

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

January 31, 2017

In attendance, Frank Moe, Chairman; Ray Beck, Vice Chair; Don Cook, Board Member; Lila Herod, Moffat County Clerk & Recorder; Neil Folks, Andy Daniels, Jeff Comstock, Paul Boyd; Walter and Marilyn Stevens; Ralph Henderson; Norvell Hall; Ken Wergin; Lois and Jay Wymore; Brian and JoAnn Baxter; Judy Kostur; Marlene Griffith; Laura Willems; Gail Severson; Roy Tipton; Michelle Balleck; Delaine Voloshin; Kathy Shea; Jean Jones; John Allen; Lauren Blair

**Call to Order
Pledge/Opening Prayer**

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

Consent Agenda:

Beck made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of:

- a) Approved the minutes from January 17th and January 24, 2017.
- b) Approved the minutes from the Board of Health meeting on January 23, 2017.
- c) Approved the Department of Social Services legal representation agreement with Geoffrey Petis.
- d) Approved the CDPHE annual storm water reports.
- e) Approved the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Craig and Moffat County for conduct of the City of Craig Municipal Election.
- f) Approved the contract for the Online Cost Analysis.

Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Roger Richmond present

Public Comment, General Discussion & BOCC Reports:

General discussion was held among the Board:

- ✓ Cook read a letter from Bob Molloy, who lives in the Browns Park area. Mr. Molloy complimented employees of the Road and Bridge Department for their hard work this winter.
- ✓ Cook gave an update on the CCI meeting.
- ✓ Beck gave an update on AGNC weekly legislative calls and Club 20.

J.R & Earlene Ewing, Peggy Hough, Nolan Sharpe, and Teri Mansfield present.

- ✓ Beck gave an update on various Board meetings he has attended as well as the Division of Aeronautics.
- ✓ Moe reviewed the resolution of the Nine Rules of Civility.
- ✓ Moe reported there are still many volunteer board vacancies and encouraged people to apply for these positions.

Rebecca Tyree, Evelyn Tileston, Anna Adams, Chris Oxley present.

- ✓ Moe also gave an update on various meetings he will be attending.
- ✓ Comstock reviewed the Stream Protection Act which impacts mining processes. The Commissioners have signed a letter urging our legislatures to oppose this Act. Club 20 and other western counties and industry leaders are also opposing this issue.
- ✓ Jean Jones spoke on behalf of the Seniors Organization. The group is concerned with the Commissioners decision to sell the Shadow Mountain Clubhouse. Jones read from the Thirteen Ways to Kill Your Community, which cautioned leaders to not ignore their seniors. The seniors would like to take over the management of this facility.
- ✓ Walter Stevens, Evelyn Tileston, JoAnn Baxter, Gail Seveson, Judy Kostur all spoke in support of Shadow Mountain Clubhouse and stated it would serve as a meeting place or Senior Social Center. This is an important community building.

Amanda Arnold present.

Staff Reports:

Finance Department- Mindy Curtis

Curtis reviewed the January Supplemental Budget. Line item transfers were made to the following departments without change to the contingency fund:

Clerk & Recorder, Assessor, Grounds and Building, Sheriff, Hamilton Community Center, Maybell, Maybell Ambulance, Maybell Fire, Pest Management, Moffat County Fair, Health Allotments, Road and Bridge, Landfill, Airport, Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, Jail, Social Services and Moffat County Local Marketing District.

The Contingency Fund balance is \$350,000.00 and the Emergency Reserve account balance is \$936,045.00.

Cook made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-13 January Supplemental Budget. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Office of Development Services- Roy Tipton

There was discussion over the decision to sell the Shadow Mountain Clubhouse. The current lease on Shadow Mountain expires in May, so if this building is sold it would go to public auction on May 3rd.

The market analysis suggests a minimum bid on the building to begin anywhere between \$275,000 and \$325,000.

Tipton explained some of the challenges and expenses that are involved with the maintenance of this building. Moe also addressed budget issues facing the County. The sale of this building would reduce budget costs and put the property back on the tax rolls.

Tom Kleinschnitz, Betsy Overton, and Dana Duran present.

Beck made a motion to table the decision on the Shadow Mountain Clubhouse in order to discuss further options. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Department of Social Services- Laura Willems

Willems reviewed the Colorado Works Program and United Way contract for the Bridges out of Poverty program.

Amanda Arnold reported the Bridges program has been funded, in part by a two year grant from the Daniels Fund, but due to a change in grant making, the program can no longer qualify for this grant program. Arnold also reviewed the success of participants.

Cook made a motion to approve the contract between Moffat County Department of Social Services and Moffat County United Way for the Bridges Out Of Poverty Program, not to exceed \$37,000.00. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Presentations:

Luke Tucker, Paul Boyd, Neil Folks, and Jay Oxley (CMEDP Board Members) present

Craig Moffat Economic Development Partnership- Michelle Balleck

Balleck requested reconsideration of the funding request for MCEDP. The County has currently budgeted \$3,000. CMEDP is requesting full funding, which would be an additional \$32,000.

The Commissioners agreed this is an important program and they appreciate all the new energy.

Beck made a motion to approve the full funding request of \$35,000 for Moffat County Economic Development Partnership. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Small Business Alliance- Michelle Balleck & Christina Oxley

Balleck discussed funding for the Small Business Alliance, Business Opportunity Toolkit. This data and analysis will provide measurable economic development for business attraction, retention and expansion efforts.

- Supply chain analysis will determine what types of supplier gaps exist in our local primary and emerging industries. Based on these gaps efforts will be made to target specific businesses.
- Local market analysis is used to evaluate retail market opportunities.
- Visitor Survey
- Project budget is \$140,000.00.

Balleck reported the USDA Rural Business Development grant has been submitted in the amount of \$25,000. Grant funding is also available from the Rural Economic Development Initiative Grant in the amount of \$55,000. Request for funding for local contributions in the amount of \$30,000, and in kind contributions in the amount of \$30,000

The Commissioners indicated this is a difficult decision. Cook stated he is struggling with this because County Departments are being asked to cut their budgets and employees. This is not a budgeted item, and the money that was set aside for economic development was just approved for MCEDP.

Moe indicated the Local Marketing District may be able to assist with this request.

Cook made a motion to approve the funding request for the Business Opportunity Toolkit. Beck seconded the motion. Motion failed 3-0. See attached.

Balleck requested a letter of support for a DOLA grant. The Commissioners agreed to send this letter of support.

Northwest Colorado Rural Philanthropy Days Steering Committee:

Amanda Arnold and Dana Duran discussed Rural Philanthropy Days, which will be held in Moffat County September 27-29. The Northwest Region serves Moffat, Grand, Rio Blanco and Routt counties.

Major funders meet with nonprofit agencies, government officials and business leaders to help strengthen partnerships and communities. Approximately 300 people will attend this conference. Between the years 2009-2015, over \$15 million has been disbursed to this northwest region.

The committee is requesting a sponsorship from the County for this conference. This is a one-time request.

Beck made a motion to consider a sponsorship for Northwest Colorado Rural Philanthropy Days. Cook seconded the motion.

The Commissioners discussed this is an important request, but again referred to budget restraints and that they could not support this request at this time.

Motion failed 3-0. See attached.

Commissioners Beck and Moe expressed their support of the program and pledged individual sponsorships to this event.

Adjournment:

Moe adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Lila Herod, County Clerk and Recorder

Approved by: *Lila Herod*

Dem Beck

Ray Beck

Approved on: 2-7-17

Attest by: *Lila Herod*

