

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

March 20, 2018

In attendance, Ray Beck, Chairman; Frank Moe, Board Member; Tori Pingley, Deputy Clerk & Recorder; Mindy Curtis; Eleanor Hasenbeck; Ken Wergin; Roy Tipton; Dan Miller; Jeff Comstock; Chris Jurney; Rebecca Tyree; Absent Don Cook, Vice Chair;

**Call to Order
Pledge/Opening Prayer**

Beck stated Commissioner Cook is in Denver with Commissioner Mike Sampson from Garfield County, along with Bonnie Petersen, the executive director for Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado. They are testifying before the senate concerning the Anvil Points hearing.

Moe made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Consent Agenda:

Moe made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Review & Sign the following documents:

- a) Approved the minutes from March 13, 2018
- b) Resolutions for Payment of Payroll Warrants: 2018- 35 & 2018-36
- c) Resolution for Transfer of Payment of Warrants: 2018-37
- d) Fairgrounds Arena Lighting contract with Mountain States Electric

Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Public Comments, General Discussion & BOCC Reports:

General discussion was held among the Board:

- ✓ Moe gave a brief overview of the branding process. The cooperation between City, County, Tourism and Economic entities has been great. "Moffat County - Colorado's Great Northwest" is the slogan.
- ✓ Beck stated he attended the ribbon cutting for the Rapid Care Clinic located near Walmart.
- ✓ Beck stated he, Jeff Comstock, Don Cook and Bonnie Petersen traveled to Walden last week to discuss sage grouse with their County Commissioners and County Manager.
- ✓ Beck stated that Jackson County has 35 new oil & gas wells that they are projecting.
- ✓ Beck noted that there is an AGNC meeting tomorrow in Palisade.
- ✓ Beck mentioned there is an open house for the new Yampa Valley Electric complex tomorrow from 4-6 pm.

- ✓ Beck will be attending a robotics competition with Dave Ulrich and 4 other individuals.
- ✓ Beck noted the AGNC mini grants deadline has passed and they have received 10 applicants at this point. The executive committee will be reviewing those grants.
- ✓ Beck stated the Moffat County Cattlemen will have a business meeting on April 27th at 1 pm at Frontier Station.
- ✓ Chris Journey stated he is representing Coloradoans for Responsible Wildlife Management. He is here today in support of the Wolf Resolution. He also wanted to mention that Chronic Wasting Disease is starting to become a big issue in Colorado. He stated last week they formed working groups to help better understand CWD. He would like to see testing done of the deer population within city limits.

Steve Hinkemeyer in attendance.

General Business & Administrative Items:

Staff Reports:

Finance Department – Mindy Cutis reporting:

Curtis discussed the financial report. See attached.

Ken Bekkedahl and Tom Kleinschnitz in attendance.

Road and Bridge Department – Dan Miller reporting:

Miller presented the Road & Bridge report for February. See attached.

Jean Stetson in attendance.

Presentations:

Land Use Board: Discussion concerning resolution

Comstock stated that there is a resolution now that is 14 years old concerning wolves, it was adopted in 2004. At the commissioner's request, the Land Use Board reviewed that resolution and have updated it. Stetson stated she was a part of the Land Use group that wrote the previous resolution. She noted that in 1995 when they introduced wolves into the Yellowstone corridor. In 2005, the Wildlife Commission adopted their plan. Stetson mentioned there was recently a great article in the paper about wolf reintroduction. Stetson stated there have been 3 wolves killed since 2009. Stetson noted that in 2016 there was a collared wolf that came through the Black Mountain area that had lost its collar. The GPS tracking history showed a strong pattern to believe that there was a pair of wolves. This pair is also believed to have gone into the Rocky Mountain National Park area. As a result of this, the US Fish and Wildlife Service have established a wolf conservation zone. The group working plan only deals with migrating wolves and not resident wolves, so further discussion is needed to manage the population. Stetson feels Moffat County needs to be proactive to help control this issue. Bekkedahl stated that the state of Idaho is suing the Department of Interior because of the diseases that wolves can carry and pass

along to livestock. He feels that Moffat County and the state of Colorado should be made aware of this issue and its effects.

Moe made a resolution to approve resolution 2018-34 Wolf Management in Moffat County, Colorado. Beck seconded the motion. Beck wanted to mention that we have an incredible Land Use board and how valued each member is. Motion carried 2-0.

Office of Development Services – Roy Tipton reporting:

Tipton stated construction on the swinging bridge will be starting soon. On April 2nd, the foot bridge will be pulled off and will be closed until construction is complete on or around August 1st.

Adjournment:

Beck adjourned the meeting at 9:25 am.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Tori Pingley, Deputy Clerk and Recorder

Approved by: *Roy Beck*

Frank Moe

Don Beck

Approved on: *March 27, 2018*

Attest by: *Tori Pingley*

