

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

**January 19, 2016**

**In attendance**, Chuck Grobe, Chairman; Frank Moe, Vice Chair; John Kinkaid, Board Member; Amanda Tomlinson, Deputy Clerk; Neil Folks; Roy Tipton; Ken Wergin; Patrick Kelly; Ray Beck; Roger Richmond

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

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

- a) Approved the minutes from January 12, 2016.
- b) Limestone Pit #10 Discharge Monitoring Report
- c) Core Services contract addendum: Sexual Abuse Treatment
- d) Quarterly Reimbursement Request & Financial Report – Emergency Management Program Grant Expenses
- e) Fairgrounds Shop & Office construction contract
- f) Community Services Block Grant Financial Status Report

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

**General Discussion**

General discussion was held among the Board:

- ✓ Grobe attended the Basin Round Table where the State Water Plan was discussed
  - 11 Water Districts in the State and the State water plan was released a couple of months ago. Still waiting on Section 10 – the legislative section
  - Standing up for Yampa, White & Green River water resources
  - Water levels dropping at Lake Powell could cause the Colorado River Compact Call to go into effect—any water rights after 1922 will be suspended
  - Possible meeting with West Slope Basin groups decided how to prevent Compact Call from going into effect
  - Kelly requested an explanation of what the Colorado River Compact Call is
    - Grobe explained that there was an agreement written in the 30s over the Colorado River that says that we have to supply 7.5 million acre feet of water to the lower states of the Colorado River on a ten year average
  - Kelly also asked if the State is continually working on a plan to which Grobe replied that the Basin Round Tables were set in 2005, and they set their own priorities and water plans
  - Our region includes the Yampa, White, & Green Rivers with Moffat, Rio Blanco & Routt Counties in cooperation with each other

- This is a Federal negotiating agreement with the Secretary of the Interior that includes the entire country, and Mexico

Jeff Comstock; Rebecca Tyree; Anita Cameron present.

- ✓ Moe toured the Maybell & Brown's Park area on Thursday 1/14/16
  - Learned more about agriculture, vegetation, wildlife, The Swinging Bridge, economic development, and commerce
- ✓ Moe also traveled to the Northeast part of the county
- ✓ Moe asked Comstock to analyze the President's Moratorium on future coal leases
  - Kelly said that the analysis is expected to take three years based on the press release
  - Comstock stressed the importance of participating in the analysis process of the coal reform plans coming from the President
- ✓ Moe mentioned that the county is interviewing three companies that did RFPs for the comprehensive economic assessment to help diversify the economy

Nolan Sharp; Dollie Rose present.

- ✓ Kinkaid stressed that the community needs to comment on the environmental assessments for Trapper Mine and Collom expansion at Colowyo
  - Comment period opened today for Colowyo and Trapper's will open on 1/25.
  - The website is [supportnorthwestcolorado.com](http://supportnorthwestcolorado.com)
- ✓ There will be another OSM meeting at the high school on Wednesday 1/27 at 5:30 p.m. primarily for Collom expansion
- ✓ Kinkaid mentioned going to Rifle with Mayor Beck and Comstock for AGNC meeting with Dr. Larry Wolk, the Executive Director from CDPHE as the guest speaker
  - Kinkaid had a long discussion about the implications of the clean power plans for Northwest Colorado
  - Mayor Beck reached out to Dr. Wolk and he accepted an invitation to come to Craig on 3/16. Planning a tour of Tri-State & Trapper Mine.
- ✓ Kinkaid said that if power plants are going to be shut down, it should be on the Eastern Slope where the residents would welcome it
  - Grobe added that Colorado Springs is closing their coal fired plant in the next four years
- ✓ Folks attended the school board meeting, and said tomorrow is the first budget meeting and evaluation of the superintendent, from 5-9 p.m.
  - The school district seems to be having some difficulty transitioning from the old system to the new system; are focused on raising the test scores
  - Wergin added that we need to remember that schools are our future
- ✓ Beck said Club 20 annual legislative meeting is coming up. Beck will be attending and Comstock may be, as well.
  - Kinkaid asked what the Club 20 stance is on the hospital provider fee, to which Beck replied that they are in favor of making the taxes enterprise only, and that he suspects a bill will be coming

Jill Shade present

**Department of Social Services – Dollie Rose**

Moe made motion to approve.

- ✓ Review December 15, 2015 minutes for revision or approval

Kinkaid seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See Attached.

- ✓ Department updates
  - Community forum 1/21 at 6:30 p.m.
    - Covering criteria needed to be accept an assessment
    - Craig Police Department is going to ask questions about ongoing education
  - Foster Care
    - IOG gave \$500 to department for foster care improvements
    - Applied for \$900 grant for foster parent recruitment
    - Looking to waive CPR certification fees for foster families
    - Trying to update training library
    - 4 Certified Foster Homes, 2 in the certification process, and 5 others that are interested
    - 24 sanctioned cases and 25 active cases
  - Food assistance need has been on the rise
  - Medical assistance & Colorado Works were the highest for 2015

Moe made motion to approve.

- ✓ Electronic Transactions

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

- ✓ Monthly Reports
  - Annual case load increased 22% from December 2014
  - Monthly case load increased 8% from November 2015
- ✓ Rose further discussed the budget and the goals that have been met at Social Services
- ✓ Kinkaid asked if Rose had ideas on how to get a handle on heroin use in the community to which Rose replied that education is key

KC Hume; Eldon Holland present.

### **Northwest Loan Fund – Anita Cameron**

Cameron presented a Community Development Block Grant Application for signature. The grant money comes out of HUD at the Federal level, but they are managed at the State level. She was here about 2 ½ years ago. She is responsible for creating loans the nine northwest counties in Colorado. These loans are used to create jobs and stimulate the economy in these counties. During the last process Cameron secured about \$1 million in loans, and created 46 jobs in the last grant process, four of which were in Moffat County.

The new grant is \$650,000 for business loans and the State provides 16% on top of the grant and that excess is used for administration fees. The grant is really giving Cameron permission to operate in Moffat County. The money is usually available in around six weeks depending on the volume of applications. Cameron works with Audrey Danner and the Chamber of Commerce to get their applications together.

Moe made motion to participate. Kinkaid seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached

### **Yampa Valley Data Partners – Eldon Holland**

Holland is the executive director for Yampa Valley Data Partners. Came to make an introduction, and explain where YVDP is at currently. He would like to come back later and ask for \$2,005.00 grant on a quarterly basis from the BOCC from economic development. Kinkaid asked if the information would be timelier than it has been in the past. There will be monthly fast facts that will compare Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Routt counties.

### **Advocates – Jill Shade**

Shade is the new Executive Director for Advocates Crisis Support Services. She moved from Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina in December and started full time in January. Shade presented two proclamations for signature. The two items for the month of January are the Human Trafficking Awareness Month proclamation and the Stalking Awareness Month proclamation.

Moe made a motion to approve the proclamations. Kinkaid seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

### **Fuller Center for Housing – Neil Folks**

Folks gave an update on Fuller Center for Housing. The Greater Blessing Program, which includes the Cross County Fuller Adventure Bike Ride, is for those who cannot afford to hire laborers. The individuals provide the tools and the materials, and the bike riders provide the labor. This is the fourth year that the riders will come through Craig, and they are expected to be in our area around July 5<sup>th</sup>. See the attached map and brochure.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Submitted by: Amanda Tomlinson, Deputy Clerk

Approved by: Charles Tomlinson

Frank L. Moore

John H. [Signature]

Approved on: Jan. 26, 2016

Attest by: Lena [Signature]

