

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
McCONE COUNTY, MONTANA
CIRCLE, MONTANA**

Monday, June 27, 2022

At the hour of 10:00 a.m., the Board of Commissioners of McCone County, Montana, met in regular session with James Moos, Alan Stempel, and Ty Taylor present. Presiding Officer James Moos called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The agenda was approved as amended to add a contract for audit services with Olness and Associates.

The June 20, 2022 minutes were approved as amended.

There were no committee reports.

The Board reviewed the Guy Pederson Encroachment Permit request. Allen Rosaen recommended the approval of the encroachment permit request upon receipt of an insurance policy. Commissioner Stempel motioned to approve the Encroachment Permit and Commissioner Taylor seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the Permit is on file in the Commissioners files.)**

Patti Schipman, former Senior Center Director, met with the Board to discuss repairs at the Senior Center. The Board approved the replacement of the back door using ARPA funds for \$5,678 by Huseby Construction. The Board approved emergency damage repair to the Senior Center roof caused by a stray cat for \$630 by Huseby Construction.

The Board reviewed DPHHS task order 23-07-1-01-128-0, Public Health Crisis Workforce Supplemental Funding. Commissioner Stempel moved to approve the task order and Commissioner Taylor seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the task order is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed DPHHS task order 23-07-7-11-123-0, Disease Intervention Specialists and Congregate Living Coordinators. Commissioner Stempel moved to approve the task order and Commissioner Taylor seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the task order is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Montana Stockgrowers Association for McCone County to collect pass through fees collected from livestock producers for FY2023. McCone County agrees to allocate \$65,820 for the protection of cattle from destructive animals based on the number of stock cattle on the tax rolls. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the memorandum and Commissioner Stempel seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the memorandum is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Montana Woolgrowers Association for McCone County to collect pass through fees collected from livestock producers for FY2023. McCone County agrees to allocate \$5,481.30 for the protection of sheep from destructive animals based on the number of sheep on the tax rolls. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the memorandum and Commissioner Stempel seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the memorandum is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed the contract with Olness and Associates for an audit for FY 22 for \$17,000, an audit for FY 23 for \$18,000, and an audit for FY 24 for \$19,000. Commissioner

Taylor motioned to approve the contract. Commissioner Stempel seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the contract is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board met with Michelle Kushna, Department of Commerce, by phone, to discuss the Museum Grant.

Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder, and Cal Hogan, Cemetery Board, by phone, met with the Commissioners to discuss headstones that need to be straightened and raised.

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

Chuck Kunesh, Cemetery Caretaker, met with the Board to discuss straightening headstones and cemetery repairs.

The Board met with Andrea Wold, Big Spring Water, by phone, to discuss the water dispensers in county buildings.

Herb Allison, Museum Curator, met with the Board to discuss a grant and museum issues.

Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder, met with the Board to review the Cyber Insurance proposal. **(A copy of the proposal is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Angie Belus, Circle Insurance Agency, met with the Board, by phone, to discuss the cyber security insurance policy. The Board approved a \$1,000,000 cyber security policy.

Allen Rosaaen, South Road Foreman, met with the Board to discuss road issues, the potential rental of a gravel crusher, road repairs, the Pederson Encroachment permit request, and spraying weeds.

Brian Nofzger, Predator Control, met with the Board to discuss predator control methods.

Frank Kasten, Farmers Union Oil Manager, met with the Board to discuss business issues.

Nancy Stempel, GIS Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss the MLIA Grant, and a computer purchase issue.

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)

James Moos, Presiding Officer

Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder