

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

September 22, 2015

In attendance: John Kinkaid, Chairman; Chuck Grobe, Vice Chair; Frank Moe, Board Member; Lila Herod, Moffat County Clerk & Recorder; Neil Folks; Brent Curtice; Samantha Pearce; Ray Beck; Ken Wergin; Lois Wymore; Rebecca Tyree; Roy Tipton; Patrick Kelly

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

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

- a) Approved the minutes from September 15, 2015.
- b) Approved Resolutions 2015-102 & 2015-103 payment of payroll warrants in the amounts of \$207,402.21 and \$479,249.05.
- c) Approved Resolution 2015-104 payment of warrants for the month of September in the amount of \$391,748.30.
- d) Approved the Community Services Block Grant request for reimbursement.

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

Mike Fuller and JD Sexton present.

General Discussion

General discussion was held among the Board:

- ✓ Grobe reported the Department of Interior has announced the Sage Grouse will not be listed on the endangered species list. Grobe is very pleased with this decision, but indicated concerns that the BLM will still be signing very restrictive management plans, and has largely ignored comments expressed by Moffat County and other cooperative agencies.
- ✓ Grobe gave an update on the litigation between Trapper Mine and Wild Earth Guardians. Trapper has been granted an extension until April 30th to complete the environmental assessment.
- ✓ Grobe gave an update on the AGNC meeting. Discussion was held regarding hospital provider fees. A resolution was approved supporting the reclassification of these fees as enterprise funds. There was also discussion regarding the grant application for the WWII memorial.

Gary Brannan and John Ponikvar present.

- ✓ Moe reported on the NACO team workshop held in Grand Junction. There was discussion regarding the business assessment strategy and the team learned there will be grant funding available for future projects.

- ✓ Ray Beck reported Club 20 also supported reclassifying the hospital provider fees. He reported a meeting with Building a Better Colorado will be held tomorrow at the Clarion to discuss the process to change constitutional amendments, term limits, and state policies.
- ✓ Brent Curtice reported the School District has created a telemedicine partnership with the hospital as a benefit to school district employees. Curtice also reported the upcoming election will have four seats available on the School Board. He also reported there is an increase in achievement scores.

Tim Wilson, John Husband, Ben Beall, Gregg Brown, Christina Rhyne, Tamara Naumann present.

- ✓ Lois Wymore announced the CNCC Foundation will be hosting an educational wine tasting event as a fund raiser for the foundation. It will be October 17th at the Clarion Inn. She also reported enrollment is up 9% on the Craig Campus and the Rangely Campus is full.
- ✓ John Ponikvar gave an update on the NACO workshop and commented other teams from out of state were very impressed with Moffat County as a community and also in our progressive planning for the future.

Yampa River System Legacy Partnership- Ben Beall

Mr. Beall reported the Yampa River System Legacy Partnership/ America's Great Outdoors is interested in land conservation and recreation on the Yampa River. Discussion among various partners in both Routt and Moffat counties is to seek a new approach to address the leafy spurge infestation.

Gary Brannan reported the Leafy Spurge is a very invasive weed in Routt and Moffat County. In other states, such as Montana, millions of acres have been destroyed and the costs to agriculture and recreation have been extreme. Efforts have been made since 1995 using herbicides, competitive seeding method, etc., but funding and personnel are not adequate for this project.

Brannan indicated the areas to improve and priorities are:

1. Mapping to determine extent of the problem.
2. Cooperation between private landowners, and public land agencies.
3. Research

Tamara Naumann from Dinosaur National Monument indicated that over the past ten years, small populations of the weed are showing up around the river bank, although efforts have been made to control it.

Grobe suggested contacting CSU to research and identify control methods that work.

Gregg Brown, Routt County Weed Program, indicated the problem is comprehensive and will require additional personnel to work on this issue alone.

Beall indicated the project has been estimated to cost \$1.5 million. He also reported Colorado Parks and Wildlife has not had success in controlling the weed. They also support the efforts of a study group to identify a model that will rehabilitate the habitat.

Tim Wilson indicated support from the BLM to form a coalition and help seek funding. The BLM contributes funds to both counties for weed control, but don't want to see all funds dedicated solely to leafy spurge. He suggested this project could qualify for federal landscape level projects and funding. Colorado will only be able to submit three projects for federal funding and indicated if Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Routt counties all supported this project it could be successful.

Wilson stated if the District is able to push the project for federal landscape level funding it could possibly acquire \$100,000. The BLM is not asking for matching funds. He also stated that although \$1.5 million seems like a lot, over ten years and split among cooperative agencies it is reasonable.

The Commissioners indicated they are willing to support these efforts and to draft a letter of support. Gary Brannan will send a copy of the 1995 weed plan to the County Attorney. See attachments.

Jerry Hoberg, Dan Davidson, KC Hume, James Michels and Todd Wheeler present.

Museum of Northwest Colorado – Dan Davidson

Davidson reviewed the oil and gas leases with Three Crown Petroleum LLC. There are three separate leases between Three Crown and the Museum. All three are five year leases with 19% royalty. Lease payment will be made once the title work is complete, and is approximately \$5,000.

Lease #1 located in Sections 33 & 34 Township 7 North Range 92 West, containing 160.09 gross acres.

Lease #2 located in Sections 16, 17 & 20 Township 7 North, and Range 92 West containing 240.96 gross acres.

Lease #3 located in Sections 21, 32 & 33 Township 7 North, and Range 92 West containing 570.99 gross acres.

Grobe made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-101 Oil and gas leases between Three Crown Petroleum LLC and the Museum of Northwest Colorado. Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Sheriff's Office- Todd Wheeler

Wheeler reviewed the airport MOU between the County and the BLM. The MOU provides procedures and guidance for the coordination and cooperation in supplying base operations at the

Craig/Moffat County Airport for single engine tanks, fixed-wing aircraft and firefighting helicopter.

Grobe made a motion to approve the MOU between the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit, Colorado Department of Public Safety Division for Fire Prevention, Moffat County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Craig for the use of the Craig/Moffat County Airport, for the coordination and cooperation in supplying base operations at the Craig/Moffat County Airport for single engine tanks, fixed-wing aircraft and firefighting helicopter. Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Wheeler reviewed the agreement for Cooperative Wildfire Protection. This agreement is between Moffat County, the Moffat County Sheriff and the State of Colorado Department of Public Safety Division of Fire Prevention and Control.

The agreement facilitates the coordination and exchange of personnel, equipment, supplies, services and funds in order to sustain and implement wild land fire management activities among all counties within the state.

Grobe made a motion to approve the agreement for cooperative wildfire protection between Moffat County Board of County Commissioners, the Moffat County Sheriff and the State of Colorado Department of Public Safety for the benefit of the Division of Fire Prevention and Control. Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

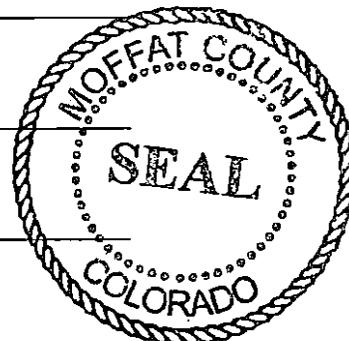
Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Lila Herod, County Clerk and Recorder

Approved by: *Paul Kimball*
Julie Moe

Approved on: *Charles T. Tule*
9/29/15

Attest by: *Lila Herod*



RESOLUTION 2015-102
 PAYMENT OF PAYROLL WARRANTS
 PAYROLL ENDING 09/11/2015

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Moffat County, Colorado, have approved the payment of various debts and obligations from the various county funds:

AND WHEREAS, the warrants issued in payment of said debts and obligations have been issued against the Moffat County Warrant Fund:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Moffat County Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to transfer money among the various funds as follows:

		9/21/2015	
FROM FUND:			
General	0010.7000	\$81,573.40	cr
Road & Bridge	0020.7000	\$68,339.74	cr
Retirement	0040.7000	\$0.00	cr
Landfill	0070.7000	\$5,747.69	cr
Airport	0120.7000	\$287.54	cr
Library	0130.7001	\$8,013.81	cr
Maybell Sanitation	0280.7000	\$314.67	cr
Health & Welfare	0080.7000	\$0.00	cr
Senior Citizens	0170.7000	\$3,198.04	cr
Mo Co Tourism	0320.7000	\$889.13	cr
PSC Jail	0072.7000	\$0.00	cr
Social Services	0030.7100	\$29,621.57	cr
SM I	0168.7000	\$2,043.85	cr
SM II	0169.7000	\$2,327.21	cr
Museum	0310.7000	\$5,045.56	cr
TO FUND:			
Warrant	0100.1000	\$207,402.21	dr

Adopted this 22 day of Sept A.D. 2015

 Chairman

STATE OF COLORADO)
)ss.
 COUNTY OF MOFFAT)

I, Lila Herod, County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, County of Moffat, State of Colorado do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution as adopted on the date stated.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 22 day of Sept 2015

 County Clerk & Ex-officio

