

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DANIELS COUNTY, MONTANA, HELD MARCH 4, 5, 18, 2024.

Monday, March 4, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

The Board met in regular session, Commissioners Lund and Linder were present with the clerk. Commissioner Humbert was absent.

Greg Crowder, City of Scobey Alderman was present.

The meeting was called to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Linder made a motion to approve the agenda, Commissioner Lund seconded the motion, all present voted in favor, motion passed.

Commissioner Linder made a motion to approve February 2024 minutes, Commissioner Lund seconded the motion, all present voted in favor, motion passed.

The Board approved payroll for February 29, 2024.

The Board approved JV#'s 8604 and 8605.

The Board reviewed the officer reports for February 2024.

Ben Fosland City of Scobey Attorney, Morgan Lekvold, Mayor, City of Scobey, Tammi Fladager, Clerk of District Court and Logan Olson, County Attorney joined the meeting.

Logan Olson, presented resolution 2024-9 to the Board to approve a ballot issue raising 50 mills to supplement the county general fund for sheriff/dispatcher accounts. After discussion, Commissioner Lund made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-0 to have a ballot issue raising 50 mills to supplement the county general fund for the sheriff/dispatcher budget on the June 4, 2024 ballot, Commissioner Linder seconded the motion, motion passed.

Ben Fosland City of Scobey Attorney, Morgan Lekvold, Mayor, City of Scobey, Greg Crowder, City of Scobey Alderman, Tammi Fladager, Clerk of District Court and Logan Olson, County Attorney left the meeting.

The Board reviewed an application for the cemetery head groundskeeper. Commissioner Linder made a motion to hire Wyatt Wilder, Commissioner Lund seconded the motion, motion passed.

The Board approved advertising for a part-time clerk for the Treasurers Office and a fill in position for the senior citizen coordinator.

Julia Laurie, Treasurer, presented a letter to Independence Bank changing names on the Treasurer accounts. Commissioner Linder made a motion to sign the letter, Commissioner Lund seconded the motion, motion passed.

The Board recessed for lunch.

The Board reconvened after lunch, Commissioners Lund and Linder were present with the clerk.

Commissioner Humbert was absent.

The Board reviewed the airport lease between the City-County Airport and Pro C-op. The lease wasn't signed by Pro Co-op, so the board held over acting on the lease until it was signed

The Board decided to put the old courtroom seating up for bids as old and obsolete equipment.

Logan Olson, County Attorney, brought in a draft copy of the solid waste agreement with Sheridan County for the disposal of Daniels County garbage.

The Board reviewed the airport lease with Pro Co-op for hanger use. Commissioner Linder made a motion to approve and sign said lease, Commissioner Lund seconded the motion, motion passed.

Julia Laurie, Treasurer, met with Board regarding the changes to the Motor Vehicle Department.

The Board recessed until March 5, 2024.

Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

The Board met in regular session, Commissioners Lund and Linder were present with the clerk. Commissioner Humbert was absent.

Meeting was called to order.

The Board approved claims dated February 2024.

LeeAnn Danelson, Public Health, met with the Board to let them know she was ordering sunscreen for over \$500.00. The Board approved the order.

John Bach, Interstate Engineering, met with the Board to provide options for the style of bridge to be put over coal creek. The board went with option 3, steel girder bridge.

John Bach and Rebecca Shaw, met with the Board regarding grant writing. Also present were Cody Warren and Tammi Fladager. The tentative want list was new fire trucks, 911 equipment, a new fire hall, a new balcony for the courthouse to name a few. John brought a list of available grants that some of these projects may qualify for. It was decided that a Capital Improvement plan needs to be prepared.

Sheriff Lowe and Logan Olson met with the Board regarding the Stonegarden grant program. Sheriff Lowe said deputy sheriff Morgan is on schedule to go to law enforcement training in August. Sheriff Lowe mentioned needed new surveillance cameras for the sheriff's office. Logan suggested contacting Leif Handran. Holum construction has repaired the floor from the water leak. Sheriff Lowe contacted someone to do the decals for the ford explorer. He sent out an acceptance letter to an applicant for deputy sheriff that lives outside of the county. Logan said the residency requirement can be waived.

The Board recessed for lunch.

The Board reconvened after lunch, Commissioners Lund and Linder were present with the clerk. Commissioner Humbert was absent.

Shawna Lowe, TAC Officer, met with the Board to give them the newest proposal for the console, hand held and mobile radios and recorder from Motorola. The total for all equipment is \$1,023,530.00 The

console and recorder are the first priority at \$550,000.00. Burl Bowler, Daniels County Leader was also present.

Lee Hinkley, Ambulance, met with the board regarding delinquent ambulance accounts.

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Hospital for the immunization program and the Task Order Amendment from the State for the immunization program. The Board contacted Mary Nyhus, Health Officer regarding these documents. Mary said not to sign either document and that our county attorney was working on a Memorandum of Understanding for the immunization program. These will be discussed at a Board of Health meeting and then a recommendation will be given to the Board.

Michael Bergeron, Road Supervisor, met with the Board to discuss forks for the loader. Carquest quoted a price of \$6200.00 delivered. The Board asked about whether the road department would be able to build the road for the solid waste transfer site.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's securities for February 2024 from the Independence Bank-Scobey.

Upon motion, the Board adjourned.

Monday, March 18, at 9 o'clock a.m.

The Board met in regular session, Commissioners Linder and Lund were present with the clerk. Commissioner Humbert was absent.

Meeting was called to order.

Troy Larson was also in attendance.

Commissioner Linder made a motion to approve the agenda, Commissioner Lund seconded the motion, all present voted in favor, motion passed.

The Board reviewed an email from the State of Montana regarding funding for the Nextgen 911. The clerk had reached out to the state and the equipment being needed is not included in the funding.

The Board approved JV's # 8606-8607.

Logan Olson, County Attorney and Tammi Fladager, Clerk of District Court joined to meeting.

The Board was reviewing the notice to see the unused or obsolete equipment being the old seating from the courtroom and a notice to sell the Peerless ballpark a 300' x 300' piece of property in Section 16, Township 35, Range 45 E.M.M.

Logan reviewed the COS #24386 with the Peerless Park and determined it cannot be put up for sale at this time.

Commissioner Linder made a motion to sign the notice of sale for the old seating from the courtroom, Commissioner Lund seconded the motion, motion passed.

Julia Laurie, Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss the property that is delinquent and able to be taken by tax deed. Commissioner Linder made a motion to start the tax deed process, Commissioner Lund seconded the motion, motion passed.

Julia Laurie, Treasurer, met with the Board to have Resolution 2024-10 changing authorized representatives for the STIP accounts and allowing the Treasurer to change authorized delegates without a resolution needing to be done. Commissioner Linder made a motion to sign Resolution 2024-10, Commissioner Lund seconded the motion, motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Airport construction request for reimbursement AIP 3-30-0068-015-2023 and AIP 3-30-0068-014-2022, Commissioner Linder made a motion to sign said requested, Commissioner Lund seconded the motion, motion passed.

A.J. Allen, Tobacco Specialist, met with the Board to bring them up to date on his program.

The Board signed the bridge construction report.

The Board recessed for lunch.

The Board reconvened after lunch, Commissioners Lund and Linder were present with the clerk. Commissioner Humbert was absent.

Shawna Lowe, TAC Officer, met with the Board to let them know that the quote for the consoles went down to approximately \$200,000.00 from \$500,000.00. She will follow up with a new written quote when she receives one.

The Department of Transportation meeting is being held in Wolf Point, on April 2, which is a regular commissioner day meeting. Commissioner Lund made a motion to move the regular April 2 meeting to April 3, Commissioner Linder seconded the motion, motion passed. The clerk was asked to publish the date change in the paper.

Commissioner Humbert joined the meeting by zoom, also present were Thomas Cheron and Marshall Nelson, U.S. Border Patrol, Sheriff Lowe, and Tammi Fladager, Sarah Harmon, DES, by zoom and Jason Layton, U.S. Border Patrol-Havre sector by phone. Discussed was implementing the Stonegarden program back for the sheriff's department. The Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG) is a program that allows overtime and equipment for the sheriff's office to assist U.S. Border Patrol in patrolling the border. This program is administered by Montana Disaster & Emergency Services and is a FEMA program. This program was suspended in 2023 due to inconsistent requests for reimbursements and paperwork being incorrectly or not filed at all, resulting in the county not receiving reimbursement for time paid out in fiscal year 2022-2023.

The Board reviewed and reappointed various board members.

Upon motion, the Board adjourned.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Daniels County, Montana

Kristy Jones
Clerk of the Board

by Mikel P. Lund, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners