

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

**July 18, 2017**

**In attendance**, Frank Moe, Chairman; Ray Beck, Vice Chair; Don Cook, Board Member; Lila Herod, Moffat County Clerk & Recorder; Ken Wergin; Mike Foreman; Michelle Balleck; Sasha Nelson; Roy Tipton; Kirstie McPherson; Neil Folks; Becky Tyree; Jim Stoddard; Laura Willems

**Call to Order  
Pledge/Opening Prayer**

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

**Consent Agenda:**

Cook made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of:

- a) Approved the minutes from July 11, 2017.
- b) Approved the contract for Fair entertainment with Branden Edwards for the goat roping event.

Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

**Public Comments, General Discussion & BOCC Reports:**

General discussion was held among the Board:

- ✓ Beck gave an update from the Club 20 meeting, discussing broadband, health care and transportation issues.
- ✓ Beck attended a Sea Plane Fly-in Event at Kenney Reservoir, near Rangely

Tara Wojtkiewicz and Jeff Comstock present.

- ✓ The AGNC Economic Development Summit will be held at the Clarion Inn on September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Cook reported he and Jeff Comstock met with CPW to discuss sage grouse management issues.
- ✓ Cook also discussed various road issues and an update on fires.
- ✓ Moe thanked Memorial Regional Health for their excellent service and care during his recent surgery.

## **Staff Reports:**

### **Social Services- Laura Willems**

Beck made a motion to approve the minutes from June 20, 2017. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Department updates:

- ✓ Director Dollie Rose will be back in the office on Monday.
- ✓ Child Welfare- discussed various contracts that will be up for renewal.
- ✓ The Colorado Community Collaborative grant was less than expected. They requested \$150,000, but awarded \$75,000. The budget has been modified to reflect the decrease.
- ✓ Willems reviewed the self-sufficiency data comparisons for monthly funding for various programs and ongoing caseloads. She also reviewed the back logs, foster care, County Budget, and CSTAT Dashboard. See attachments.

Nolan Sharpe, Derek Cleverly, and Jerry Hoberg present.

Cook made a motion to approve the electronic transactions for the month of May, 2017 in the amount of \$277,426.29. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

### **Planning & Zoning- Jerry Hoberg**

Hoberg reviewed two conditional use permits for cell towers. There was not a quorum at the Planning Commission meeting, but those in attendance were in favor of approving these permits.

Mercury Towers LLC has requested a conditional use permit for the installation of a multi carrier communication tower on Larry Osborn's property located in Hamilton. The tower will provide space for a minimum of four broadband carriers.

Bridger Wireless is also requesting a conditional use permit for a cell tower on John Charchalis' property on South Highway 13. The service will provide coverage for Highway 13 and the Wilson Reservoir area.

Cook questioned the property lease area requirement, which has been listed as 100 x 100. It should be 200 x 200. This provision is in case the tower falls. Hoberg indicated this was an oversight and may be a typo. He will follow up with the companies on this issue.

Cook made a motion to table both Conditional Use Permits for further clarification of the lease area. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

### **Office of Development Services- Roy Tipton**

Tipton gave an update on the Swinging Bridge project. The bridge is now at final design and bids will go out in a week. The bridge is being completely rebuilt from the main cables down. The

new structure is all aluminum and has been designed for 20 tons in order to allow access to Type 3 Fire trucks for wild land fires.

The total cost of the project is \$1.5 million with contributions from various entities and funding grants, with \$120,000 total is coming from Utah jurisdictions.

**Funding Sources include:**

Moffat County	\$160,000
DOLA Grant	\$760,000
Off System Bridge Grant	\$500,000
Colorado State Land Board	\$ 10,000
BLM	\$ 10,000
USFW	\$ 15,000
Utah Dept. Natural Resources	\$ 20,000
CPW	\$ 20,000
Vermillion Ranch	\$ 7,000
Questar	\$ 2,500
Oar-Don Hatch River Exp	\$ 2,000
Seven County Infrastructure	\$100,000
Coalition Utah	

Tipton reviewed the funding agreement with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources for the construction work on the Swinging Bridge.

The County has jurisdiction, authority and responsibility for the Swinging Bridge and has developed a plan and design for the repair and has also procured the funding for the project with a budget of \$1,520,000.00. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources will contribute \$20,000.00 to the project.

Beck made a motion to approve the funding agreement with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources for the Swinging Bridge in the amount of \$20,000.00. Cook seconded the motion.

The Commissioners all support public lands and public access. They gave thanks to all of those involved in this process, especially for the support from all of these regional and private partners.

Tipton is hopeful construction will be completed by the end of the year.

Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

**Youth Services- Tara Wojtkiewicz**

Wojtkiewicz reviewed the agreement for SB94 Juvenile Services 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial grant agreement. The grant agreement provides funding for community based alternatives to secure detention services for delinquent youth.

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The funding amount is \$118,639 and the program is contingent on continued availability.

Beck made a motion to approve the Senate Bill 94 Juvenile Services 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Sub-Grantee Agreement in the amount of \$118,639.00. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

### **BOCC- Letter of Support- Jeff Comstock**

Comstock discussed signing a letter supporting 20 Mile Coal Company's request for royalty rate reduction from 12% to 8%.

Although 20 Mile is located within Routt County, the majority of its employees are based in the Craig area and they are one of the largest economic contributors in Northwest Colorado. The Mine contributes millions of economic benefits to our region.

Cook made a motion to send letter to the Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners supporting Twenty Mile Coal Company's request for reduction in the State Royalty Rate. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

### **Presentations:**

#### **Craig Economic Development Partnership- Michelle Balleck & Mike Foreman**

Balleck requested letters of support to DOLA and US Department of Commerce for the Broadband grants on behalf of the Craig Moffat Economic Development Partnership.

Moffat County is leading the implementation of the community's broadband plan with the City of Craig and CMEDP. The grant will help build the infrastructure backbone for the business community and anchor institutions.

The County would co-own the materials with the City of Craig, manage the operations and maintenance of the infrastructure, and provide dedicated staff time to complete the project.

Beck made a motion to send letters to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs and the US Department of Commerce supporting The Craig Moffat Economic Development Partnership Broadband Infrastructure project. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

#### **County Clerk- Lila Herod**

Herod reviewed the special events liquor license application for the VFW.

The VFW will again host the Beer Garden at the Balloon Festival on August 5, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Loudy Simpson Park. The application is complete with associated documentation and fees. Notice of the Hearing was posted on June 26, 2017. See attached.

Derek Cleverly was present to support the VFW in this hearing, and he complimented the VFW for their past and present work planning this event.

Beck made a motion to approve the special events liquor license for the VFW Post 4265 during the Balloon Festival on August 5, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Beck discussed the Aerospace presentation at the Club 20 meeting and he discussed opportunities for Aerospace economic future.

**Adjournment:**

Moe adjourned the meeting at 9.45 a.m.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Submitted by: Lila Herod, County Clerk and Recorder

Approved by: *[Signature]*

*[Signature]*

*Ray Beck*

Approved on: *July 28, 2017*

Attest by: *Lila Herod*

