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

April 21, 2015

In attendance: John Kinkaid, Chairman; Chuck Grobe, Vice Chair; Frank Moe, Board Member; Lila Herod, Moffat County Clerk & Recorder; John Allen; Allen Hischke; Neil Folks; Ken Wergin; Jeff Comstock; Roy Tipton; Patrick Kelly; Rebecca Tyree

Commissioner Frank Moe is absent.

Call to Order
Pledge/Opening Prayer
Consent Agenda

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

a) Approved the minutes from April 14, 2015.
b) Approved Resolution 2015-45 transfer of intergovernmental funds in the amount of $689.39.
c) Approved Resolutions 2015-46 and 2015-47 payment of payroll warrants for the payroll ending April 10, 2015 in the amounts of $204,624.44 and $473,605.38.
d) Approved Resolution 2015-48 transfer of payment of warrants for the month of April 2015 in the amount of $433,197.17.
e) Approve the monthly Treasurer's report.
f) Approved the Employee Healthcare Plan.
g) Approved the amended contract between Power Motive Corp and the MC Road Department for the portable screen plant.

Kinkaid seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attachments.

General Discussion

General discussion was held among the Board:

- ✓ Grobe gave an update on the AGNC meeting. There was discussion about the Dudley Bluffs Bladderpod amicus brief. There was a presentation from Tax Free Colorado, an organization that wants to create a tax free zone around colleges. There was also discussion with Representative Rankin to "de-Bruce" the severance tax. AGNC will be attending a global conference; MCTA has a DVD about Moffat County Tourism that can be included in AGNC's tourism package. They are requesting funds to assistance with this project. The Board was in agreement to help.

Dorothy Tabor, Jona Wigington and Gary Brannan present.

- ✓ Kinkaid reported Commissioner Moe and the Moffat County Team are headed to Kentucky for the NACO Innovation Challenge.

- ✓ Allen Hischke questioned if it is the contractors responsibility to clean the streets at Shadow Mountain during this construction. Roy Tipton will check into this.
- ✓ Tipton gave an update on the construction project at Shadow Mountain Village.
- ✓ John Allen reported he contacted a company that could make acoustic repairs to the Pavilion. Allen reviewed the kit proposal. It was agreed this would make a significant difference. Estimated costs are approximately $1,499.00 for 250 square feet, but this does not include installation.

Johnny and Marcia Sfreddo, Shelley and Keith Pankey present.

Office of Development Services- Roy Tipton

The public hearing for the Shadow Mountain Village Improvement District was called to order. Those present for the hearing are Allen Hischke, Dorothy Tabor, Jona Wigington, Rebecca Tyree, Patrick Kelly, Ken Wergin, John Allen, Neil Folks, Gary Brannan, Jeff Comstock, Johnny and Marcia Sfreddo and Keith and Shelley Pankey.

Tipton reviewed the amended resolution for the whole cost of improvements and assessments for the Shadow Mountain Village Local Improvement District. Tipton explained that the County cannot bill the property owners through their water and sewer bill because they are not a municipality, instead they will have to collect the same time as property taxes. This means the property owners will not pay a monthly bill; they will make an annual payment.

The meeting was open for public comments.

The assessment will be an annual payment in the amount of $109.08 and will be billed by the Moffat County Finance Department. Property owners may pay the annual installment in full or two equal installments. The first installment will be paid on or before the last day of February each year and the second installment no later than the fifteenth day of June. The Finance Department will begin billing homeowners January 2016.

Grobe made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-42 amending Resolution 2015-25 approving the whole costs of the improvements to be made in Shadow Mountain Village Local Improvement District; approving and confirming the apportionment of a portion of said cost to each lot or tract of land in the district; assessing a share of said cost against each lot or tract of land in the district; and prescribing the manner for the collection and payment of said assessments to change the method of collection and payment of said assessments.
Kinkaid seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

Jerry Hoberg and Kerri Klein present.

Tipton reviewed the bids for Pest Management insecticides and herbicides.

Bids for the herbicides were received from:

Snyder & Counts	$51,704.80
Frontier Station	$52,984.38

Grobe made a motion to award the bid for herbicides to Snyder & Counts in the amount of $51,704.80. Kinkaid seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

Bids for insecticides were received from:

Snyder & Counts	$34,359.37
ADAPCO Inc.	$34,379.35

Grobe made a motion to award the bid for insecticides to Snyder & Counts in the amount of $34,359.37. Kinkaid seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached

Tipton reviewed the bids for the farm lease at Loudy Simpson. Bids were received from:

Don Bohrer	$8,125 per year
Justin Duzik	$41 per ton

Tipton stated that Mr. Duzik's bid would equal $2,190 per year. Tipton reported he contacted Mr. Bohrer to make sure his bid is accurate and he indicated that it is. As this is revenue to the County, Tipton recommends the high bid be awarded to Don Bohrer.

Grobe made a motion to award the bid for the farm lease at Loudy Simpson to Don Bohrer in the amount of $8,125.00 per year. Kinkaid seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

Planning & Zoning- Jerry Hoberg

Hoberg reviewed an application for the Pankey Minor Subdivision. This is the sketch plan and preliminary phase of the subdivision process. The applicants own 14.724 acres and want to subdivide it into two lots. The parcel does not qualify for an exemption

All of the road issues have been worked out with the Road Department and the Planning Commission recommends approval. Yampa Valley Electric has an easement for the power line and Pankey's are aware of this. The Colorado Division of Water Resources has also reported the area is not over appropriated.

Kinkaid made a motion to approve S-15-01 the sketch preliminary plat for the Pankey Minor Subdivision. Grobe seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

Social Services- Kerrie Klein

Grobe made a motion to approve the minutes from March 17, 2015. Kinkaid seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

Klein gave the Department updates:

- ✓ Reported the IV-E Waiver Application for family services has been filed and it also included application for additional funding.
- ✓ Attended the Craig County Assessment meeting with MCEDP.
- ✓ Self-sufficiency staff attended mental health training and will also be attending Bridges out of Poverty training.
- ✓ The Department received an innovation award for the Dinosaur Kiosk.

Grobe made a motion to approve the electronic transactions for the month of February 2015. Kinkaid seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

Klein reviewed the monthly reports for foster care, application totals and the county budget report. See attached.

Sheriff's Office- Todd Wheeler

Officer Wheeler reported the Sheriff's Department has been awarded a grant from the Division of Fire Prevention and Control. The grant requires matching funds in the amount of $2,750.00. The grant funds new protective gear equipment, which must be purchased by June 30th.

Grobe made a motion to approve the matching funds for the Volunteer Fire Assistance grant in the amount of $2,750.00. Kinkaid seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

Natural Resources- Jeff Comstock

Comstock reviewed a letter of comments on the Kourlis grazing permit renewal. Moffat County is concerned that the consensus based agreements are being unilaterally "thrown out the window" and feel little effort is being made to reinvigorate the Colorado Resource Management Plan process. The County is concerned the BLM is not honoring previous agreements reached in the CRMP regarding the Kourlis permit.

Grobe made a motion to send a letter to the BLM Little Snake Field Office regarding comments on the Environmental Assessment for the Harry Kourlis Ranch grazing permit renewals. Kinkaid seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

Comstock reviewed a protest letter regarding the White River Oil and Gas Plan in regards to the EIS proposal. This will be a joint protest from Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties, protesting the BLM plan.

Grobe made a motion to approve the protest letter to the State Director of the Bureau of Land Management regarding the Environmental Impact Statement for oil and gas development in the White River Field Office. Kinkaid seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

Intergovernmental Agency Meeting

Roy Tipton; Pattie Snidow; Wendy Reynolds, Kent Walter, Chad Stewart, Jerod Smith, Ron Dellacroce, Bill DeVergie, Mason Siedschlaw; Linda DeRose; Jeff Comstock; Jean Dickinson, Jack Lytle (Daggett County) T Wright Dickinson; Tim Wilson; Steve Barclay, Sandra.....and Neil Folks. Tammy Fredrickson (Wexpro) and James Graves (US Fish and Wildlife) joined the meeting by teleconference.

Roy Tipton reviewed the rehabilitation project for the Browns Park Swinging Bridge.

The preliminary concept includes replacement of bridge beams, decking, hanger cables, guard rail and stringers. The goal is to achieve a higher operating rating to 14 ton capacity.

The estimated costs are $800,000.
$560,000 for construction
$120,000 for engineering
$120,000 for contingency

Moffat County has $160,000, which includes the insurance money. Additional contributions from agency partners are estimated at $240,000. Grant sources include:

DOLA Energy Impact Grant requires 50% matching funds.

FLAP requires 18% match. Grant applications are due between February 2015 and May 2016. The earliest construction could begin is in 2017. FLAP grant includes construction, planning and engineering costs. This is a good option because the County already has the matching funds. Construction delays would allow more time to research or pursue other grants.

TIGER grant is now open. Matching funds are 20% with a project minimum of $1 million dollars.

Colorado Bridge Fund is another option. The Swinging Bridge was prioritized as number 20 on the Colorado Bridge repair list.

James Graves from US Fish and Game stated federal grants are the best choice.

T Wright Dickinson reported he has asked Congressman Tipton what federal funds might be available. He also reported that Daggett County received Federal Highways funding for the Browns Park road improvements

Roy Tipton stated all eligible funds have not been identified yet. FLAP appears to be the best eligible grant except for construction delay. NEPA guidelines will be required for either grant and would be included in the costs.

Dickinson discussed options for widening the bridge. Tipton reported that preliminary engineering indicates a type 3 fire truck should be able to access the bridge with these modifications. There was further discussion regarding what maximum upgrades can be made to the bridge without requiring environmental impact assessment.

Grobe stressed the importance of all the agencies supporting this project. If additional funds are not secured for these modifications, the County will keep this as a foot bridge.

Patti Snidow stated this is a good opportunity to acquire grant funds and to build this bridge up. She encouraged the Board to make this an asset and not to just patch it and put it back together

Jack Lytle, Daggett County Commissioner stated he will research Daggett County's perspective and indicated access will be an important part of the agreement. He also suggested a coordinated meeting between Daggett and Moffat Road Departments.

Graves cautioned the group to be cognizant that the costs may increase after Federal Highways have engineered it, so you must be prepared for additional matching grant funds.

Grobe questioned if there is interest to move forward with this project.

Tim Wilson (Little Snake BLM) indicated support, but stated this is still very early in concept and they can't pledge funds at this time. Wilson also stated as this is not federal property there will be other restrictions.

Sandra (US Fish and Wildlife) also indicated support.

Graves stated the cooperative support from the Park Service, BLM and Fish & Wildlife (federal entities) as well as the County partnership with Utah will make a difference.

Tammy (Wexpro) reported she will submit information to management.

Browns Park NWR- Stephen Barclay reporting:

- Construction projects
- Salt cedar removal

BLM Little Snake- Wendy Reynolds reporting:

- Preparing for fire season. Crews are training
- Working on Trans West project
- Sage grouse analysis and RMP
- Wild horse and burros-should see results from darting program this year.
- Considering drought letter

- Law enforcement ranger vacancy
- Travel management plans

Division of Wildlife- Bill DeVergie reporting

- Healthy game herds- increase elk licenses
- Sage grouse lek counts show 15-20% increase
- Endangered fish program
- Wildlife Commission will meet in Craig September 11-12
- New Conservation easements

BLM White River- Kent Walter reporting:

- Resource Management Plan for oil and gas-protest period ends April 27
- Environmental Assessment for wild horses
- Wild horse gathers
- Trail inventory
- Coal seam fire suppression
- Oil and gas consolidation
- New staff

Forest Service- Chad Stewart reporting:

- Freeman Reservoir agreement update
- Trails
- Snow measurements

Yampa River State Park- Ron Dellacroce reporting:

- River update- rafters, boating, campers
- Elk Head agreement - spillway nets

USDA- Pattie Snidow reporting:

- Stronger Economies Together program
- Congratulated the County on the NACO Innovation Challenge and offered technical assistance.
- Working with Leadville and Lake counties poverty issues

Colorado State Land Board- Jerod Smith reporting:

- Finishing Stewardship Trust realignment. 35% of the nominations were from Moffat County. Heavy emphasis on sage grouse habitat. Final decision in May.

Comstock discussed the landowner easements and indicated the County may re-evaluate the process and weigh in on the social and economic impacts to the county.

The next IGA will be in November.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Lila Herod, County Clerk and Recorder

Approved by: _____

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Approved on: April 28, 2015

Attest by: Lila Herod

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