a permanent Registered Nurse beginning January 01, 2017, with funds coming 25% from 2979-328-440100, 20% from 1000-23-440100, 15% from 2973-76-440170, 20% from 2976-124-440150 and 20% from 2969-125-440100. 100% of Health Insurance will come from 2979-328-440100. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.*

Next on the agenda was the nomination of Ben Miller as a student representative for the Valley County Fair Board.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman to appoint Ben Miller as the Student Representative for the Valley County Fair Board, effective through December 31, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.*

The nomination of Louise Lemieux for Valley County Fair Board was next on the agenda.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman to appoint Louise Lemieux as a Representative for the Valley County Fair Board, filling out the unexpired term of Dr. Kevin Ross, effective through December 31, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.*

Next on the agenda was a Certificate of Survey for the Montana Department of Transportation to retrace existing section lines and Right-of-Way easements on Highway 24 between St. Marie and Opheim.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing the Chairman to sign the Certificate of Survey for the Montana Department of Transportation to retrace existing section lines and Right-of-Way easements on Highway 24 between St. Marie and Opheim. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously.*

Resolution #5-2017 Creating a New Fund for the Oral Health Grant was the next item on the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing the Chairman to sign Resolution #5-2017 Creating a New Fund for the Oral Health Grant as follows. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5-2017**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUND FOR ORAL HEALTH GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Valley County Health Department is creating a new fund for the Oral Health Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget is established for the receipt and expenses of said fund during Fiscal Years 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19;

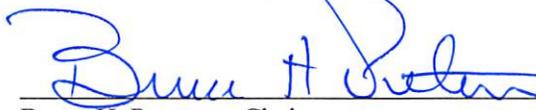
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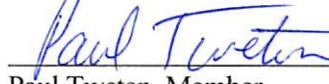
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the creation of the Oral Health Grant Fund for the Public Health Department which addresses total grant revenue of \$40,000 which is to be used in the time span of January 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018 during Fiscal Years 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19:

	FY 16-17	FY 17-18	FY 18-19
Expense: 2979-328-440100			
111- Salary	\$6,950	\$6,630	\$ 1,105
141- FICA	\$ 435	\$ 415	\$ 70
142- Medicare	\$ 105	\$ 100	\$ 20
143- State Unemp.	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 10
144- Work Comp	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 10
145- PERS	\$ 585	\$ 560	\$ 100
148- Insurance	\$8,000	\$8,835	\$ 1,475
200- Supplies	\$3,000	\$ 435	\$ 60
300- Training &	\$ 850	\$ 100	\$ 0
	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$17,150</u>	<u>\$2,850</u>
Revenue: 2979-331146	\$20,000		\$20,000

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this 18 day of January, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA

  
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Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman

  
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Paul Tweten, Member

  
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John Fahlgren, Member



  
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Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

The agricultural covenant for Pamela Shipp was next on the agenda.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing the Chairman to sign the agricultural covenant for Pamela Shipp with the legal description as follows:*

*Township 27North, Range 40 East, MPM Section 12: W1/2NW1/4*

*The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was the agreement between Valley County and County Superintendent of Schools, Superintendent Darlene Kolczak.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing the chairman to sign an agreement to perform County Superintendent of Schools Duties with Superintendent Darlene Kolczak. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously.*

The final item on the agenda was resolution #6-2017 a Resolution to Establish Precinct Boundaries in Valley County. The resolution would result in the reduction of precincts from eight precincts to three precincts, with the polling place being at the Glasgow Civic Center.

Comment was again asked for, with the two people in attendance declining the invitation.

Commissioner Tweten advised that he did not receive any calls concerning the redistricting, but Jeannie Liebelt came into the office to state that she is not supportive of the redistricting.

Commissioner Peterson also mentioned that he spoke to Jeannie Liebelt as well and that she had concern that since she likes to get all late information from the candidates and vote on the election day. She wonders what happens if her ballot doesn't get to the Courthouse in time.

Lynne Nyquist, Valley County Clerk and Recorder, responded that the local Post Office holds all ballots that come in the last week of the election so they aren't forwarded to Billings. That way even the last minute votes can be counted.

Commissioner Peterson asked if there would be long lines at the Civic Center during voting.

Ms. Nyquist stated that the largest two precincts already vote at the Civic Center, and adding the other precincts should not make much of a difference.

Commissioner Tweten advised that the number of Auto mark machines that Valley County now has in its possession is eight, and with the new precinct boundaries there would only be a need for two of the machines.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the chairman to sign Resolution #6-2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously. Details of the resolution are below:

**RESOLUTION NO. 6-2017**

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH ELECTION  
PRECINCT BOUNDARIES IN VALLEY COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the districting and apportionment plan (change of precinct boundaries) under 13-3-102, MCA, states that the county governing body shall make changes in the precinct boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Valley County and the Valley County Election Administrator carefully reviewed the change of boundaries to save taxpayers additional expense;

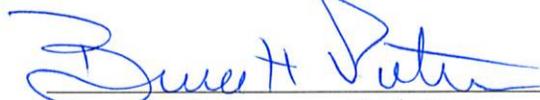
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Valley County voting precincts and polling place be named and designated to conform to this resolution as follows:

PRECINCT:	SENATE DISTRICT	POLLING PLACE
No.31-FORT PECK/FRAZER	NO. 16	GLASGOW CIVIC CENTER
No.33-HINSDALE/GLASGOW	NO. 17	GLASGOW CIVIC CENTER
No.34-LUSTRE/OPHEIM/Nashua/Glasgow NE	NO. 17	GLASGOW CIVIC CENTER

The Board orders the Valley County Clerk & Recorder/Election Administrator to provide a copy of this resolution to the Montana Secretary of State to indicate compliance with Section 13-3-102 of the MCA.

DATED this 19 day of January, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA

  
Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lynne Nyquist  
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk



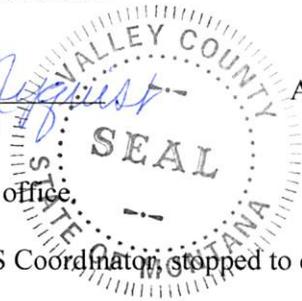
Paul Tweten  
Paul Tweten, Member

John Fahlgren  
John Fahlgren, Member

Those in attendance left the office.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

ATTEST: Lynne Nyquist  
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk



ATTEST: Bruce H. Peterson  
Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman

Commissioner Peterson left the office.

Rick Seiler, Valley County DES Coordinator, stopped to discuss various issues.

John Daggett stopped in to discuss his displeasure with the voter boundary change.

Attorney Dave Irving called this afternoon requesting to speak with Commissioner Fahlgren, when advised that Commissioner Fahlgren was ill and not in the office he wanted to know if the other two had voted on the precinct boundary change without him. Mr. Irving was told no, the other Commissioners did not vote without Commissioner Fahlgren. Commissioner Fahlgren was on a conference line attending the meeting. Mr. Irving wanted to know if the boundaries for voting precincts was changed from eight precincts down to three precincts. When told yes, the vote was unanimous for three precincts, he asked if all of the voting would be done in Glasgow. Mr. Irving was advised that yes, the Civic Center in Glasgow is the site for voting. Mr. Irving was further advised that of the people voting, 70% currently vote absentee. The purpose of Mr. Irving's call was that he had some clients that are unhappy with the redistricting and that there may be a lawsuit. The call ended with the assurance that Commissioner Fahlgren will get in touch with Mr. Irving when he is in the office next Monday.

**January 20, 2017**

Commissioner Tweten is attending an Action for Eastern Montana Governing Board in Glendive today.

Commissioner Fahlgren and Commissioner Peterson were in the office today.

Commissioner Tweten stopped in once he returned from Glendive.

**January 23, 2017**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Todd Young, Valley County Road Supervisor, came in to discuss various road issues.

Dylan Jensen, Valley County Attorney brought in Resolution #7-2017 A Resolution for Prosecution Services in the case of State v. Jay Donald Witkowski.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing the Chairman to sign Resolution #7-2017, A Resolution for Prosecution Services in the case of State V. Jay Donald Witkowski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously. The resolution is as follows:*

**RESOLUTION NO. 7-2017**

**PROSECUTORIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE CASE OF STATE V. JAY DONALD WITKOWSKI**

WHEREAS, the Valley County Attorney has requested prosecutorial assistance in the case of State v. Jay Donald Witkowski, and

WHEREAS, it is desired and deemed appropriate that a special deputy county attorney be appointed to assist in the prosecution of the aforementioned case, and

WHEREAS, Mont. Code Ann. § 44-4-111 authorizes and contemplates that the training coordinator for county attorneys and the bureau chief of Prosecution Services Bureau (together with the deputies within said bureau) act as special counsel on request of the county attorney and upon the approval of the board of county commissioners, and

WHEREAS, Mont. Code Ann. § 2-15-501(6) authorizes the Attorney General to provide assistance to county attorneys in the discharge of his or her duties.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

That the attorneys assigned to the Prosecution Services Bureau of the Department of Justice are hereby appointed as special deputy county attorneys for Valley County for the purpose of assisting in the prosecution of the aforementioned case and that any of said deputies can fulfill the functions set out in Mont. Code Ann. § 44-4-103.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED:

That under the terms of this agreement, no fee will be charged for attorney time provided by the Bureau based upon the fact that pursuant to the internal operational policies adopted by the Attorney General September 1, 1999, assistance in such cases is provided without an hourly fee. Witness fees and expenses, jury costs, and other normal costs associated with trial will be the County's responsibility as with all other prosecutions.

Attorney Jensen also discussed various personnel issues.

Lucas Locke, Airport Manager, let the Commissioners know that Glasgow did not get any grant money from the State of Montana for the fuel farm this year. Mr. Locke also mentioned that long time Valley County employee, Jenny Reinhardt is planning on retiring on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February and would like to get the job description circulated so she has time to fill the position.

Vernon Buerkle, Valley County Sheriff, let the Commissioners know that Deputy Joe Tihlarik backed into a vehicle with one of the County vehicles. He was advised to contact our insurance representative.

Leslie Bishop, driver for the Valley County Transit Department came in to find out if her opinion to cancel a ride should trump the customers' opinion of whether or not a ride should be cancelled. Ms. Bishop stated that she had a ride that she felt was unsafe, but could not cancel the ride until the customer stated they should go back. Ms. Bishop states that policy makes no sense.

Commissioner Peterson asked Ms. Bishop if it leaves the decision to the customer in the procedure policy.

Ms. Bishop stated that she had not read the policy.

Commissioner Peterson asked if Ms. Bishop told her supervisor that she would like the procedure changed.

Ms. Bishop stated that she had not talked to her supervisor concerning the policy.

Commissioner Tweten stated, you are in charge, and if it unsafe, you should make the call.

There was some discussion concerning whether or not the policy states that it is up to the customer.

Commissioner Peterson stated that Mary Jo from the Transit Department has a copy of the Transit Policy manual and that Ms. Bishop should look at it.

Commissioner Peterson agreed with Commissioner Tweten that the decision should rest with the driver.

Ms. Bishop stated that her supervisor said it is up to the customer, and that she is glad that the customer decided to cancel the ride.

It was agreed that Ms. Bishop will check the policy and then consult with her supervisor concerning protocol.

Dane Osen, Glasgow Courier came into the office to follow up on newsworthy happenings in Valley County.

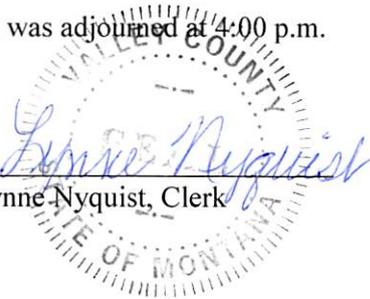
Joleen Cotton, Maintenance Supervisor, stopped in for her weekly meeting. An item of discussion was the fire panel for the Courthouse. There will be a representative at the Pioneer Museum concerning their fire alarm system on Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. The representative will come and take a look at the Courthouse on that day. After much research, it appears that the current fire panel at the Courthouse has a break in the wiring under the floor in the basement. Since there are no schematics for the fire panel, it is proving difficult to find where the issue is on the system.

Rod Lambert called the Commissioners office requesting information on opening a marijuana storefront in Glasgow.

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

ATTEST:

Lynne Nyquist, Clerk



ATTEST:

Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman

**January 24, 2017**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Bob Steele stopped by concerning some property behind the Farmer's Market. Commissioner Tweten said he will look into the possibility of the property being sold at auction.

Commissioner Fahlgren went to look at the bridge that spans Brazil Creek with Todd Young, Valley County Road Supervisor. Mr. Young brought in paperwork for a new Bridge Crew employee.

Former Commissioner Reinhardt stopped by to discuss various issues and to sign paperwork.

Vern Buerkle, Valley County Sheriff, came in concerning purchasing paper products and food for the Detention Center.

Tully Tryan, Florann Hannesson, and Kim Pewitt from the Department of Revenue (DOR), as well as Bonnie Bell met with the Commissioners to discuss properties that do not appear to having taxes collected on the property. Some of the property appears to be improvement on land owned by others. (IOLOBO) Some of the structures do not show up on the individuals' property tax assessment. The representatives from the DOR left the meeting with a list of properties that Ms. Bell researched. The DOR will follow up on all of the properties and touch base with the Commissioners once they are done. Mr. Tryan stated that the DOR will shoot for having the missing properties on the 2018 tax rolls.

Connie Boreson, Valley County Health Department Supervisor, came in for her meeting with the Commissioners. The first thing that was addressed was her desire to purchase automatic electronic defibrillators (AED's). Ms. Boreson brought in a map with the location of all AED's in Glasgow, and stated that there is a one-time grant available from Farm Credit Services for \$5,000, with the application being due on February 1, 2017.

The price for AED's is \$2,000 each. Ms. Boreson is asking each of five easily accessible businesses to contribute \$1,000 combined with the grant matching \$1,000 to purchase the AEDs. So far Ms. Boreson has Ezzies Westend, Ezzies Midtown, Ft. Peck Theatre, and 1<sup>st</sup> Community Bank willing to participate. Ms. Boreson would like to know if the Commissioners would like to purchase one of the AED's with General Fund money and put it in either the Courthouse, Pioneer Museum, or the Senior Center. Discussion ensued that the Senior Center already has an AED, the Pioneer Museum is only open seasonally, so the best place to put the AED would be the Courthouse.

Commissioner Peterson stated that he would like the additional \$1,000 to be taken from the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Fund. (PHEP).

Commissioner Fahlgren asked if there is training available in the use of AEDs.

Ms. Boreson stated that the Health Department teaches 20 minute hands only CPR, and that Marge Markle teaches a certified class on CPR. The AEDs verbal instructions and are very user friendly. Also mentioned by Ms. Boreson is that our cardiac ready community is sponsored by the Health Department and it would ultimately be the Health Departments responsibility to maintain the AEDs.

Discussion ensued concerning where the funding for the \$1,000 for the AED in the Courthouse would come from. Commissioner Peterson reiterated that he would like the money to come from PHEP funds.

Ms. Boreson stated, "I'm not committed to this."

The second item to be addressed was the Building Healthy Communities Initiative (BHCI). There is a competitive grant available through Montana Department of Health & Human Services, (DPPHS) for five people to attend a training from May 16-18 in Butte. Some of the things that BHCI is involved in are building trail ways, bikeways, and Frisbee parks. Ms. Boreson would like to apply for the grant, and have Britany Archambeault represent Valley County.

Commissioner Peterson stated that he thought that DPPHS could better use the money on other things such as Mental Health as opposed to seminars.

Commissioner Tweten stated that he is ok with the grant.

Ms. Boreson stated that the money for the grant would be coming from the State of Montana.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing the Chairman to allow Connie Boreson, Valley County Health Department Supervisor, to apply for the BHCI grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed with two for and Commissioner Peterson against.*

The final item to be discussed was Oral Health Grant that was discussed in December.

Ms. Boreson stated that one of the things that the Oral Health Grant will be used for is to put fluoride varnish on children's teeth.

Commissioner Peterson stated that he hopes that the Health Department will reach out to Frazer and the Native population by considering working off site.

Ms. Boreson stated that she had not thought of working off site, but that she would definitely consider it.

Commissioner Peterson stated that he still has a problem with funds going to pay tuition, there are better ways to spend the money than paying for a Master's Degree.

Ms. Boreson stated that \$2,400 will be paid for by DPPHS and the additional \$1,800 will come from the HIV Grant. The HIV grant is difficult to spend, and that is how Ms. Boreson was able to pay for some of her training. Ms. Boreson is intent on closing out the HIV grant. Having someone with a Master's Degree would be a real asset to Valley County.

Commissioner Peterson stated that Ms. Boreson has proven that you don't need a degree to run the Health Department.

Ms. Boreson stated "I can take it out of PHEP" I know you have a passion for mental health, but I am also looking at workforce development.

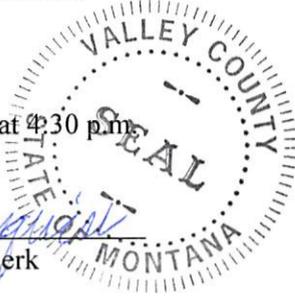
Commissioner Peterson asked if Ms. Boreson talked about tuition when they discussed the budget.

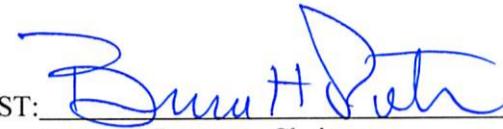
The meeting ended as Ms. Boreson had another appointment.

Dan Carney stopped in to let the Commissioners know that they will have Wildfire Leadership Conference April 7-9<sup>th</sup> in Bozeman.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

ATTEST:   
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk



ATTEST:   
Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman

January 25, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Dan Carney, Valley County Fire Warden came in to sign up for the Fire Warden Conference in Bozeman, MT in April.

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

Added to the agenda was paying the Systems Technology Consultant, AKA Morrison Maierle Systems Corp. bill out of Local Option Tax.

No public comment was submitted.

The first actionable item on the agenda was employment/termination notices.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Curtis Storlie as a permanent, full-time Bridge Crew Worker for the Road Department beginning January 23, 2017, at \$17.95 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Ruth Dowell as a permanent, full-time Administrative Assistant for the Valley County Commissioners beginning January 8, 2017, at \$17.33 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing the Chairman to execute an Accounting Change for Thomas Joseph Boyer as a permanent, full-time Deputy Sheriff beginning January 23, 2017, at 85% of Sheriff's wage. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Termination for Patrick McGuinness as a Mower for Valley County effective December 13, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously.*

Next on the agenda was the request from Sheriff Buerkle to allow the excess annual leave for Matt Remmich to roll past the final usage date of March 31, 2017 due to the needs of the Sheriff's office.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman allowing 71.46 hours of excess annual leave for Matt Remmich to be rolled past the final usage date of March 31, 2017 due to the needs of the Sheriff's office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.*

Resolution #8-2017 Mileage Rate was next on the agenda. Valley County follows the State guidelines for mileage reimbursement and they have decreased their mileage rate by .5¢ to 53.5¢.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren Commissioner Tweten to execute the following Resolution, seconded by Chairman Peterson and the motion passed:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8-2017  
CHANGING THE STANDARD MILEAGE RATE FOR REIMBURSEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, all county officers/employees and county volunteers who must travel in state and out of state on county business; and

**WHEREAS**, the Internal Revenue Service has changed the standard mileage rates for reimbursement which is 53.5¢ per mile.

**WHEREAS**, the rates for meals for Per Diem and Lodging has not changed; Per Diem Allowed - Meals (Receipts are not required for meals.);

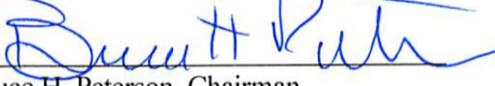
<u>3 hrs. Travel Within</u>	<u>IN-STATE</u>	<u>OUT-OF-STATE</u>
Breakfast 12:01 AM - 10:00 AM	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.00
Lunch 10:01 AM - 3:00 PM	6.00	11.00
	\$23.00	\$41.00

- a. No per diem for travel less than three hours.
- b. The meal allowance for a trip between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. shall be the noon-day expense, not to exceed \$6.00.
- c. Midnight shall be recorded as 12:00 a.m. Noon shall be recorded as 12:00 p.m. for expense claim purposes.
- d. Noon meal will not be reimbursed by Valley County if an employee is attending a meeting in Glasgow.

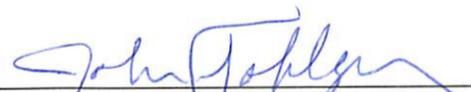
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners hereby set the rate for mileage reimbursement at **53.5 per mile, effective January 1, 2017.**

**DATED** this 25th day of January, 2017

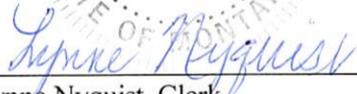
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VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA

  
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Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman

  
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Paul Tweten, Member

  
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John Fahlgren, Member



ATTEST:  
  
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Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

The final item on the agenda was paying the Systems Technology Consultant bill for \$465.00 for monthly backup and cloud storage and monthly open DNS fee out of Local Option Tax.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren to pay Systems Technology Consultant, AKA Morrison Maierle Systems Corp. \$465.00 out of Local Option Tax, for monthly backup and cloud storage and monthly open DNS fee out of Local Option Tax. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and the motion carried.*

Dewayne Ozark, Valley County Detention Center, came to discuss road petitions with Commissioner Tweten.

Terry Lighthizer, Valley County Television District stopped by with a report on the work he has been doing on the fire panel. Yesterday the alarm was activated, the next step is to employ an electrician to find out where the short is occurring.

January 26, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Todd Young, Valley County Road Supervisor, stopped in for information concerning FMLA.

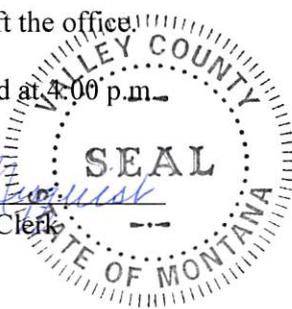
René Clampitt, Planner/911/GIS Supervisor, advised that there will be a text to 911 meeting coming up next month. Ms. Clampitt discussed a \$ .50 per hour compensation for the person who administers the text to 911 process. The Commissioners were in agreement that the additional compensation is appropriate.

Commissioner Peterson left the office.

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

ATTEST:

*Lynne Nyquist*  
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk



ATTEST:

*Bruce H. Peterson*  
Bruce H. Peterson, Chairman

January 27, 2017

Commissioner Tweten and Commissioner Fahlgren were in the office this morning.

Brian Austin, Valley County Landfill came in to discuss various subjects.

Commissioner Tweten's daughter, Micah Tweten, along with classmates, Ashlyn Aten and Regan Zerbe came in concerning donations of pennies for Leukemia.

Terry Lighthizer, Valley County TV District and Joleen Cotton, worked on the Fire Panel today.

January 30, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Norm Girard stopped by to discuss various issues.

Nancy Hamilton, Safety Coordinator, came in concerning putting bumpers in the Senior Center parking lot. Also noted is standing water from the downspouts near the Senior Center and at the back door of the Courthouse. This Thursday there are two slip and fall trainings in the Annex, one at 10:00 and one at 1:00 o'clock. Discussed as well was the possibility of putting in a fire alarm system in the basement of the Courthouse.

Vernon Buerkle, Valley County Sheriff, stopped in concerning the sale of the Valley County airplane. There is a person from Canada that is interested in it and will be stopping by tomorrow.

Sheriff Buerkle stated that the Detention Center has forty prisoners due to plumbing problems at the Frazer Detention Center.

DeAnn Ketchum called concerning the Community Meeting date for St. Marie. Ms. Ketchum has been out of town for the last month and is tentatively agreeing with the date of March 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. Ms. Ketchum will also take the Memorandum of Understanding between Valley County and the Fire Department to the next meeting to have it signed by the Fire Chief.

Joleen Cotton, Maintenance Supervisor, stated that both generators are working well. Ms. Cotton and Nancy Hamilton, Safety Coordinator, have been working together to make an emergency fire procedure for the Courthouse. Also needed at the Courthouse are monthly fire drills.

Keith Lancey came in concerning the lack of heat and lights at the Roosevelt Hotel.

January 31, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Nancy Heins, Valley County Conservation District came in for her scheduled meeting. Ms. Heins wanted to extend an invitation to the Convention of Conservation District on November 9, 2017 at 9 am at the Cottonwood Inn. Additional meetings coming up will be the Trans Boundary Grassland Association, and the Missouri River Council in July. Ms. Heins is requesting a letter of support for Valley County Conservation District's grant application. Requested as well was a \$1,000 contribution from Valley County by February 24<sup>th</sup> to support the making of a documentary to lobby politicians for help due to the Hi-Line if the system failed.

Vicky Wetz, Council on Aging (COA) Supervisor, stopped in with three bids for striping and waxing the big room floor in the Senior Center. The Commissioners will take the issue under advisement and make a decision.

Claims for the month of January were approved as follows;

Vendor	Claim #	Amount
2820 ADAPCO, INC	67642	8,430.00
2853 ALL SEASON HOME CENTER	67643	237.35
323 ALPINE ANALYTICAL, INC	67644	875.00
184 AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	67645	83.62
558 ARCH'S TIRE & SERVICE	67646	177.00
4877 AT & T MOBILITY	67686	74.83
3772 AVAILITY LLC	67647	79.00
2554 BALCO UNIFORM CO INC	67648	83.45
5012 BIG SKY AUTO ACCESSORIES	67649	300.00
75 BIG VALLEY WATER	67650	30.00
3696 BLUE CROSS/SHIELD OF MONTANA	67651	55.54
4427 BS CENTRAL INC	67652	426.00
5059 BUDDE FAMILY DENTISTRY	67653	119.00
182 CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	67654	1,687.62
5058 CASEY MULKEY	67593	35.00
3360 CENTURY LINK ACCT 407878239	67655	1,071.90
4761 CENTURY LINK ACCT 85598259	67594	191.05
3839 CHAPPELL'S AUTOMOTIVE INC	67656	502.10
5051 CHARM-TEX INC	67657	737.24
4976 CINTAS CORPORATION	67658	105.57
677 CITY OF GLASGOW	67659	126,477.08
4723 CITYSERVICEVALCON	67660	98.80
1095 COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO	67661	7.00
1204 CONNIE BORESON	67595	98.47
2785 CREATIVE FORECASTING	67694	60.00
1281 CREDIT BUREAU OF MILES CITY	67662	120.00
39 DALE PLUMBING & HEATING INC	67596	174.42
40 DAN OLSON DBA	67663	163.87
2740 DARLA SHIPMAN	67664	60.00
3243 DARRYL SCHLABS	67665	30.24
212 DATA IMAGING SYSTEMS	67666	312.68
4573 DIAGNOSTIC PEST SOLUTIONS	67667	86.00
5060 DIRECT TELEVISION LLC	67687	86.93
4060 DOUG MARTIN	67668	150.00
4903 DOWL	67669	270.00
1627 E STOP BUSINESS LICENSES	67675	636.00
260 EASTERN MONTANA MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	67670	4,645.00
2724 ECOLAB	67671	84.95
634 ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INC	67672	3,785.00
5036 ESCAPE MEDIA	67673	600.00
812 EZZIE'S WHOLESALE INC	67597	11,441.58
	67674	5,287.17
2757 FARM EQUIPMENT SALES	67598	241.27
	67676	1,381.27
54 FOOD SERVICES OF AMERICA - BILLINGS	67599	1,015.92
825 FORT PECK TRIBES	67677	5,270.00
57 FOSSUM READY MIX INC	67600	1,620.00
59 FRANCES MAHON DEACONESS HOSPITAL	67678	117.84
206 FRANCES MAHON DEACONESS HOSPITAL	67679	2,182.92
311 GAFFANEYS TOTAL OFFICE SOURCE INC	67680	3,535.31
66 GLASGOW AUTO SAFETY CENTER	67681	82.00
71 GLASGOW COURIER INC	67682	65.00
4994 GLASGOW TIRE CENTER	67683	2,752.00

Amount	Vendor	Claim #
	653 GLENN GUENTHER	67684 61.56
	5037 GRIT MEDIA	67685 600.00
	719 HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT INC	67688 70.84
	4721 HELLO DIRECT INC	67689 92.97
	80 HI LINE COLLISION REPAIR	67690 125.00
	392 HI LINE FORD INC	67691 684.65
	4900 HI TECH ELECTRIC INC	67692 755.10
	5056 HOBART SALES & SERVICE	67601 245.00
	3301 HOME CARE SERVICES	67693 990.00
	3896 INDUSTRIAL COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS	67695 5,058.00
	4855 INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS CONSULTING	67617 10,587.56
	2885 INTERSTATE BATTERIES	67696 229.90
	3576 J & M DISTRIBUTING	67697 86.02
	4935 JACKIE & STEVE DOWELL	67602 1,491.75
	574 JIMISON JANITORIAL & CARPET CLEANING LLC	67603 1,141.80
		67698 3,500.00
	4776 JOHN ROGNESS	67699 54.00
	1632 JON KIEWER	67700 108.00
	4463 KEITH BEIL	67604 8,000.00
	2974 KENNETH BORSETH	67701 58.00
	95 KREISERS INC	67702 21.42
	3852 KY IDLER	67703 62.64
	4741 LACAL EQUIPMENT	67704 1,065.95
	5038 LAFF	67705 600.00
	4623 LEE RIDDICK PLUMBING & HEATING	67706 145.00
	4725 LUCAS LOCKE	67707 52.00
	3095 LUCAS STROMMEN	67605 103.00
	3817 LYNN MILLER	67606 24.44
	3133 MAPPING & PLANNING SPECIALISTS, INC	67735 2,468.75
	101 MARKLE'S INC	67607 701.08
		67708 1,051.58
	4297 MATT REMMICH	67608 103.00
	2475 MATTFELDT ELECTRIC	67709 346.00
	4756 MICHAEL BAIN	67710 5,920.00
	4417 MIDWEST LABORATORIES INC	67711 100.00
	3557 MILLER OIL CO	67712 290.40
	3042 MOGAN'S SPRINKLERS	67713 125.00
	1293 MONTANA AIRPORT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION	67714 50.00
	540 MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES/MACO	67609 316.20
		67715 10.00
	113 MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	67717 6,390.34
	43 MONTANA DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	67610 2,300.00
	893 MONTANA DEPT OF LABOR & INDUST.	67716 62.00
	484 MONTANA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	67611 4,613.16
	252 MONTANA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION AERONAUTI	67718 28,219.80
	697 MONTANA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	67612 70.00
		67719 1,545.00
	1160 MONTANA LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION	67720 400.00
	1255 MONTANA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION COORDINATOR	67721 150.00
	239 MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	67722 4,746.82
	4797 MYRON REDFIELD	67723 162.00
	1114 NEMONT BEVERAGE CORP.	67724 50.00
	183 NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC	67613 5,425.29
	5016 NORTH HINSDALE HEALTH CLINIC	67614 1,560.00
	121 NORTHERN MONTANA TEXTILES SERVICES	67725 47.72
	115 NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	67615 1,536.00
		67726 10,126.96
	120 NORVAL ELECTRIC CO-OP INC	67616 2,110.29
	4792 OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	67618 859.46
		67727 173.08
	4248 PARK GROVE BAR & CAFE	67728 387.00
	129 PETTY CASH	67729 106.45
	1367 PITNEY BOWES INC	67730 90.00
	4700 PRAIRIE RIDGE VILLAGE LLP	67731 432.00
	2768 PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS	67619 101.00
	135 PRO CO-OP	67620 685.78
		67733 313.97
	136 PROBST CLEANING SERVICE INC	67732 2,518.00
	2962 PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	67621 864.55
	257 QBS SAFEGUARD	67734 235.78
	201 QUILL CORPORATION	67622 271.17
	2620 RDO EQUIPMENT TRUST #80-5800	67736 544.45
	76 REYNOLDS	67737 1,090.82
	1760 ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH & ALLOYS INC	67623 802.12
	4818 S & S WELDING SUPPLY LLC	67738 472.50
	3015 SAND ELECTRIC	67739 65.00
	3910 SCOTTIE EXPRESS WASH INC	67740 110.00
	3804 SHELLEY MILLS	67624 674.52
	3589 STERICYCLE, INC	67625 12.00



February 1, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Bruce H. Peterson, members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Vernon Buerkle, Valley County Sheriff, stopped in to discuss various issues.

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

Stan Ozark, KLTZ/Mix 93, and Dane Osen, Glasgow Courier, were in attendance.

Added to the agenda was the discussion of striping and waxing the big room floors at the Senior Center.

There was no public comment submitted.

The first actionable item was employment/termination fees.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Darcia Schindler, as a permanent, part-time Administrative Assistant for the Glasgow International Airport beginning February 1, 2017, at \$14.50 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.*

Setting the grazing fees was next on the agenda.

Commissioner Peterson suggested a fee of \$13.50 per animal unit per month, (AUM).

Commissioner Fahlgren commented that last year the State rate was \$19.00 and this year the State rate is down to \$14.01. Commissioner Fahlgren stated that it would be a good time to match the state grazing rate. Last year the grazing rate was \$13.00 per AUM.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren authorizing the Chairman to raise the grazing rate from \$13.00 per AUM to \$14.01 per AUM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was approval of the Fair Board Policies and Procedures Manual.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman to approve the Fair Board Policies and Procedures Manual as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.*

Next on the agenda was Resolution #9-2017, Active Participation in Great Northern Development Corporation District (GNDC). The resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 9-2017**

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE GREAT NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, Valley County is an active member of the Great Northern Development Corporation District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Great Northern Development Corporation District comprises of six counties, including Valley, Roosevelt, Daniels, McCone, Sheridan and Garfield, working together for the common good of the area; and

**WHEREAS**, an Overall Economic Development Plan has been completed for the six-county area; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desired that the Great Northern Development Corporation role be expanded to include active participation as an Economic Development District;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Valley County formally acknowledge the need for district wide economic development and planning and will pledge \$-4,119.00 for fiscal year 2016-2017 as Valley County's share of local matching funds.