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

December 1, 2015

In attendance: John Kinkaid, Chairman; Frank Moe, Board Member; Lila Herod, Moffat County Clerk & Recorder; Eldon Holland; Neil Folks; Brian Baxter; Ken Wergin; Cathy Nielson; Roy Tipton; Jeff Comstock; Ray Beck; Rebecca Tyree

Commissioner Grobe is attending CCI Conference.

Call to Order
Pledge/Opening Prayer
Consent Agenda

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

a) Approved the minutes from November 24, 2015.
b) Approved Resolutions 2015-123 and 2015-124 payment of payroll warrants for the payroll ending November 21, 2015 in the amounts of $222,599.42 and $210,389.72.
c) Approved Resolution 2015-125 transfer of payment of warrants for the month of December 2015 in the amount of $341,290.58.
d) Approved Resolution 2015-128 Observed Holidays for 2016.

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

General Discussion

General discussion was held among the Board:

- ✓ Kinkaid reported he and Mayor Beck will be meeting with EPA Director, Shawn McGrath on Thursday to discuss the clean power plan.
- ✓ Kinkaid reviewed and article regarding Northwest Colorado and Moffat County coal issues in the Colorado Biz Magazine "King Coal on the Ropes"

Patrick Kelly present.

- ✓ There was discussion regarding the Parade of Lights and Festival of Trees events.
- ✓ Moe thanked John Rossfeld for his service to the Memorial Hospital and his efforts with the NACO team and Local Marketing District.
- ✓ Comments were taken from the audience.

Mindy Curtis present.

- ✓ Brian Baxter requested a meeting with the Commissioners to discuss the American Legion lease agreement.
- ✓ Jeff Comstock discussed the grant for the sage grouse partnership to map habitat.

- ✓ Kinkaid reported Congressman Tipton addressed the clean power plan on the House floor last night.
- ✓ There was discussion regarding planning efforts between the Senior Social Group and the American Legion, and the current lease agreement between the American Legion and Moffat County.

BOCC- Local Marketing District

Commissioner Moe reviewed the resolution adopting the 2016 operating plan for the Local Marketing District.

The operating plan addresses the purpose, Board of Directors, boundaries, description of services, fiscal agent, marketing and promotion tax and the budget.

Moe made a motion approved Resolution 2015-126 approval of the 2016 Moffat County Local Marketing District Operating Plan. Kinkaid seconded the motion.

The City of Craig and Town of Dinosaur will approve the same operating plan.

Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

Moe made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-127 Creation of the Moffat County Local Marketing District Fund. Kinkaid seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

Finance Department- Mindy Curtis

Curtis reviewed the 2016 proposed budget with the Local Marketing District and Memorial Hospital changes.

The budget is $86,150,422 which is $6.8 million more than 2015. The main reason is the Memorial Hospital. The remaining County budget is $43,728,056. Which is an increase of 2% from 2015.

Curtis reviewed the county budget without the hospital component and the anticipated revenues and decreases in property tax, federal mineral lease and severance taxes, PILT funding, and sales tax.

Other concerns are the increases in employee health benefit claims in the Health and Welfare fund. The projections for 2017- 2019 indicates the reserve fund will drop below the 30% reserve level.

In order to prepare for the 2018-2019 anticipated budget crises, departments are being asked to look at all operating and personnel costs, as well as internal policies that impact the budget.

To maintain the 30% reserve balance in 2019, the County will need to cut $800,000 each year which totals $3.2 million.

Weekly Department Head meetings are being held to discuss these issues. Some proposed solutions include a ballot question to fully "De-Bruce" the 5.5% TABOR limitation on existing property tax and the formation of special districts for non-mandated services.

Moe made a motion to approve the amended 2016 proposed budget. Kinkaid seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Office of Development Services- Roy Tipton

Tipton reviewed the contract with CGRS for remediation of the old Fairgrounds office building. CGRS is the environmental engineers and will oversee the remediation of the project, which should take about 30 days.

Moe made a motion to approve the contract with CGRS for remediation monitoring of the old Fairgrounds building. Kinkaid seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Lila Herod, County Clerk and Recorder

Approved by: _____

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Approved on: Dec. 8, 2015

Attest by: _____

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