

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

**June 23, 2015**

**In attendance:** John Kinkaid, Chairman; Chuck Grobe, Vice Chair; Frank Moe, Board Member; Lila Herod, Moffat County Clerk & Recorder; Brent Curtice; Ken Wergin; Ray Beck; Jeff Comstock; Roy Tipton; Patrick Kelly; Roger and Kelly Richmond; Mike Fuller

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

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

- a) Approved the minutes from June 16, 2015.
- b) Approved the Five County core services second addendum contract with Judy Eskelson for mental health services.
- c) Approved the Five County core services contracts with Ute Crossing Counseling and Sophie Berkley for mental health services.
- d) Approved the Five County core services contracts with Community Education Center (CAPS) for substance abuse services.
- e) Approved the Five County core services second addendum contract with Community Education Center (CAPS) for substance abuse services.
- f) Approve the MOU between Social Services and the Moffat County Sheriff's Office.
- g) Approved the MOU between Moffat County Social Services and the Interagency Oversight Group for collaborative management of HB 04-1451.

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

**General Discussion**

General discussion was held among the Board:

- ✓ Grobe gave an update on the Air Quality Control Commission meeting. The Commission was able to tour the power plant and coal mines. Grobe indicated this was a very positive meeting and the Commission was very impressed with the area and their perception of coal mining is now quite different.
- ✓ Grobe requested authorization to sign the appeal for the BLM protest on the sage grouse plan.

Moe made a motion authorizing Chuck Grobe to sign the documentation regarding the protest on the BLM's sage grouse plan. Grobe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

- ✓ Moe also commented on the Air Quality Control Commission meeting.

Sheriff Hume present.

- ✓ Mayor Beck gave an update on the Whittle the Wood events. There were many activities this past weekend and all were very well attended.
- ✓ Brent Curtice gave an update from the School District. The School Board will be meeting on Thursday and will be approving the budget.
- ✓ Moe reported he and Commissioner Grobe toured the Jail yesterday. He thanked the Sheriff for his staff's participation and for the prepared meal.
- ✓ The Sheriff commented on the MOU between the Sheriff and Social Services and stated he appreciates the working relationship with other departments.
- ✓ There was also a brief discussion regarding fire safety, specifically fireworks. Most fireworks are illegal in Colorado. The Sheriff encouraged everyone to take all precautions during the fire season. Red flag warnings have been in place the past five days.

Mindy Curtis present.

#### **Finance Department- Mindy Curtis**

Curtis reviewed the June Supplemental Budget. Transfers were made in the following departments without change to the contingency account: Clerk & Recorder, Grounds & Building, Sheriff, Pest Management, Moffat County Fair, Fairgrounds, Health Allotments, Road & Bridge, Senior Citizens, Internal Services, Social Services and the Museum.

The Contingency Account balance remains at \$200,000.00.  
The Emergency Reserve Account balance remains at \$924,232.00

Grobe made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-68 June 23, 2015 Supplemental Budget. Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Curtis discussed refinancing the bonds for the Public Safety Center. The Moffat County Finance Corporation recommends proceeding with the refinance as it will save the county 6.3%.

Grobe made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-69 authorizing the execution and delivery by Moffat County Colorado, of a fourth amendment to lease purchase agreement, a continuing disclosure agreement, an official statement and related documents, ratifying action previously taken and providing other matters relating the financing of the Public Safety Center. Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Curtis reviewed the underwriter agreement with George K Baum and Associates. This will reduce the underwriter fee.

Grobe made a motion to approve the underwriter agreement between Moffat County and George K Baum & Company for Series 2015 Refunding Certificates of Participation for the Public Safety Center. Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Jay Oxley and Jerry Magas present.

### NACO Innovation Team

Frank Moe discussed the challenges and goals of the NACO Team and reviewed the slide presentation. See attached.

Members of the NACO Team are: Frank Moe, Russell George, John Rossfeld, Jay Oxley, Mindy Curtis, Brent Curtice, Ray Beck, Jennifer Riley, Jim Ferree and Erin Miller.

The goals set by the NACO Team are:

1. Diversify the local economy while supporting and strengthening local energy industries and existing business.
2. Define economic development and diversification.
3. Unite the community to implement strategic economic development, tourism and implementation,
4. Adequately and permanently fund economic development, economic diversification and tourism to the levels required.
5. Be proactive in determining the economic future of Moffat County and Northwest Colorado.

The Team will implement a strategy and appoint a Chief Economic Champion. This position will coordinate the development, implement the strategy, write grants, specialize in business recruitment, and hold monthly meetings with CMEDP, Craig Chamber, MCTA, and Yampa Valley Data Partners.

Plans are being made to create a Local Marketing District. Local Marketing District funds can be used for economic development and tourism. Funds cannot be used for capital projects, with the exception of a tourism information center. CRS 29-25-111 defines the powers of the district.

Formation of the Local Marketing District requires the appointment of an advisory board. The recommendation is to place a 5% tax on rooms in hotels, apartment hotels, lodging house, motel/hotel guesthouse, guest ranch, trailer coach, mobile homes, auto camp or trailer courts and parks.

The existing 1.9% lodging tax and MCTA Board would stay in place with no changes.

The additional 5% would raise approximately \$300,000 annually. Moe indicated the local hotel businesses are in support of the formation of a local marketing district.

#### Timeline:

**June 23-** NACO Team presentation to County and City

**July 15-** Apply for economic development administration business assessment grant.

**July 17-** Apply for NACO Coal Reliant Communities Innovation Challenge Workshop in Grand Junction.

**Sept 16-18-** Attend NACO Workshop in Grand Junction.

**Nov 3-** Local Marketing District Initiative placed on General Election Ballot.

Mindy Curtis reviewed the Economic Development Business Assessment. Grants are available with a 50% match. DOLA also has funding opportunities for the matching depending on the community needs and timing

The business assessment can be combined with the existing plans to implement the strategy. Moe reviewed templates for strategy implementation.

Moe also reported both Estes Park and Alamosa have a Local Marketing District as well as Lodging Tax. The incorporated areas of Moffat County would be included in the LMD.

Janelle Oberlander present.

There was further discussion regarding the recruitment of the "Champion" and the job description for this position.

Moe indicated this is the perfect opportunity to strengthen our community and diversify our economy.

Bill de Vergie and Melody Villard present.

Mike Fuller questioned if this is a duplication of services that MCEDP already provides.

There was further discussion of the future of MCEDP and how this "Champion" and program would impact that organization. Jay Oxley indicated this program would create funding and support for MCEDP in hunting and targeting new business sectors. Currently MCEDP is focused on education and helping current businesses grow.

Melody Villard likened the LMD Champion to the seat of a stool and MCEDP, MCTA and the Chamber as the legs of that stool. It will bring these groups together with a strategic plan, and provide a funding source as well.

#### **Colorado Division of Parks & Wildlife- Bill de Vergie**

De Vergie discussed the private property easements for Charles, Tucker and Laimbock. The Commissioners indicated they support a private landowner's ability to enter into property easement contracts and appreciate that Parks & Wildlife have notified the County of this sale, but will not weigh in on the appropriateness of it. The Land Use Board is currently developing advice to the Commissioners regarding changes to traditional easement and land sale policies and the Board expects to respond differently in the future.

Grobe made a motion to sign a letter to this effect on the Charles, Tucker and Laimbock property easement. Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

De Vergie also discussed the conservation easement with Bored Gulch Ranch. The owners have submitted a portion of their ranch, approximately 4,800 acres to be placed in the conservation

easement with Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The CPW will be taking the project to the CDC in August so de Vergie would like the Commissioners review this transfer and respond by mid July. See attached.

Lynnette Siedschlaw and Becky Tyree present.

**Human Resources- Lynnette Siedschlaw**

There was discussion regarding the hiring of a new Social Services Director. There have been two rounds of interviews. Siedschlaw recommended hiring Dollie Rose who meets the requirements of this position and to start her salary at the minimum pay scale.

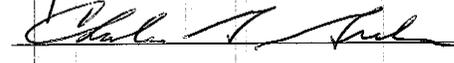
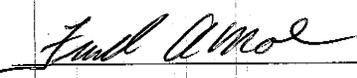
Grobe made a motion to offer the position of Social Services Director to Dollie Rose. Moe seconded the motion.

Grobe made an amendment to the motion to offer the position to Dollie Rose at the minimum pay of \$2,541.60 per pay period. Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

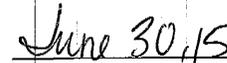
**Meeting Adjourned**

Submitted by: Lila Herod, County Clerk and Recorder

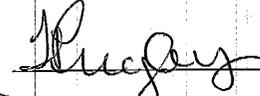
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