

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

August 6, 2019

In attendance: Don Cook, Chair; Ray Beck, Vice Chair; Donald Broom, Board Member; Erin Miller, Deputy Clerk & Recorder; Jeff Comstock; Sandy Chamberlain; Paul James; Clay Thorp; Rebecca Tyree; Ken Wergin; Vickie Huysler; Jayne Morley; Shauana Merrill; Roy Tipton; Mindy Curtis; Mindy Newell; Annette Norton; Paul Knowles; Janean Barva; Alexa Brookshire; Cora Wagoner; Samantha Wilson; Kristin Grajeda; James Neton

Call to Order
Pledge/Opening Prayer

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

Consent Agenda -

Review & Sign the following documents: (see attached)

Approve minutes:

- a) July 23
- b) Board of Public Health: July 23
- c) 2019-75: Resolution for Transfer of Payroll Warrants
- d) 2019-76 : Resolution for Payment of Warrants
- e) Intergovernmental Agreement – NW CO Regional Collaborative Shared Regional Eligibility Technician
- f) Contract w/UC Health for Employee Health & Wellness Clinic Operation
- g) Right of Way Grant Renewal application for Villard Pit Access Road
- h) Symetra Excess Loss Insurance policy

Beck made a motion to approve the consent agenda, items A-H. Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Comments, General Discussion & BOCC Reports:

BOCC:

- General Discussion was held among the Board:
 - ✓ Broom: No comment
 - ✓ Beck:
- Club 20 meetings in Pagosa Springs July 25 & 26
- Dan Gibbs, CO Dept of Natural Resources, head will be coming to Craig for a dinner meeting on August 8th
- Interviewed by a reporter (Voice of America) from Washington, DC over the weekend
- Balloon Fest well attended and featured in an article in the Denver Post and a story on Channel 7
- NWTPR meeting in SBS August 15
- LUB meeting on August 12
- Colorado Aviation Coalition
- County Fair
- ✓ Cook: No comment

Public Comment:

Jayne Morley – Asked how the BOCC was doing in finding a way to fund the Libraries and Museum. Cook responded that it will require collaboration between the City and the County and since both entities are going through their budget processes at this time, that remains to be seen. Beck stated the City/County working group is working on this, just not sure at what funding level. He also commented on the fact that the County funds 39 departments, with 196 full-time employees to provide services. While everyone wants everything to be funded, the BOCC is charged with balancing the budget and the community has not told us where they would like the cuts to be made. The fact that the governor wants to keep coal in the ground and transition to all renewables and all of the legislation, and rules and regulations that are being thrown at us, the budgeting/funding process gets harder all the time. And it is only going to get worse as time goes on. The City and the County both realize the importance of the Library and the Museum. Cook spoke to the different ways that the City is funded (by sales tax) and how the County is funded (by property taxes). Both will be reduced with the multiple closures at the power plant and we cannot plan for “We don’t know”. Things cannot be funded at the same levels unless the citizens are willing to pay more taxes and nobody wants to do that. The City and the County are going to have to change the way they do business. Morley appreciated the hard task the BOCC has in front of them. She stated she was more than willing to help in any way and feels that we would have a hard time attracting any new businesses to the community if we were to lose these two precious entities.

Ken Wergin – Encouraged citizens to get involved in and take care of their community and help their neighbors. Citizens are not active enough; they need to stand up and be heard and let their elected officials know what they want.

Vickie Huyser – Questioned item “D” on the consent agenda

James Neton – (History teacher at Moffat County High School) Encouraged the BOCC to fund the Library and Museum. Broom commented that while the funding might be restored, it may not be to the same level as before.

Staff Reports:

Department of Human Services – Annette Norton & Janean Barva

Proclamation: August 2019 as “Child Support Awareness Month in Moffat County”

Norton and Barva presented and read the proclamation honoring the parents that pay their monthly child support payments and the Child Support Case managers that maintain the program. Barva called the Case Managers (Cora Wagoner, Alexa Brookshire, Samantha Wilson, & Kristin Grajeda) up to the front of the room and presented them with succulents.

August 21 is the State Day for Child Support Awareness and they are encouraging people to wear green in support of that.

Broom made a motion to adopt the proclamation of August 2019 as “Child Support Awareness Month in Moffat County”. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Finance Department – Mindy Curtis

Moffat County Business Toolkit (see attached)

Curtis presented a PowerPoint slideshow detailing the Moffat Business Opportunity Toolkit. The toolkit is a living document developed to attract and inform entrepreneurs, investors and businesses about who we are in Moffat County, our quality of life and tax saving opportunities available to help them succeed. In February, Beck and Curtis attended an AGNC meeting that discussed incentives that were available to businesses: Rural

Jump Start, Enhanced Enterprise Zone and Opportunity Zones. In April, Cook and Curtis attended another workshop on how to build a business toolkit. The BOCC, Curtis, Roy Tipton and Paul Knowles worked to develop this document; Curtis also thanked Mindy Newell, of her staff, for her work on the visual formatting of the toolkit. Once approved, Curtis will send it out to a wide variety of accounting and investment firms; it will also appear on the Moffat County Facebook page and website.

Beck made a motion to approve the Moffat County Business Toolkit. Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment:

Cook adjourned the meeting at 9:26 am.

Submitted by: Erin Miller, Deputy Clerk and Recorder

Approved by: Benn Cook

Ray Beck

Samuel Broom

Approved on: August 20, 2019

Attest by: Erin Miller

