

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

March 17, 2020

In attendance: Ray Beck, Chair; Donald Broom, Vice-Chair; Don Cook, Board Member; Erin Miller, Deputy Clerk & Recorder; Vickie Huyser; Jayne Morley; Jeff Comstock; Roy Tipton; Joshua Carney; Rebecca Tyree; Suzanne Hope; Paul James; Mindy Curtis; Lennie Gillam

Call to Order
Pledge/Opening Prayer

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

Consent Agenda -

Review & Sign the following documents: (see attached)

Approve minutes:

- a) March 4
- b) March 4 - Board of Health
- c) March 17 - CBOE hearing
- d) 2020-27: Resolution for Transfer of Payroll Warrants
- e) 2020-29: Transfer of Payment of Warrants for the month of March
- f) 2020-28: Appointment of Budget Officer
- g) Annual Operating Plan for Wildfire
- h) Department of Human Services Legal Representative agreement w/C. Quillen
- i) 2020-30: Resolution consenting to actions by the Board of Trustees of Memorial Hospital in issuance of obligations by said board, including a tax anticipation note and a line of credit maturing in the current year
- j) Villard pit gravel lease contract

Cook made a motion to approve the consent agenda; items A-J. 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

✓ Cook:

- COVID-19 workgroup meeting three times a week; trying to be as unobtrusive as possible. Comprised of law enforcement, Public Health, Memorial Regional Health, Moffat County & City of Craig.

✓ Beck:

- Just Transition Community meetings (and power plant tour) in Craig and Hayden two weeks ago. Governor Polis attended the last day.
- Board of Public Health passed a resolution yesterday enabling emergency meetings
- CBOE met on March 10 and denied a 2018 Tax Abatement request by Walmart
- City & County representatives met with Tri-State employees about economic development projects
- Annual HRC Council allocation meeting March 11; \$60,000 distributed among the successful applicants.
- Club 20 winter meetings #2 in GJ March 12 & 13
- Commented on closings of several different locations and effects on upcoming elections due to the COVID-19 virus

Suzanne Hope, Director of Moffat County Housing Authority (Sunset Meadows I & II), got up to explain policies that have been put in place to protect their senior residents from the COVID-19 virus.

Public Comment:

- **Vickie Huyser:** Thanked the County for (temporarily) closing down the Library because of the virus and encouraged the public to use the Overdrive app to borrow books instead.
- **Jayne Morley:** Encouraged everyone to check on their neighbors.
- **Paul James:** Encouraged the BOCC to spearhead the anti-Red Flag laws movement, since the city has lost their attorney.

- **Announce appointment to Moffat County Fair Board (see attached)**

Mardi Anson submitted a letter of interest for an empty seat on the Fair Board.

Cook made a motion to approve Mardi Anson to fill an open seat on the Fair Board. Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

- **Continuity of Operations Base Plan**

Cook explained that the **Continuity of Operations Base Plan** is something that is just starting. Each department head is submitting information to help determine what the essential services to keep the county operating are.

- **Open Hearts Advocates discussion**

Because Memorial Regional Health is in a financial bind, they have asked the community to help fund this crucial organization. MRH will cease funding April 25. Beck suggested rather than giving the group a lump sum, the County would like to give them a monthly amount, through the end of the year. Any grant monies received during this time would offset the cost of any taxpayer monies received. He would also like Advocates to come before the BOCC to give periodic reports and present their budget to the BOCC.

Cook commented that the BOCC needs to push the state to try and get the grants back in place. Advocates are being punished for something that happened years ago; Megan Francone is running a good operation and it's really needed in the community.

Cook made a motion to approve funding for Open Hearts Advocates not exceed \$6200 a month; with any grant monies coming in, to be subtracted from that, through the end of the year. Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

Staff Reports:

Office of Development Services – Roy Tipton

- Grant Application to the Yampa River Fund for Loudy- Simpson Park (see attached)

Tipton explained the background and purpose of this grant application. The project that would be funded by this grant is to complete the Boat Ramp, River Bank Stabilization, and Handicapped Ramp at Loudy-Simpson Park. The existing boat ramp is washed out; this is a popular take-out area, since the next point is six miles downstream. The County was awarded a grant from CPW in their Fishing is Fun grant program in 2018. Since then we have completed a wetlands study and engineering for construction. We applied for a 404 permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers in August 2019; that permit was granted in January 2020. If this grant is awarded, construction would begin in the fall, when river flows are down. This project aligns with the Yampa Rive Fund goals by conserving wildlife and habitat to ensure healthy sustainable populations and ecosystems. By constructing terraced and grouted river structures that will reduce habitat for non-native predatory fish, and amenities that will support that conservation; this project will ensure continued use of the park as open space. Moffat County had \$25,000 set aside for this project, but we would like to defer that to the electrical upgrade project for the park. The county will do some in-kind work in hauling the rock for this project; Trapper Mine will contribute the large boulders that are needed for the river bank stabilization.

Broom made a motion to approve the Grant Application for \$50,000 to the Yampa River Fund for Loudy- Simpson Park. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

- ChargePoint Master Services & Subscription agreements and Donation agreement for the Dinosaur Welcome Center electric car charging station (see attached)

Tipton explained this is the final step in the process that was set in place last fall. Moffat County's \$20,000 contribution comes from a LMD grant. The construction of the electric car charging stations are funded by a grant received by ChargePoint from the state Energy Office . CDOT is trying to get charging stations every 100 miles on the US 40 corridor across the state. ChargePoint will manage the installation/construction of the fast charging stations at the Dinosaur Welcome Center. The subscription fee is covered by the charging/usage fees; Moffat County will also get a percentage of this (as yet to be determined), which will go to fund the Welcome Center. Any equipment upgrades or maintenance are on ChargePoint, but the County will own the equipment at the end of the contract.

Cook made a motion to approve the ChargePoint Master Services & Subscription agreement. Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Cook made a motion to approve the Donation agreement for the Dinosaur Welcome Center electric car charging station. Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am

The next scheduled BOCC meeting is Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Submitted by:

Erin Miller, Deputy Clerk and Recorder

Approved by: Fay Beck

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Approved on: March 31, 2020

Attest by: Erin Miller

