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TREASURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

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10:03 AM - Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioner Marlo Moehr Chairman, Ruth Baue and Ruth Baker, Treasure County Deputy Clerk & Recorder, Dani Erickson, Treasure County Clerk & Recorder, Marlee Sears, Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz, Treasure County Road Department, Robin Rich, Treasure County DES Coordinator, Nicole Stephenson, Treasure County Public Health, Deb French, Treasure County Council on Aging Coordinator, Megan Metcalf, Treasure County Fire Dept Treasurer, Cole Stumpf, Treasure County Fire Chief, Bill Hutchison, Also present were guests, Ruth Edlund, Bart Icopini

10:05 AM - Minutes Approval, Claims & Payroll

- Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting Aug 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baue Moves to approve Aug 6<sup>th</sup> minutes, Baker 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion Carries
- Claims: Claims for Aug 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 were presented for payment, for check number 31718 through 31756.
- Payroll: will be paid out: Aug 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- \*All Claims were approved & paid.

10:35 AM - Treasure County Road Department Discussion, Robin Rich

- Road Business
  - Discussion on the wonderfully attended "Fly in Breakfast" held at the Treasure County Airport in honor of the late Airport Supervisor Glen "Skip" White.
    - 165 Plate Breakfast put on by the Hysham Chamber of Commerce to benefit the local 4-H Youth
  - Rich reports that Pumphouse Rd gravel is done. The road crew is now hauling rock onto River Rd.
  - Next, they will be heading North to mow.
  - Culvert Discussion; The Commission discusses the bids that were presented at the last meeting for Gibson Road, they review what the projected cost was along with the bids that were far over the cost and that there was one under cost.... Discussion to be followed up during 11:15 AM Monthly Conference Call with Stahly Engineering.
    - It is noted that Commission/Commissioners have spoken with Scott Lackman about placing a bypass bridge for crossing on his property, during the time that the Gibson Rd Bridge is under construction. It is further noted that guest; Bart Icopini states he was unaware of this possibility and he said that would be the best place for one if Lackman was agreeable to that.

10:50 AM - Weed Board Meeting

-Call to Order

- Whereas Commissioners have currently been serving as The Weed Board
  - The Treasure Co Conservation District has agreed to serve as the Weed Board

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- Bart Icopini is a member of the Conservation District, he along with 3 other members have signed the application to serve as a Weed Board Member. There is 1 member that has stated they are in favor of the Conservation District also serving as the Weed Board but he was unable to yet sign the application.
- Atty Schantz will execute the Treasure County Resolution appointing the Conservation District to serve as the Treasure County Weed Board separate from the Treasure County Commissioners once the 5<sup>th</sup> applicant has signed.
- Commissioners address the importance of both the Conservation District and the Weed Board Meeting Minutes be made public and on file in the Office of the County Clerk & Recorder.
- It is discussed that the Rosebud County Weed Administration contacted a commissioner and let them know of upcoming conferences; There is a Weed Coordinator Training in January, the Commissioners will encourage, Treasure Counties new Weed Coordinator, Joe Watson to attend the conference as he would also receive Continuing Ed credits for the training.

10:59 AM - Adjournment, Baker Moves to Adjourn, Baue 2nds

11:00 AM - Public Comment - No Public Comment at this time

11:01 AM - Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz

- Discussion of obtaining ownership of Splendor Behavior Property, aka "The Bar & Hysham Hills Supper Club properties" in exchange for forgiving delinquent taxes.
  - Atty Schantz has drawn up:
    - A Buy-Sell outlining the terms of the transaction
    - A Quitclaim Deed to transfer ownership
    - A Resolution to release the Tax Lien in exchange for the Ownership of the property and to provide documentation of the satisfaction for the taxes to Treasure Co Treasurers Office
  - The current owner, Carl Hope, has already signed all 3 documents in front of a witness and notary.
  - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baue Moves to accept and sign all 3 Documents; Buy-Sell, Quitclaim Deed & Resolution, the Quitclaim and Resolution documents will be recorded and made public within the Treasure Co Clerk & Records office. Baker 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion Carries
  - It is noted that the 3 Documents are signed by the Treasure County Commission and notarized.

11:15 AM - Monthly Conference Call, Stahly Engineering, Adam Hagel

- Hagel asks; if the county has made a decision on the Gibson Road Bridge project bids that were opened and presented at the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting?
  - The Clerk & Records Office only just received Stahly's recommendation of the 4 bids the same morning as this meeting. The recommendation was not received in time to place the recommendation and possible acceptance on the agenda.
    - Commissioners conclude they will set a special meeting to determine and award one of the bids; There will be A Special Public Meeting Thurs, Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 @ 11:30AM

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- Continuation from previous meeting discussions; Tullock Bridge Road Project, Hagel states there will be; “over topping” to the bridge to create many years of elevation use. Commissioners acknowledge and say that is good and understandable.
  - Hagel also states it would be up to the county to hire and or do the tear out/removal of the old bridge. It has been determined in previous meetings that the MDT has given the okay for reimbursement of this expense. Commissioners discuss attaining bids from local contractors for this portion of the job.

11:45 AM - Treasure Co Public Health, Deb French & Ambulance, Chrissy Hopf

- (Hopf was unable to attend) French provides updates:
  - The SCL Mammogram Bus was present to Treasure Co on Monday Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 9am-3:30pm, parked at the Treasure County Ambulance/Pub Health Building. French reports there were 15 patients that utilized the facility!
  - French also reports there were more than expected for Flu Shots as well.
  - In September, LEPC is going to have their meeting in the Park with food and guest speakers from Eastern Montana Mental Health present to talk about Narcan etc.

12:05 PM - Recess for Lunch

1:05 PM - Treasure County Fire Dept, Treasurer, Cole Stumpf & New Fire Chief, Bill Hutchison

- \*Claim 31713 was held for clarification from Aug 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, Stumpf provides explanation for the need and reason for the bill.
  - 31713 was for a bill received from T&T Automotive, with a description of; Drag Bar repair. Stumpf explains it was a bar that broke on the rear of the large truck from getting stuck in the mud.
  - **\*\*Motion\*\*** - Baue Moves to accept bill and pay Claim 31713 to T&T Automotive, Baker 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion Carries
- Stumpf, makes a request on behalf of the Fire Dept. to purchase Shelving for both Fire Halls, so that they can organize and get gear off the ground and put away, also what equipment is now obsolete will be offered for give away and then discarded. The shelving would be free standing (not permanently allixed) and would be purchased with donation funds.
- Stumpf, also makes purchase requests, but these are to come out of the general fund as they are a need.
  - 10 - 100ft hoses at \$109.00 each for the trucks as the old ones are past their life and have much normal wear and tear/damage.
  - 2 Drip Torches (used for back-burning) estimated at just under \$1,500. For both.
  - Commissioners acknowledge that all are needed and grant the request.
- Stumpf reports that upon the recommendation of the Commissioners, the FD has went ahead and canceled their monthly contracted bill plans with AT&T as well as Range Telephone for internet and a landline in the firehall. As there was already wi-fi in the connected community center and no need for a land line as the fireman have radios. They did keep the iPad but it is not under contract anymore and it can be updated when it is connected to wi-fi for what they need it for.

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- Commissioners state that the overhead door that was not properly functioning was fixed and paid for. They also let Stumpf know that the No Parking decals on the outside of the overhead doors should be replaced and there are monies in the FD Facilities budget for new signage.
- Discussion on the Elliott Firehall repairs/renovations. Commissioners state that there are quite a bit of personal items being stored in the hall and it should be removed, as the county is moving forward with its long discussed plans to renovate the building so that it may be another community venue site.
  - Commissioner Baue contacts the contractor that conducted to exterior repairs, it is determined that he will attend the next general meeting on Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 11:30am to look at the continuation of his repairs/renovations to the interior of the building.
- New Fire Chief, Bill Hutchison is present and introduces himself to the Commission.

1:30 PM - Treasure Co Council on Aging Coordinator, Megan Metcalf

- Modification to agreement with Action for Eastern Montana
  - Action has sent a document for Commissioners approval. It is an adjustment for more funds to be awarded to Treasure County.
  - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baker Moves to accept modification, Baue 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion Carries. Metcalf will send modification to Action for Eastern MT.
  - Metcalf presents a proposal for her to offer a Soup & Bread Meal once a week for the community. The Commissioners respond with a resounding Yes! They remind her that she has a budget through Treasure Co for this sort of service. Metcalf plans to offer this lunch on Tuesdays as Congregate Meals are Wednesday evenings.

1:45 PM - Treasure County Dept Heads:

- Treasure County Clerk & Recorder, Marlee Sears
  - Discussion on Preliminary Budget for FY25
    - Clerk Sears discusses where to potentially cut a significant amount from the annual budget due to low valuations coming in for the County from the Department of Revenue.
  - The Compensation Board recommended the county employees receive a 5% raise based off hopeful positive valuations, but it is looking like the budget will only allow for a 3% raise. Commissioners and Clerk Sears discuss many numbers, departments and possibilities.
- Sick & Vacation Leave discussion for different employee classifications, it is concluded that full time employees accrue at the current rates however part time salaried employees do not receive those benefits. With the exception of lifeguards who are considered full time seasonal. Meaning they accrue sick and vacation but would not be eligible to use it unless they return another season.
- Treasure County Floodplain Coordinator position is available, and it is discussed that the position had in the past been held also by the Conservation District Administrator. The County is going to move forward in advertising the Floodplain Coordinator position as open. The Conservation District Administrator is also open and being advertised.

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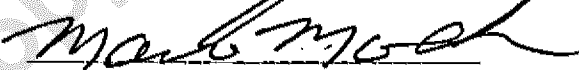
2:50 PM - Commissioners,

- Correspondence to Commissioners
  - Signatures and Account Certifications for Community Development for Montana Coal Board Funds
- Meetings to Report
  - Ruth Baker - Clerk & Recorder Convention
  - Ruth Baue -
  - Marlo Moehr -

3:00 PM Adjournment of regular business: being no further business to come before the Board, Ruth Baue moved for adjournment, Ruth Baker seconded the motion.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2024.

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Marlo Moehr, Chair



ATTEST:

Marlee Sears, Clerk & Recorder

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Dani Erickson, Deputy Clerk & Recorder

