

TREASURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 10th, 2024

10:03 AM - Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioners, Ruth Baue, Ruth Baker, and Marlo Moehr Chairman. Treasure County Clerk & Recorder, Marlee Sears, Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz, Treasure County Road Department, Robin Rich, Treasure County Sheriff, Will Seastrom & Undersheriff Tucker Shelton, Hysham Volunteer Fire Department, Jared Halvorson and Treasure County Treasurer, Julie Pinkerton. Also present were guests, Ruth Edlund, Bart Icopini, Bob Strecker, Richard Johnson, Jim Atchison with South Eastern Montana Development.

10:14 AM - Minutes Approval, Claims & Payroll

- Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting November 1st, 2024
 - ****MOTION**** - Baker Moves to approve November 1st, 2024 minutes, Baue 2nd, **Motion Carries**
- **Claims:** Claims for November 30th, 2024 were presented for payment in the amount of \$32,064.13, for check number 31923 through 31967.
- **Payroll:** Payroll in the amount of \$103,235.12 was approved. Employee check # 23324-23334 and Deduction check # 23335-23342 for disbursement on November 30th, 2024
- ***All other Claims were approved & paid.**

10:30 AM - Treasure County Road Department Discussion, Robin Rich

- Road Business
 - Discussion regarding the gravel pit on the PV Ranch parcel. PV Ranch would like to begin screening gravel from the gravel pit.
 - ****MOTION**** - Baue moved there is no opposition to PV Ranch screening the gravel from the gravel pit previously leased with Treasure County and Griersons, Baker 2nd, motion carries
- Canister site discussion
 - Discussion regarding wiring of the new canister site attendant building, by Don's Electric, expect a claim to come in.
- Culverts & Bridges
 - Discussion regarding various culverts & bridge updates
 - River Rd is funded by Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT) the time frame for repairs is unknown as they are in charge of the project.
 - Discussion regarding temporary fix for River Road Bridge and Kolb Bridge
 - Construction should be completed by the 1st of April for the Gibson Road Bridge
 - Commissioner Baue is to attend the coal board meeting and talk with Stahly at the next commissioner meeting

10:45 AM - Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz

- Weed Board Structure Discussion
 - Discussion of the most current weed plan, spraying, paperwork.

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- There are no grants or contracts that are fueled by income at this point in time, they were all cancelled last year.
- There are no current decisions to make regarding the structure of the weed department, it will continue to be on the agenda and within the commissioner discussions.
- Discussion of having an administrator at the Conservation District. Even without grant contracts there are still necessary documents that have to be completed to be turned into the State.

11:00 AM - Public Comment -

- Sheriff Seastrom introduced his newly appointed Undersheriff, Tucker Shelton.
- Bob Strecker was present to Thank the County Commissioners in their efforts to repair Pease Bottom Road. Mr. Strecker also informed the commission of a check hold that had to be fixed. Also he had questions regarding the GPS and First Responders of the County to decipher the difference of the Northern part of Tullock Road and the Southern part of Tullock Road. He has concerns with elder family members. The board of commissioners advised Mr. Strecker to reach out to Amy Adler.

11:15 AM - Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz continued

- Airport Hangar Rental Discussion
 - Mr. Richard Johnson lives in Waco, Montana. He loves the Hysham Airport and would like to lease the hangar that is available through Treasure County.
 - ****MOTION**** - Baker moved, to accept Mr. Johnsons application for hangar lease, Baue 2nd, motion carries
 - Payment will be due in January
- Airport Hangar Tax Roll Discussion
 - ****MOTION**** - Baker moved, to waive the Taxes for R701120 in the amount of \$17.75, Baue 2nd, motion carries.
 - This airport hangar is now owned by Treasure County.
- Sale of 309 Elliott Ave, Hysham, MT 59038
 - Hanna believes the county has 2 options
 - Option 1: Get an appraisal
 - Option 2: Tax Deed Property Process
 - The Board of Commissioners questioned if they could just seek proposals to inquire about interest into the building.

11:56 PM - Recess for Lunch

12:56 PM - Treasure County Department Heads:

- Treasure County Justice of the Peace, E. Fink
 - Discussion regarding the blinds in the courtroom
 - Judge Fink would like to replace the blinds with more of a black out style to prevent the sun from coming in and blinding individuals in the courtroom
 - Commissioners approved the purchase of the blinds.
 - Discussion of having a mini split placed in the courtroom to cool and heat just the court room as it is already on it's own unit.

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- **Treasure County Clerk & Recorder, M. Sears**
 - Resolution 2024-053 – Budget Amendment for County Council on Aging Fund.
 - Gift Card Discussion – Gift Cards are approved for this year
 - Advertisement for the Study Commission Positions – Local Government Review Board
 - Certificate of Election presented to Commissioner Bauc for her Re-election for another 6 year term with Treasure County.
- **Hysham Volunteer Fire Department, Jared Halvorson**
 - The fire department would like to donate to the giving tree, it would be under the \$500. Spending cap but Jared wanted to let the Commissioners know that is what they plan to do.
 - Bureau of Land Management gifted fire danger signs to the department, so Jared requested possible locations to place the signs.

1:30 PM – South Eastern Montana Development Representative, Jim Atchison

- Discussion regarding the membership dues which we already paid for the current year.
- Review of services
- Discussion of House Bill 819
- Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation with SEMDC
- Discussion regarding the Department of Commerce Grant application that was not awarded any funding for the Firehall repairs to house the fire trucks.
- Discussion regarding Senate Bill 536
- Conference Call with Julie from SEMDC about the upcoming Coal Board Meeting.
 - Each individual will be allowed 1 minute to speak, each project is only receiving 5-6 mins of discussion. Ruth Bauc and Ruth Baker will be attending

1:15 PM – Treasure County Sheriff's Department, W. Seastrom

- **In car dash cam discussion**
 - The dash cam was not wired in correctly in the 2500 Dodge Ram Truck. Will presented 2 separate bids for the work to scratch it and have it 100 percent rewired and working correctly. One bid was from SVT Sontech in the amount of \$5,725.70 out of South Dakota and the other was from Dana Safety out of Livingston Montana in the amount of \$4125.00. Commissioners advised the Sheriff that if he needed to have the truck re-wired it would take a big chunk out of his budget for the fiscal year, then once the money is gone it is gone.
 - ****MOTION** - Bauc moved to have the 2500 dodge patrol vehicle rewire, Baker 2nd, motion carries**
- Tucker Shelton, the new undersheriff should be able to attend the academy in August of 2025.

2:50 PM - Commissioners,

- **Discussions**
 - **Short-Term Loan Discussion**
 - Commissioners would like to do the Short-term loans one time at the end of the year instead of a monthly reconciliation.
- **Meetings to Report**

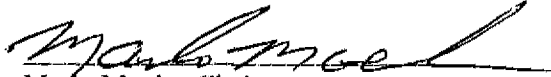
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- Ruth Baker - 911 Meeting
 - Planning Board Meeting
 - Montana Association of Counties Newly Elected Official Training
- Ruth Baue - Mental Health Meeting
- Marlo Moehr -

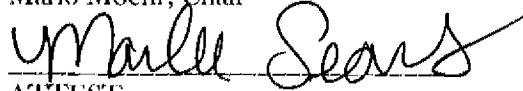
3:00 PM Adjournment of regular business: being no further business to come before the Board, Ruth Baker moved for adjournment, Ruth Baue seconded the motion.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2024.

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Marlo Moehr, Chair



ATTEST:

Marlee Sears, Clerk & Recorder

BY: _____

Dani Erickson, Deputy Clerk & Recorder

