

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
McCONE COUNTY, MONTANA
CIRCLE, MONTANA
Monday, April 6, 2020**

At the hour of 8:30 a.m., the Board of Commissioners of McCone County, Montana, met in regular session with Alan Stempel, Ty Taylor and James Moos present. Presiding Officer Alan Stempel called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The agenda was approved.

The March 23, 2020 minutes were approved as read.

Commissioner Moos reported on the MCHC Board meeting he attended by phone on March 24, 2020.

Commissioner Stempel reported on the Epidemiology Team meeting he attended in Circle on April 1, 2020.

Allen Rosaaen, South Road Foreman, met with the Board by phone to discuss grading roads and the Wright pit gravel permit status.

The Board reviewed and approved the payroll for the month of March, 2020. Voucher #9 for warrants #82938 through #82951 was issued in the amount of \$19,951.28. Voucher #1033 for automatic deposits in the amount of \$77,634.60 for a total payroll of \$97,585.88 was reviewed and approved. **(Copies of the voucher and payroll register are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Payroll Deduction Voucher #1034 for warrants #82952 through #82954 in the amount of \$31,512.31 was reviewed and approved. **(A copy of the voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed and approved county claims for the month of March, 2020. Voucher #1035 for warrants #78378 through #78456 for the amount of \$169,654.00 was signed at this time. **(A copy of the claim register and voucher are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The officers' reports for March, 2020 were reviewed and approved for the Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Justice Court, and Clerk and Recorder. **(Copies of the reports are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed and approved timesheets for March, 2020 for the employees and department heads under the supervision of the County Commissioners.

The Board reviewed Amendment Number One to Task Order Number 20-07-6-11-033-0 with the Montana Department of Public Health for COVID 19. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve Amendment Number One and Commissioner Moos seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of Amendment Number One is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Keri Taylor, DES Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss purchasing a tent system with positive air pressure for DES to use for COVID screening at the MCHC. Commissioner Taylor abstained from the conversation. Commissioner Moos moved to approve purchasing a tent system with spare fan, for approximately \$5,250 using PHEP funding and Commissioner Stempel seconded. The motion passed 2-0.

The Board tabled the decision on the Courthouse Closure Resolution.

The Board attended the Board of Health meeting at noon by webinar.

The meeting was opened to public participation at 1:00 p.m.

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Eastern Montana Drug Task Force. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the MOU and Commissioner Moos seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the Memorandum is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed the Area on Aging Contract Modification #01 for Service Contract 2020-001-07. Commissioner Moos moved to approve the Contract Modification and Commissioner Taylor seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the Modification is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed the decision by Maridel Kassner, Election Administrator, to conduct the June primary election by mail ballot. The Commissioners support the decision due to the situation caused by the Corona Virus. The Commissioners support local, in person, voting and plan to support in person voting for the General Election in 2020 if approved by the Governor. Commissioner Moos moved to approve a mail ballot election for the primary election and Commissioner Taylor seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the Mail Ballot Plan is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board met with Virginia Richardson, 911 Coordinator, by phone, to discuss the 911 phone contract. The Board reviewed the contract. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the contract and Commissioner Moos seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the contract is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed the Army Corps of Engineers agreement for Fort Peck Lake Patrol. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the agreement and Commissioner Moos seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the agreement is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed the Encroachment Permit for AJS Farms, Inc. Allen Rosaaen, South Road Foreman, recommended the approval of the permit. Commissioner Moos moved to approve the permit and Commissioner Taylor seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the permit is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board met with Nancy Stempel, GIS Coordinator, by phone, to discuss the MLIA Grant. Commissioner Stempel abstained from the discussion.

Correspondence occupied the Board the remainder of the day.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

The minutes are also available on the Commissioner page of the McCone County website at www.mcconecountymt.com.

McCone County Commissioners

Attest:
(Seal)

Alan Stempel, Presiding Officer

Maridel L. Kassner, Clerk and Recorder