

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

November 14, 2017

In attendance, Frank Moe, Chairman; Ray Beck, Vice Chair; Don Cook, Board Member; Lila Herod, Moffat County Clerk & Recorder; Ken Wergin; Dollie Rose; Roy Tipton; Jamie Hume; Renee Nelms; Lindsey Nasshorn; Michelle Winey; Starla Jensen; Charity Reiser; Earl and April Camp; Markie Workman; Shauana Merrill, Jeff Comstock; Nicole Shatz; Cathy Nielson; Dan Miller; Mike Foreman; Sasha Nelson; Lee Swenson; Shannon Wadas

**Call to Order
Pledge/Opening Prayer**

Cook made a motion to amend the agenda removing item f) the inmate medical services agreement for further discussion. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Consent Agenda:

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

- a) Approved the minutes from October 31, 2017 and November 3, 2017.
- b) Approved Resolutions 2017-143 and 2017-144 payment of payroll warrants for the payroll ending November 3, 2017 in the amounts of \$188,777.58 and \$212,165.71.
- c) Approved Resolutions 2017-145 transfer of payment of warrants for the month of November 2017 in the amount of \$394,943.51.
- d) Approved the Treasurer's monthly report.
- e) Approved the annual Audit contract with McMahan and Associates.

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

Rebecca Tyree, Charlene Abdella, Sheriff KC Hume present.

Public Comments, General Discussion & BOCC Reports:

General discussion was held among the Board:

- ✓ Beck thanked the Craig Rotary Club for their display of the American Flags on all of the holidays and especially this past Veterans Day. He gave thanks to our Veterans for their sacrifice and service.
- ✓ Beck also gave an update on the sage grouse meeting with the BLM and reported he will attend the upcoming AGNC meeting on Wednesday.
- ✓ Cook gave a report on his trip to Washington DC. Meetings were held with the Department of Energy and the Department of Interior discussing the Jordan Cove project, uranium tailings cleanup, severance tax and mineral lease funds, as well as sage grouse issues.
- ✓ Moe thanked his fellow commissioners and Jeff Comstock for their hard work.

- ✓ Lee Swenson and Shannon Wadas from Senator Bennett's office are holding office hours in Moffat County today and they will be here to listen to concerns and issues. Swenson also discussed farm policy legislation.
- ✓ Comstock reported the Land Use Board discussed various economic development projects with hopes to help diversify the local economy. The Land Use Board voted unanimously to support the County Resource Development Group.
- ✓ Mike Foreman thanked the Commissioners for their support of the City's tax measure, and is pleased with its passage.
- ✓ Sheriff Hume gave an update on the semi tractor-trailer accident that happened yesterday north of Craig. Emergency responders arrived on scene, and the driver was transported to the hospital. 73 head of cattle were transported to the fairgrounds. Hume thanked the emergency responders and employees from state and local government that helped with the incident, as well as Dr. Kelly Hepworth. He also thanked Donald Broom from Sombrero Ranches and local ranchers who brought in trucks and trailers to help transport the cattle. Hume expressed his thanks to a community that always rallies together to lend support in emergency situations.

John Carmony and Mayor Ponikvar present.

Staff Reports:

Planning- Jerry Hoberg

Hoberg reviewed the conditional use application for Carmony Exploration LLC.

Carmony Exploration is requesting a conditional use permit for gathering lines within the Welba Peak Unit and facilities to move gas from Welba Peak to the Slater Dome gathering system. This would consist of one main line and several lines from wells to the main line.

There was not a quorum at the Planning Commission meeting, but the members did request a stipulation that Carmony Exploration will comply with the Moffat County weed guidelines.

Mr. Carmony reviewed a slide presentation showing the location of the proposed pipeline and he discussed plans for future development and the intent to drill more wells. Carmony indicated that this is a long term project, but he is optimistic of its success.

Beck made a motion to approve C-17-08 Conditional Use Permit for Carmony Exploration LLC gathering lines within the Welba Peak unit. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Department of Human Services - Dollie Rose

Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from October 17, 2017. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Updates:

- 2017 National Adoption Month. The Camp family was nominated as an exceptional foster family. The Camps have been foster parents for 18 years. They were honored by the State at the Governor's Mansion for all of their work and efforts. Rose previewed the Camp Family Video at www.co-kids.org.
- Rose reported the Department was recognized by the State for their progress in CSTAT Dashboard. She recognized staff members and thanked them for their hard work.

Beck made a motion to approve the Department of Human Services electronic transactions for the month of September 2017 in the amount of \$154,700.52. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Rose reviewed the monthly reports for Foster Care, Application Totals, Back Log, County Budget Report, and C-STAT Dashboard. See attached.

Office of Development Services- Roy Tipton

Tipton presented the letter for final settlement to Contract West Roofing for completion of the new roof at the Library.

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| The original contract amount | \$166,700.00 |
| The final contract amount | \$167,123.06 |
| Retainage amount | \$ 5,318.00 |

Cook made a motion to approve the letter for final settlement to Contract West Roofing, pursuant to CRS 38-26-107. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Tipton reviewed the DOLA grant application for the Regional Rail project feasibility study. The project is to support a feasibility study that is being conducted by the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition in Utah. The project would extend the rail line from Craig, Colorado to Duchesne, Utah. Approximately 100 miles of the proposed rail is in Moffat County.

The scope of works includes project planning, preliminary engineering and design concepts, GIS data base and mapping, preliminary environmental analysis, preliminary cost analysis, economic benefit and cost benefit analysis.

The grant is in the amount of \$25,000 and Moffat County will match the funds for a total of \$50,000 which will be used as matching funds towards the TIGER grant that was applied for on November 10, 2017.

Beck made a motion to approve the DOLA grant application for the Regional Rail Project Feasibility Study, which will be conducted by the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition in the amount of \$25,000.00. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Further Discussion regarding item F) Consent Agenda- Inmate Medical Services Agreement:

Discussion was held regarding item f) of the consent agenda. The Sheriff reported the department is statutorily required to provide inmate medical care. The Sheriff's Department and Memorial Regional Health have worked together on a new agreement, which will save taxpayer money, and still provide a higher level of care.

Tyree reviewed specific language in the contract. The Sheriff clarified provisions and intent under the staffing section and also under the compensation and adjustments section.

Cook made a motion to approve the contract with the Moffat County Sheriff's Office and Memorial Regional Health for inmate health care services, with the amended changes. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Human Resources- Mindy Curtis and Sheriff Hume

Hume explained there has been turnover in the Jail creating a shift in positions. He explained that promotions are being made within, so actually there are only two positions being hired. The following positions are being reassigned:

- Full time detention sergeant
- Full time detention corporal
- Two full time detention deputies
- Part time court security
- Part time master control position

Beck made a motion to approve the personnel requisitions as presented for the Moffat County Sheriff's Department. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Road and Bridge Department- Dan Miller

Miller reviewed the monthly report:

- Crushing at the Villard Pit
- Re-seed the Refuge Pit
- Finished stripping at the Charchalis Pit
- Removed fallen trees from Wilderness Ranch and County Road 7
- Installed cattle guards
- Hauled gravel to County Road 2 and 9 North
- Hauling winter sand in for City of Craig
- Preparing for snow removal
- Landfill clean up
- Bridge on County Road 19 has been limited to 5 ton

Miller requested the BOCC waive the bid process to purchase pull-behind rollers for the motor graders. The Road Department will trade in two rollers and purchase two new packer/rollers with attachments from LyCox Enterprises Inc. The total price is \$39,545.00.

Cook made a motion waive the bid process and purchase pull-behind rollers for the motor graders from LyCox Enterprises Inc. in the amount of \$39,545.00. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

County Attorney- Rebecca Tyree

Tyree reviewed the lease agreement for the county owned house in Dinosaur. The house is leased by the Dinosaur Town Marshall. The new lease will include a provision for pet consent.

Beck made a motion to approve the residential lease agreement between Moffat County and the Town of Dinosaur for the Town Marshall. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

BOCC-Board Appointments

Cook made a motion to appoint Shane Baker, Jamie Ellis, Chuck Grobe, Tiffany Schulze, Kyler Scott and Natasha Nielson to the Moffat County Fair Board. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Beck made a motion to appoint Carrol Preece to the Library Board of Trustees. This is a one year term. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Cook made a motion to appoint Alan Webber as an alternate to the Planning and Zoning Board. This is a three year term. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Board of Equalization – Rebecca Tyree

Tyree presented a resolution authorizing the County Attorney to act on behalf of the Moffat County Board of Equalization in the Board of Assessment Appeals. The resolution clarifies that the County Attorney will represent the Board of County Commissioners as the Board of Equalization.

Beck made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-146 Authorization for Moffat County Attorney to act on behalf of the Moffat County Board of Equalization in Board of Assessment Appeals. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Tyree reviewed the Lone Tree Trust LLC stipulation agreement. They have agreed to stipulate the 2017 tax year valuation on property located at 1002 Yampa Ave in the amount of \$90,000.00. The value will be set for tax years 2017 and 2018.

The Commissioners have agreed to the stipulation as presented, if there are changes it will be presented to the BOCC. See attached.

Adjournment:

Moe adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Moe reconvened the Intergovernmental Agency Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Mark Foust, Jonathan Lambert, Sasha Nelson, Mike Foreman, Roy Tipton, Jerod Smith, Jeff Comstock, Hunter Seim, Kathy McKinstry, Kelly Lewis and Mark Lehman present.

BLM- Hunter Seim reporting: The BLM is working on a larger national effort in the grazing arena. The concept is called Outcome Based Grazing Authorizations. This is a pilot program to select participants where grazing will be managed based on specific resource outcomes. There are two applicants operating in Moffat County right now, but the BLM will not know if either applicant got into the program until the end of the year. Seim also reported that the BLM is looking to get seed on the Peekaboo Fire area by the first half of December. The Grazing Advisory Board Meeting will be November 28th.

BLM - Kathy McKinstry reporting: BLM is continuing to work on travel management areas (TMA). TMA 1: the contractor and the BLM are working to respond to public comments on the draft EA and then will turn their efforts to Section 106 consultation in the next few weeks. Logan Simpson, the contractor, is working on a draft EA for TMA 2. The GIS specialist is working to combine TMA 3 & 4 to clean up that data for that route inventory and hopes to have it available to the public by the first of the year. BLM Archaeologists are focusing on the Sand Wash open area to get caught up on commitments made there. The recreation staff is working with Friends of the Yampa and CPW to improve the recreation on the Yampa River and specifically in the Yampa Canyon. The staff is also putting together a working group to decide how to improve the trail system at Cedar Mountain.

John Ponikvar present.

City of Craig - Mike Foreman reporting: The City's Master Parks & Recreation Plan was approved by DOLA for funding; the LMD will also be providing funding for the plan. The Master Plan will include the diversion project on the Yampa River, bike trails, hiking trails, etc. The City wants to coordinate with the County, CPW, BLM, etc. to make sure that everyone has a chance to submit ideas and comments as the planning moves forward.

Sonja Jahrsdoerfer present via phone.

Beck asked what the outcome is after there is an approved ten year Master Plan in place, and Foreman answered that it will help the community compete better, and secure grant funding in the future. Part of developing the Master Plan is going to help diversify the economy, as well. The other thing the City is working on is the Broadband Strategic Plan with DOLA, Routt County, and Rio Blanco County. Foreman mentioned that the City sales tax was successful, and that means it is time to work with the County to combine services and cut expenses.

Colorado Parks & Wildlife- Jonathan Lambert reporting: Final rifle season is this week. The mule deer harvest has been up and the quality looks good. The elk harvest has been slower because there has not been any weather to push the elk down yet. The CPW is doing mandatory

chronic wasting disease testing for mule deer south of Craig to build a larger sample size. Beck asked about the animal populations and Lambert replied that the deer population is declining, but elk population is stable with good numbers.

State Land Board—Jerod Smith reporting: The board filled its Ag seat recently. The Board was just audited by the state of Colorado. The auditors noted that on the stewardship properties there are no management plans with existing lessees, which is a requirement with Amendment 16. There is only one in Moffat County located in Maybell.

Jeff Comstock reporting: Spoke about the new direction of diversification with an emphasis on recreation. In Comstock's eighteen years with Moffat County, he has never seen a BOCC that agreed to focus on the recreation side of diversification. Comstock is impressed with the cohesiveness of all the entities coming together. He said that the BOCC has created a resource development team with various department heads to further discuss these plans and make them a reality. Comstock said he believes there is a real chance for this new emphasis to be successful.

Comstock also talked about the Sage Grouse plan and the suggested changes that need to be made. He noted that the BOCC and Colorado's input are very important to the Department of the Interior, all the way to the Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke's office. Moffat County has started settlement negotiations with the Department of the Interior over the lawsuit filed against the BLM by a coalition of counties in Colorado over the Sage Grouse Plan. There has been an uptick in private oil & gas activity in the last month. Harmony Resources is working up north putting in a ten mile pipeline with plans for oil development and Augustus Energy is working near Elk Springs. Comstock has also had landowners coming in to look at lease rates.

Dinosaur National Monument- Mark Foust reporting: The Monument's perspective is that the other surrounding counties are taking similar actions to diversify through recreational opportunities. The latest report said that \$20 million were brought into the local economy by the more than 300,000 visitors at the Quarry Visitor Center in Utah. Foust expects visitor numbers to be higher this year than in previous years. The Canyon Visitor Center has been busier this year, as well. The Parks Service has around \$42 million in deferred maintenance for the monument. The \$5 million Deer Lodge Road rehab is completely finished. Harper's Corner Road is next on the list; it is a massive project that has no anticipated timeline at this point. The Island Park Road is the access for the day launching permits on the Green River, and there is a \$500,000 project underway to repair it. Green River sewer facility fix is also an upcoming project. The Monument partnered with the BLM to teach courses to learn how to apply for federal jobs and it resulted in one full time hire so far. Another project to be completed this year – Highway 149 will be rehabbed – goes from Highway 40 to the Quarry Visitor Center. Sedimentation at the Ladore boat ramp caused a large sandbar that made it difficult to launch boats, but the Parks Service created a cart to use. The National Park fee increase is not going to affect The Monument at this time. Foust encouraged everyone to comment on the National Park fee issue. Dinosaur has 300 boat permits to give out each year and the contract is increasing, which could cause an increase in permit rates.

Roy Tipton reporting on the swinging bridge project. When it went out to bid, the County was over budget, but the US Fish and Wildlife covered the shortfall. The project is now under contract for \$1.9 million. Work on the bridge will not start until April 1st and should be completed by July 2nd.

Yampa River State Park—Mark Lehman reporting: Will be building a 35 electrical loop campground at Elkhead in starting in the Spring of 2018, and wrapping the project up around this time next year. This will be a huge amenity upgrade for Elkhead. Lehman said they are working on finalizing 20 year leases at the Maybell and Sunbeam sites, as well as improving river access at Maybell. Future projects include designating and improving campsites along the Yampa River and creating a river guide.

Browns Park Refuge- Sonja Jahrsdoerfer reporting: The refuge is a great place for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, and nature photography, and Jahrsdoerfer would like to assist in the recreation plan in any way she can. Jahrsdoerfer has been working with regional office folks, Tipton and Comstock, on the document that talks about how the entities will share future costs for the bridge. She also said that they are considering a ribbon cutting/grand reopening at swinging bridge sometime next summer after the repairs are complete.

Beck said that it is critical to our economy to build relationships with important people outside of the community as well as the relationships that are made in the community. Beck really appreciates the cooperation amongst the other agencies that he has seen. Beck had a meeting with Tim Williams from the Department of the Interior, and showed him the reclamation at the mine and the clean air near the power plant to give him an idea of what the energy industry actually looks like.

Cook was in Washington D.C. to meet with the Deputy Secretary of the Interior, Dave Bernhardt about Sage Grouse and Anvil Points. Anvil Points is roughly \$37 million in unclaimed money that Secretary Bernhardt believes can be released to the State of Colorado. The counties are coordinating with representatives to try and get that money back to the counties that the money originated in. Cook also attended a Department of Energy meeting where they discussed bringing forth sales of liquefied natural gas coming from the Piceance Basin which would benefit the entire region. Cook also mentioned that BLM offices may be restructured into several regional offices in the west in tier two cities, which Grand Junction would qualify for.

Moe is more optimistic than ever thanks to the collaboration in the community, and he is excited for the future.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Lila Herod, County Clerk and Recorder

Approved by: Nov 22, 2017

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Ray Beck

Approved on: Jul 11, 2017

Attest by: Lila Herod

