

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

February 6, 2018

In attendance, Ray Beck, Chairman; Don Cook, Vice Chair; Frank Moe, Board Member; Amanda Tomlinson, Deputy Clerk & Recorder; Ken Wergin; Roy Tipton; Linda DeRose; Amy Updike; Cathy Nielson; Rebecca Tyree; Eleanor Hasenbeck; Carol Haskins; Debra Marks; & Tracy Winder.

**Call to Order
Pledge/Opening Prayer**

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

Consent Agenda:

Moe made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Review & Sign the following documents:

- a) Approved the minutes from January 30, 2018
- b) Approved the Resolutions for Payment of Payroll Warrants: 2018- 16 & 2018-17
- c) Approved the Resolution for Transfer of Payment of Warrants: 2018-18
- d) CPW Impact Assistance Grant application
- e) Department of Human Services Copier Maintenance agreement
- f) Custodial Services contracts:
 - o Road & Bridge
 - o Courthouse & Extension Office

Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Comments, General Discussion & BOCC Reports:

General discussion was held among the Board:

- ✓ Moe was pleased to attend Senator Gardner's Transportation round table at the airport.
- ✓ Moe is attending the MCTA meeting and Communities That Care meeting on February 7, 2018. He added that the proposal is out for Broadband, and can be found on the City of Craig and Moffat County websites.
- ✓ Cook gave more detail about the Transportation meeting with Senator Gardner. The Airport Reauthorization is underway, and is supposed to be completed in March. With President Trump's infrastructure push, Highway(s) 13 & 40 are being reviewed for upgrades.

- ✓ Meeting John Swartout and JT Romanski about Sage Grouse on Friday, February 9, 2018. Cook is hoping that this will be the final push to change Sage Grouse regulations. Cook is planning to take Romanski, and possibly Swartout, flying around the county if time and weather will permit.
- ✓ Cook also mentioned that the Fair Board is still working to finalize the entertainment for the Fair this year. The plan is to book Diamond Rio, but there are a lot of details to work out before the deal can be finalized.
- ✓ Beck commented on the importance of elected officials making connections outside of the community. He feels these connections will improve the local economy now and in the future. These connections are being made at the state and federal levels, as well as through the many groups that the officials are members of such as AGNC, Club 20, etc.
- ✓ Beck added that the BOCC hearts and prayers go out to the families of the four Colorado officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty in 2018.
- ✓ AGNC has a conference call every Thursday to update about the bills that are in legislation this session. The BOCC takes a stance for or against each bill during the legislative cycle.
- ✓ The Lincoln Day Dinner is scheduled for February 23rd at the Clarion. Tickets are available from Beck, Lila Herod, and Moe at the Best Western front desk. There are about 200 tickets for sale for \$50 per person.
- ✓ Through AGNC the County can apply for mini grants, each one totals \$10,000, and the BOCC intends to apply for some of those this year, but are unsure of what that will look like at this time.
- ✓ Beck attended a Club 20 meeting, and items discussed were the high costs associated with healthcare and prescriptions, and transportation. Transportation is the number one priority this year, even ahead of healthcare and education.
- ✓ The BOCC heard from the Governor, and he indicated that oil & gas can cohabitate with recreation and still provide quality of life. Hickenlooper also touched on broadband, water plans, and said that the State should have its own high cost fund.
- ✓ Beck also spoke about a conversation with Commissioner Brown of Ag Colorado. Agriculture is Colorado's number two industry, and only two percent of the US population is agriculture producers, and 97 percent are family owned.
- ✓ Wergin asked where and what time the MCTA and Communities that Care meetings will be? Moe said that the CTC meeting is at the CNCC Bell Tower, Room 202 from 1:00 pm -3:00 pm, and that MCTA is at the Bank of Colorado at 3:30 pm.
- ✓ Debra Marks said she feels that the job of a Commissioner is a part time job, and she is imploring the Commissioner's to do something bold and cut their salaries to make up for deficiencies in the budget. She also feels that the leaders in the community are overspending, and that some strategies from years past may help to balance the budget. All three BOCC members disagreed with Marks' opinion that they have a part time job, and reiterated that they each spend their own money rather than County money for most business related trips, meals, travel expenses, etc. Wergin said that things were much different in the 90s than they are now, and that the State, County, and City have tried to be proactive in recent years. He also said that it is important to mention how many things the BOCC does. Finally, Marks asked about the amount of boards in town, and the BOCC said they were happy to have many boards so that people who want to get involved can find a place to do so.

- ✓ Tracy Winder asked what the mini grants are for. Beck said that they are available, but must meet certain criteria, and the BOCC is unsure of what they will be applying for at the moment.

Staff Reports:

Road & Bridge Department – Linda DeRose reporting:

- ✓ DeRose presented the Cattle Guard Iron bid recommendation. She recommended that the bid be awarded to Recla Metals out of Montrose. See attached.
 - Cook made a motion to award the bid to Recla Metals for \$9,863 for the cattle guard iron. Moe seconded the motion. Beck asked how many cattle guards there are in the County, and DeRose answered that there are 475 in the county and Road & Bridge tries to replace five to eight per year. Motion carried 3-0.

Office of Development Services - Roy Tipton reporting:

- ✓ Tipton presented the Engineering Contract with SGM regarding the County Road 19 Bridge Structural Repair. See attached.
- ✓ There was an inspection done in October 2017 that showed structural damage to the bridge, specifically the South abutment wall, and it was given a decreased rating to five tons. The County was awarded a grant to repair this bridge from federal highways. Tipton said that the County would like to have this bridge further investigated because the engineer believes that this bridge can be repaired at a much smaller expense to the County. Tipton said if they use the federal highway money it will also take much longer in addition to costing the County more money.
- ✓ The bridge was moved to its current location in 1967, but the structure is at least 100 years old. Tipton and DeRose agree that this is somewhat of an emergency.
- ✓ Tipton also said that this could be a major problem for residents & workers that live near this bridge. If the bridge is closed, residents on the North of the bridge will have a 40 mile detour to take each direction.
 - Moe made a motion to approve the contract with SGM for \$20,388.60 for County Road 19 Bridge Structural Repair. Cook seconded the motion. Tipton wanted to add that the amount is subject to change, and he is hopeful that it will end up being less than this cost. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment:

Beck adjourned the meeting at 9:12 am.

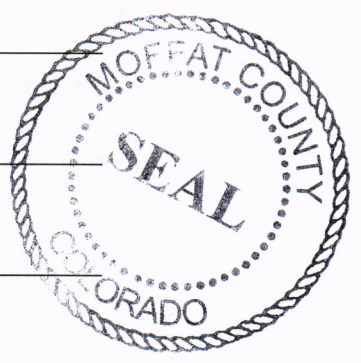
Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Amanda Tomlinson, Deputy Clerk and Recorder

Approved by: Ray Beck

Dan Cook

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Approved on: February 13, 2018

Attest by: Amanda Tomlinson