

Moffat County Board of County Commissioners  
221 W Victory Way Suite 130 Craig, CO 81625

October 15, 2019

**In attendance:** Don Cook, Chair; Ray Beck, Vice-Chair; Donald Broom, Board Member; Erin Miller, Deputy Clerk & Recorder; Paul James; Jenny James; Rebecca Tyree; Vickie Huyser; Jayne Morley; Dan Miller; Jeff Comstock; Roy Tipton; Shauana Merrill; Lennie Gillam; Clay Thorp; Jan Rogers; Sandy Chamberlain; John Anderson; Cathy Powell Case; Mark McStay

Call to Order  
Pledge/Opening Prayer

Beck made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Consent Agenda -**

Review & Sign the following documents: (see attached)

Approve minutes:

- a) October 1
- b) 2019-100: Resolution for Payment of Warrants
- c) 2019-101: Resolution for Transfer of Payroll Warrants
- d) Craig Trap Club grant application letter of support
- e) Letter of Final Settlement to Stripe-a-Lot for 2019 striping project
- f) Discharge Monitoring report for Limestone Pit #10
- g) Free Use Permit – Refuge Pit #1
- h) Monthly & Semi Annual Treasurer's report(s)
- i) Core Services contract – Mental Health services w/S. Wall
- j) Core Services contract – Life Skills services w/S. Wall
- k) CO Department of Health Care Policy & Financing Agreement – Amendment #5
- l) Intergovernmental Agreement – Amendment #2 for the Work Number agreement w/State of CO Department of Human Services

Broom made a motion to approve the consent agenda; items A-L. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Public Comments, General Discussion & BOCC Reports:**

**BOCC:**

General Discussion was held among the Board:

✓ Beck:

- CO Aeronautical Board meeting in Grand Junction last week. Toured the Grand Junction Airport; they have a large remodel project coming up next year.
- Will attend the AGNC meeting tomorrow in Fruita
- Housing Authority Board retreat/meeting on October 30
- County surplus auction October 19, 10 am, at Road & Bridge Department
- Appointed to "Just Transition" Advisory Council. This council has to do with the Governor's energy policy. First meeting is October 22.

✓ **Broom:**

- No comment

✓ **Cook:**

- Was dubious at first about involvement with the “Just Transition” Advisory Council, but after giving it some thought after last night’s Land Use Board meeting, thinks it will be a good idea to have some representation. The Land Use Board encouraged Commissioner Beck to attend the meetings in person rather than by phone.
- Attended CCI Legislative meeting last Friday in Denver
- Discussed Proposition DD (sports betting taxation)
- Reminded everyone about openings on both the Library and Fair Boards

**Public Comment:**

**Jayne Morley** – Congratulated Commissioner Beck on his appointment to the Just Transition Advisory Council. Thanked the BOCC in advance for remembering the Libraries and Museum in the 2020 budget process. Also thanked them for listening to her by-weekly and considering her requests.

**Vickie Huyser** – Thanked the BOCC for their time and consideration in the preparation of the 2020 budget.

**Staff Reports:**

**County Attorney – Rebecca Tyree**

- Discussion regarding Miles High landfill contract

Miles High has not fulfilled the second year of their landfill contract with the County (in tonnage) due to financial hardships. They had a shortage on their contract of \$128,000; Cook and Tyree have been in discussions and negotiations with the company to try and get some of that funding without having to revert to harsher methods. Miles High has agreed to pay \$25,000, as long as the BOCC approves it in a public meeting. Cook had spoken with Dan Miller about this agreement, and he also feels that it would be the best outcome. Tyree will draw up a settlement contract and Miles High should have the \$25,000 check to us by Friday.

Beck moved to accept the settlement of the Miles High Landfill contract for \$25,000. Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Road & Bridge Department – Dan Miller**

- Bid recommendation for Packer/Roller (see attached)

Miller brought a bid recommendation before the BOCC for two Packer/Rollers from LyCox Enterprises in the amount of \$39,975.00. This was the only bid that was received; two old Packer/Rollers will be used as trade-ins in this process. Two other existing Packer/Rollers will be replaced next year.

Broom moved to accept the bid for two Packer/Rollers from LyCox Enterprises for \$39,975.00. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

- Monthly report (August & September – see attached):

1. Crusher – We are continuing to crush at the Villard Pit. The construction crew is stripping the remaining gravels as well as reclaiming any areas they can.
2. Truck crew graveled about 5 miles of CR 5, past the residences. They are currently graveling CR 38 through Wilderness Ranch. We will stop for the winter at the end of this week and resume next spring.
3. The cattle guard crew built 5 cattle guards. We buy the materials every year and build our own guards to our specs. This saves money and we get a consistent product.
4. The construction crew has been busy with the fuel tanks. All 3 are set and working. As soon as the concrete has cured around the tanks the rest of the county entities will be able to start fueling at the road and bridge shop. This project came in under budget.
5. Landfill – business as usual.
6. The motor grader crew has been busy blading and repairing roads. We put over 5 million gallons of water on the roads this season. We will start putting wings on the motor graders in a few weeks in preparation for snow.
7. We have only been called to two fires so far this year. Last month we only put in 24.5 man hours firefighting.

Beck asked how the culvert project/road closure on CR 4N was going. Miller stated that they were able to open the road after four days and were just putting some finishing touches on it.

Office of Development Services – Roy Tipton

- Present letter of final payment to Frontier Paving for the Mill & Overlay project on CR(s) 51 & 17 (see attached)

Two ads were run in the newspaper September 27 and October 4 regarding the final payment to Frontier Paving for the Mill & Overlay project on CR(s) 51 & 17; no claims or notices have been received. The project came in under budget at \$703,160.00.

Broom made a motion to approve the final payment to Frontier Pavement for \$703,160.10. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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9:15 am

Finance Department - Mindy Curtis

- Public hearing to present the proposed 2020 County Budget (see attached)

Beck read the Public Hearing protocol. Curtis presented and explained the narrative for the 2020 County Budget. She emphasized that at this time, all budget items are still under discussion.

Highlights include:

- Providing the employees with a cost of living raise (3%), which has not been done since 2017 (2%)
- Rising costs of Employee Health Insurance
- Limited increases in operating expenses
- Capital improvement plan

- Revenue: The 2020 Budget has an increase of \$490,000 in interest revenue due to changes in banking services; this will be used towards the employee cost of living adjustment and increase in insurance premiums. The County also has seen an increase in sales tax.

At this point, Curtis put a full version of the budget up on the screen for purposes of discussion pertaining to the Libraries and Museum budgets. It has been proposed that the City of Craig will contribute \$150,000 for library operations. Moffat County will be contributing \$195,000 towards the operation of the Craig and Maybell Libraries and a portion of the Dinosaur Library. The Town of Dinosaur will contribute \$15,000 towards their library.

It is proposed that both Moffat County and the City of Craig will contribute \$150,000 towards the Museum.

At the October 1<sup>st</sup> BOCC meeting, the Northwest Colorado Recreation Foundation had appeared on the agenda to request \$6,550.00 to use as a portion of matching monies towards the feasibility study for a recreation district/center. Commissioner Cook stated that that request has been tabled at this time and is not included in the budget figures because there are too many unanswered questions.

Commissioner Beck asked if there were any audience members that wanted to testify in favor of the preliminary proposed budget.

Vickie Huyser came up before the BOCC and thanked the Commissioners for doing their part in funding the Libraries and Museum, and hoped that the City would do the same thing. She thought it was important that they gave the employees a well-deserved raise, and for waiting on the rec center request until more questions are answered. They need to do their homework before asking for taxpayer money.

Jayne Morely thanked the Commissioners for finding the funding in the budget to give employees a cost of living raise. Her husband is a former County employee and knows that County employees are not at the top of the pay scale. It means a lot to her that the BOCC has found a way to fund the Libraries and Museum for another year. She also echoed Huyser by stating that she was in favor of waiting on the contribution to the Recreation Foundation.

Beck stated that in past years, the budget had always been balanced on the back of the employees. It was one of the BOCC's main goals to show the employees that they are the County's best assets and they wanted to show that by giving them a raise.

Beck asked if there were any other audience members wanted to testify either for or against the proposed budget; there was none.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Cook commented that even though it may seem like our revenue has gone up \$2 million dollars that is based on variables that may not be the same for any other upcoming years, i.e., interest revenues gained from a change in banking services, PILT payments and severance taxes.

Broom made a motion to approve the Proposed 2020 County Budget. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commissioners thanked the Finance Department and the Employee Health Insurance Board for their time and dedication to the budget process.

Adjournment:

Cook adjourned the meeting at 9:39 am.

The next scheduled BOCC meeting is Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Submitted by: Erin Miller, Deputy Clerk and Recorder

Approved by: Don Cook

Ray Beck  
Conrad Brown

Approved on: October 29, 2019

Attest by: Erin Miller

