

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

June 16, 2015

In attendance: Chuck Grobe, Vice Chair; Frank Moe, Board Member; Lila Herod, Moffat County Clerk & Recorder; Neil Folks; Roy Tipton; Ken Wergin; Patrick Kelly; Jeff Comstock; Ray Beck; Noelle Levitt-Riley

Commissioner John Kinkaid is absent, serving on Jury Duty.

**Call to Order
Pledge/Opening Prayer
Consent Agenda**

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

- a) Approved the minutes from June 9, 2015.
- b) Approved Resolutions 2015-65 and 2015-66 payment of payroll warrants for the payroll ending June 6, 2015 in the amounts of \$211,010.89 and \$472,499.28.
- c) Approved Resolution 2015-67 transfer of payment of warrants for the month of June 2015 in the amount of \$574,722.03.
- d) Approved the monthly Treasurer's Report.
- e) Approved the Five County core services contract between Social Services and Yampa Valley Psychotherapists for mental health services.
- f) Approved the Five County core services contract between Social Services and Luna Counseling for mental health services.
- g) Approved the five County core services contract between Social Services and Luna Counseling for substance abuse services.
- h) Approved the Five County core services contract between Social Services and Mind Springs Health Services for mental health services.
- i) Approved the core services contract between Social Services and Mind Springs Health Services for day treatment alternative services.
- j) Approved the agreement between the County Board of Public Health and CDPHE for district public health services.
- k) Approve the Community Services Block Grant quarterly performance report.

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

General Discussion

General discussion was held among the Board:

- ✓ Grobe indicated he is disappointed in the Craig Daily Press because there was no coverage on the upcoming meeting with the Air Quality Control Commission. This is the rule making body and they will be holding their public meeting in Craig. Noelle Levitt-

Riley disagreed and stated there was a notice in Saturday's Press and also in the calendar of events. She also stated a reporter would be attending the meeting on Thursday.

Mike Fuller present.

Grobe reviewed the applicants for the Hamilton Community Board.

Frank Moe made a motion to appoint Cardinal Henry, William McKune, Dorlan Redman and Kerry Kelly as the alternate to the Hamilton Community Center Board. Grobe seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

- ✓ Moe thanked Grobe for bringing the Air Quality Control Commission meeting to Craig on Thursday June 8th. It will be open to the public from 7-9 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.
- ✓ Ray Beck reported 1,290 petition signatures and public comments were sent into the OSM.
- ✓ Mike Fuller commented that this will be a very busy week in Craig with Rural Emersion, Air Quality Control and Whittle the Wood. Beck also complimented Jennifer Riley for the Rural Emersion program she put together.

Pam Foster and Mindy Curtis present.

- ✓ Roy Tipton gave an update on the Shadow Mountain project.
- ✓ Pam Foster invited the Elected Officials and their spouses to attend a picnic on July 17th. This will be hosted by the Republican Women and the guest speaker will be Routt County Commissioner, Kari Hermaninki. Foster also reported she is an alternate on the Colorado Defense Commission. She gave a brief review of the duties of this Commission. When there is a conflict of interest with the public defender, the case comes before the Defense Commission. There is a new law that no youth will appear in court without representation. The next meeting will be held in Craig on June 26th from 10-12 She invited the Commissioners to attend.
- ✓ Grobe reviewed the next steps for ColoWyo and the lawsuit against the OSM. He reported Moffat County has been granted cooperating agency status and will participate in the comment period during the next 120 days. There was further discussion regarding the appeal process.

Laura Willems, Beverly Counts, and Becky Tyree present.

Social Services- Beverly Counts & Laura Willems

Moe made a motion to approve the minutes from May 19, 2015. Grobe seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

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

Moe and Grobe both thanked Counts and Willems, and the entire staff for their hard work during the transition in the search for a new director and for implementing improvements in the Social Services Department.

Counts reviewed the work load for case workers and training for certified case workers, and supervisors. She also reviewed the ongoing audits for foster care review, including in-home foster homes, and out-of- home placements.

Nancy Kramer and Melody Villard present.

Willems reviewed the self-sufficiency eligibility program. Data processing challenges and delays in services to clients are statewide. Business processes were converted to a shared caseload model; however there is a continued increase in this program. Staff is eligible for training in Rifle as well as other program areas.

Various issues, such as staff absences, vacancies, recruitments and training continue to be challenging, and causes delays in processing. It is apparent there is not one change or action that will improve and sustain timeliness.

The primary funding for delivery of services for Food Assistance, Medical Assistance and Adult Financial programs are from State allocations. Typically 80% of the funding is from the State and 20% from the County. State allocations have decreased 7% and staff continues to manage these programs along with Colorado Works, Long Term Care and Child Care programs, which has increased 5.5% to 6%.

Willems submitted the monthly reports for foster care, application totals, and County Budget report. See attached.

Other updates:

- ✓ New federal law- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act- involves alignment of services and will be in effect July 2016.
- ✓ Employment First program, part of the food stamp program and is mandatory effective July 16th.
- ✓ Maximus contract –processing Medicaid outside of county ends in June and will cause influx of cases.
- ✓ State to review Food Stamp Policy on July 27th and 28th.
- ✓ Community Services Block Grant-Moffat County received a statewide award for the innovation and implementation of the kiosk at Dinosaur Library, providing services to rural residents. Moffat County also received another statewide award for meeting all of the program goals.

Audrey Danner present.

Community Ag Alliance- Nancy Kramer

Kramer gave an update on the Northwest Colorado Cultural Heritage Program.

2014 program overview:

- ✓ Completed 501 (c) (3) and organizational structure
- ✓ Website enhancement
- ✓ Ongoing fundraising
- ✓ Secured 84% funding for Garfield County Gateway Interpretive Sign project
- ✓ Completed 2014 Marketing Plan
- ✓ Completed State Historical Fund Grant and installed seven community interpretive signs.
- ✓ Completed Creative Colorado Grant to produce “Transcontinental” video.

Kramer reviewed the strategic plans and goals, and the 2015 marketing plan. See attachments.

Some future projects are, the revitalization of the Flat Top scenic byway, Energy Trail Master Plan, and producing a short video featuring the Elk Head School “Nothing Daunted” story.

Youth Services- Tara Wojtkiewicz

Wojtkiewicz reviewed the memorandum of understanding for SB 94 services and made recommendations for the Juvenile Services Planning Commission.

SB 94 is for Juvenile Services in the 14th Judicial District. Providing community based alternative to secure detention services for delinquent youth.

Moe made a motion to approve the agreement for SB 94 juvenile services with the 14th Judicial District. Grobe seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

Commissioner Moe made a motion to appoint Renae Dove, Jeremy Ashton, John Kinkaid, and the Director of Moffat County Social Services to the 14th Judicial District Juvenile Services Planning Commission. Grobe seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

Jim Ferree and Rose White present.

Craig Moffat Economic Development Partnership-Audrey Danner

Danner requested a letter of intent from the Commissioners for the application to re-designate as an Enterprise Zone in the Northwest Colorado Region and also to be considered for an expansion of Moffat County’s existing Enterprise Zone.

Moffat County’s economic base is currently dependent on the energy industry. The top ten taxpayers in the energy industry account for 58% of the County’s assessed valuation. Other potential hardships include the sage grouse land issues that will limit oil and gas operations and

have a tremendous impact on the local economy. The Enterprise Zone is important to Moffat County as we diversify our local economy.

The City of Craig will also send a letter of support.

Moe made a motion to send a letter to Sonya Guram, Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, Enterprise Zone Program Manager, indicating Moffat County's intent to re-designate as an Enterprise Zone in the Northwest Colorado Region and to be considered for an expansion of Moffat County's existing Enterprise Zone. Grobe seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached letter.

Danner expressed interest in the Cultural Heritage Program to partner with MCEDP.

Grace Hood from Colorado Public Radio present.

Danner reported Fiona Arnold will be in Rifle hosting a Blue Print Workshop on June 23rd focusing on business development. The agenda will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

AGNC will be meeting tomorrow morning at the College.

Natural Resources- Jeff Comstock

Comstock reviewed a memorandum of understanding with the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, the Western Region, and Moffat County's Natural Resources Department regarding the planning and production of an Environmental Assessment for the ColoWyo Coal Company's South Taylor mining plan.

The Environmental Assessment must be completed 120 days from May 8, 2015 or Judge Jackson will issue an order vacating the mine plan modification permit, which could result in a cessation of ColoWyo's mining operations.

The Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement has requested cooperating status from Moffat County as both have jurisdictional responsibilities and special expertise to many of the aspects of the environmental assessment development.

Moe made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Western Region, and the Moffat County Natural Resources Department. Grobe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

The meeting reconvened at 3:00

Weed & Pest Management- Gary Brannan

Brannan presented an agreement with ColoWyo for noxious weed control in the Axial Basin area.

Moe made a motion to approve the contract between Moffat County Pest Management and ColoWyo Coal Company for weed control. Grobe seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Lila Herod, County Clerk and Recorder

Approved by: John Hinkley
Charles Grobe
John Moe

Approved on: June 23, 2015
Attest by: Lila Herod

