

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

October 3, 2017

In attendance, Frank Moe, Chairman; Ray Beck, Vice Chair; Don Cook, Board Member; Lila Herod, Moffat County Clerk & Recorder; Ken Wergin; Neil Folks; Anton Scherbl; Sherry Sampson; Chuck Grobe; Andres Arredondo; Roy Tipton; Lynnette Siedschlaw; Dan Miller; Lois and Jay Wymore; Lennie Gillam; Cathy Nielson; Rebecca Tyree; Sasha Nelson; Jeff Comstock

**Call to Order
Pledge/Opening Prayer**

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

Consent Agenda:

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

- a) Approved the minutes from September 26, 2017.
- b) Approved Resolution 2017-125 Corrections for the month of October in the amount of \$1,008.93.
- c) Approved Resolution 2017-126 Voided warrants for the month of October in the amount of \$950.00.
- d) Approved Resolutions 2017-27 and 2017-128 Payment of payroll warrants for the payroll ending September 22, 2017 in the amounts of \$191,235.20 and \$237,152.69.
- e) Approved Resolution 2017-129 Transfer of payment of warrants for the month of October in the amount of \$610,788.71.
- f) Approved a letter of support for the TIGER grant application for State Highway 13 Corridor project.

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

Public Comments, General Discussion & BOCC Reports:

General discussion was held among the Board:

- ✓ Beck discussed the tragic shooting in Las Vegas and offered prayers and support.
- ✓ Beck reported Rural Philanthropy Days was a success with 321 attendees.
- ✓ The Commissioners attended the Republican Central Committee meeting, with guest speakers, Brett Barkey and Justin Rivers who are both running for State Treasurer.
- ✓ Cook also offered condolences to the victims and families of the Las Vegas shooting.
- ✓ Moe reported he attended the Dinosaur Town Council meeting where they discussed the LMD proposed bylaws and budget. There was also discussion regarding the condition of Highway 40.

- ✓ Chuck Grobe, who is still a member of the Transportation Committee, discussed the letter of support for the State Highway 13 corridor project and he discussed proposed improvements for Highway 40.

Mayor Ponikvar and Patty Maradiegue present.

- ✓ Ken Wergin discussed the staff shortages at the Library and encouraged support of their personnel requisitions. He also expressed concern with the trash contract with Miles High and the impact this could have on the City of Craig.
- ✓ Lois Wymore handed out flyers supporting Referred Measure 5A. She also discussed Philanthropy Days and stated the community and volunteers made a very good impression on funders. She also accepted the challenge from Patch Adams and put on her red nose, which encourages happiness and smiles.

Nolan Sharpe present.

Staff Reports:

Road and Bridge Department – Dan Miller

Miller reviewed the monthly report:

- Completed repairs and started crushing at the Villard Pit. The crusher has been down due to vandalism.
- Water and Blading roads.
- Cleaning culverts and repairing cattle guards.
- Bridge repairs on County Road 1
- Hauling gravel to county roads.
- Completed Highway striping project
- Assisted with Pine Tree and Winter Valley Fires
- High winds at the Landfill have created additional trash issues.
- Stock pile pit run from the Charchalis Pit for road repairs.

Miller presented the final payment letter to Stripe A Lot for completion of the 2017 striping project.

Cook made a motion to approve the final payment letter to Stripe A Lot for completion of the 2017 striping project. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Human Resources- Lynnette Siedschlaw

Siedschlaw reviewed personnel requisitions for the Road Department, Grounds and Facilities and for the Library.

The Road Department has a personnel requisition for a heavy equipment operator. This is a full-time, existing position that is open due to an employee resignation. The position maintains

county roads in the summer and snow removal in the winter. The route also includes snow removal for the Airport and runway.

Miller requested permission to rehire a vacant position if the position is rehired internally, without presenting another personnel requisition. The Commissioners indicated they will consider this request.

Beck made a motion to approve the personnel requisition for a Heavy Equipment Operator at the Road and Bridge Department. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

The Grounds and Facilities Department has an opening for a Maintenance Technician. This is a full time, existing position that is open due to an employee resignation. The position performs maintenance of facilities at the Park and Ice Arena.

Cook made a motion to approve the personnel requisition for a Maintenance Technician for the Maintenance and Facilities Department. Beck seconded the motion.

Cook discussed the budget cuts and indicated the ice rink brings in revenues and is quite close to breaking even. The Commissioners agreed utilization of the ice rink is high and it is an economic driver.

Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

The Library has an opening for three part-time Library Assistants. Currently there are five existing positions, and three employees have recently resigned their positions. Staff positions have been combined and hours reduce in order to cut costs. The Library will also be reducing the hours of operation to meet budget cuts.

Beck made a motion to approve the personnel requisition for a Library Assistant 1. This is a part-time position. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Cook made a motion to approve the personnel requisition for two Library Assistants. These are both part-time positions. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Siedschlaw reviewed a resolution authorizing the closure of County offices and facilities on October 9, 2017 in order to allow all employees to attend the Employee Meeting being held at the Pavilion. The meeting is mandatory for employees and Departments that report to the Commissioners and Elected Officials and their staff is also encouraged to attend.

Beck made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-130 Moffat County Facility Closure for All-Employee Meeting on October 9, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Linda DeRose present.

Presentations:

Advocates- Chuck Grobe

Grobe discussed Domestic Violence awareness and he requested the Commissioners proclaim the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Community is encouraged to “Take a Stand” against domestic violence and help create a culture where domestic violence is not tolerated and where society empowers victims and survivors and holds abusers accountable.

Grobe reviewed statistics and studies that indicate community crisis. Advocates kicked off the October celebration yesterday morning at the courthouse. They will also be attending the Homecoming Parade and October Fest. Other events have been planned for the entire month included the Pin Wheel celebration, and the Purple Festival.

Grobe introduced Advocates staff members, Patty Maradiegue and Andreas Arredondo.

Tom Mathers present.

Cook made a motion to proclaim the month of October as 2017 Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

City of Craig- Mayor John Ponikvar:

Ponikvar discussed ballot measure 2A and requested the Commissioners sign a letter of support of the City’s Sales Tax question.

Ponikvar reviewed the City sales tax measure, which increases the City sales tax by 1.75%, for a total of 4%. This measure excludes the additional tax on lodging accommodations and also eliminates the city sales tax on all vehicles and OHV purchases.

Ponikvar reported there have always been disadvantages to passing a city sales tax increase primarily because of the tax on vehicles and the lodging tax. The elimination of the sales will also encourage more vehicle sales within local dealers because residents currently have an advantage when they buy vehicles outside of the city because they don’t have to pay city sales or use tax.

Upon passage of this ballot measure, the City would also start collecting their own sales tax, saving the City \$121,000. The proposed increase is as follows:

Increase in sales tax	\$2,815,693.00
Collection of sales tax savings	- \$ 121,000.00
Exempt motor vehicle sales tax	- \$ 341,333.00
Exempt OHV sales tax	- \$ 83,340.00
Exempt MV & OHV collected by county	-\$ 28,840.00
Exempt lodging increase	-\$ 137,239.00

Total expected revenues: \$2,103,941.00

Ponikvar reported the City provides many amenities to this community, including roads and maintenance, parks and recreation, law enforcement, etc. Although 73% of the population lives within the city limits, 100% of the citizens of Moffat County use the City's amenities.

Cook indicated that initially he was having a difficult time supporting this issue because he lives in the County and he is not able to vote on the measure, and he stated many county residents have this very same struggle. He recognizes that although he is a county citizen, he still benefits from these city services and agrees it is time to increase taxes in order to provide and continue with these services.

Moe stated passage of this measure is an investment in our community. Everyone is budget conscience, but it is time to take pride in our community and attract new growth and new businesses. We can't cut our way to prosperity.

Beck stated both the City and County are struggling with their budgets and it is time to step up and support both 5A and 2A.

The Commissioners agreed to write a letter of support.

Ponikvar then discussed the recent increase in Landfill tipping fees and the new contract with Miles High. Commissioner Cook and Mayor Ponikvar met to discuss this increase and reviewed the costs involved to operate the Landfill.

Cook reported Miles High, who was formally known as Aces High, contacted Moffat County to deliver trash beginning October 1st. A contract was initiated to bring 7,000 tons of trash each year and over \$300,000 in revenues. This is a two year agreement, renewable for five years. This contract will help the Landfill operate without transferring funds from the General Fund.

Cook indicated the Commissioners have agreed to reassess the local and non-resident landfill fees after the budget has been adopted.

Ponikvar stated 80% of the Landfill business comes from the City of Craig and though he recognizes the need to maintain the budget, it should not come at the expense of local City and County residents. An out of town, for profit business should be charged more than local residents.

Ponikvar presented some Landfill research that was conducted by Councilwoman, Andrea Camp. See attached. He again stressed that City and County residents should not be expected to pay more than a Routt County business and he appreciates the Commissioners re-consideration.

Cook reiterated this new revenue will stay in the Landfill fund and will help with new cell development, equipment replacement, and mandated regulations.

Adjournment:

Moe adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Lila Herod, County Clerk and Recorder

Approved by: *Frank A. Moe*

[Signature]

Fay Beck

Approved on: 10.10.17

Attest by: *Lila Herod*

