

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

**March 15, 2016**

**In attendance**, Chuck Grobe, Chairman; Frank Moe, Vice Chair; John Kinkaid, Board Member; Amanda Tomlinson, Moffat County Deputy Clerk; Ray Beck, Craig Mayor; Tony St. John; John Haddan; Rebecca Tyree; Tom Soos; Jeff Comstock; Roy Tipton; John Wellman; JD Sexton; Marlin Mallet, Twin Enviro; Shannon Moore, MCTA.

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

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

- a) Approved the minutes from March 8, 2016.
- b) Resolution 2016-25: Resolution Corrections for the Month of March
- c) Resolution 2016-26: Voided Warrants for the Month of March
- d) Monthly Treasurer's report
- e) DOLA Contract Amendment for Phase III of Shadow Mountain Village Improvement Project

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

**General Discussion**

General discussion was held among the Board:

Grobe mentioned that Better City is in town to start the Economic Development Assessment proposal for Moffat County. He encouraged the community to get involved in the discussion. Moe added that they will be evaluating the entire county. Kinkaid said that we appreciate our energy based economy, but to bolster that we are going to have to diversify. He also noted that Hillary Clinton has a video online opposing coal that everyone should watch and be mindful of in the coming election.

Moe and Kinkaid went to Grand Junction to testify on Senate Bill 16-097 concerning severance taxes. Moe says the intent of the bill was to keep the money and the resources in the communities that they are extracted from. The Boulder area opposed the bill, saying that the legislature should determine where the money goes; Moe disagreed. Kinkaid said that he and Moe did what they could to persuade the board to pass the bill. The bill has been tabled until some of the amendments and other items could be ironed out.

Moe mentioned that the political process will continue this weekend in Moffat County with the general assembly Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged everyone to attend and be active in the election process. Kinkaid wanted to know if that is an assignment for students.

Patrick Kelly and Eldon Holland joined the meeting.

Beck said he also testified for Senate Bill 16-097 in Denver, and he met the lobbyist of the CCI. He also mentioned that the last day to provide written comment is March 26<sup>th</sup> to the BLM concerning the travel management plan. Two topics of discussion that keep coming up as far as bills go are transportation funding and TABOR relief from the hospital provider fee; both could possibly be on the ballot in November. Beck also wanted to let the public know that the old reducing valve in Shadow Mountain failed, and the residents will be without water for most of today. Dispatch set up a reverse 911 line for the residents. Beck wanted everyone to be aware that AGNC holds conference calls on Thursdays to discuss upcoming bills, and will meet with Representative Rankin on his proposed bill. Rankin is the sponsor, along with Representative Hamner for the De-Bruce Severance Tax Revenue Bill.

Haddan, Wellman, and Sexton came to represent the CSU Cooperative Extension Advisory Committee. The BOCC appoints the committee members. The committee members recently had a meeting to elect their officers: Haddan as President, Steve Raftopoulos as Vice President, and Wellman as the Secretary. Other members chosen to sit on the committee are: Jamie Eckroth, 4-H; Shane Ridnour, Ag; Nick Charchalis, horticulture and agronomy; Larae Moon, family and consumer science. The committee approved a new set of by-laws, as well. One Commissioner will sit as an ex-officio at the meetings for the committee, but all of the commissioners are welcome. The committee is concerned about Weed and Pest Management; this time of year controlling noxious weeds is crucial. Haddan said the committee would be happy to help fill the open position for Weed and Pest Management. Grobe requested a copy of the by-laws; Haddan said that the committee would submit that, as well as the minutes from their meetings to the BOCC.

St. John thanked the BOCC and the Mayor for testifying about Senate Bill 16-097. Boulder was the only group at the testimony that was opposed to the bill. Kelly mentioned he thinks the next action for this bill, or an amendment to the bill, is supposed to happen March 16th. Grobe thinks that the BOCC would have been informed if there was any action happening any time soon. Beck said that there were several people from surrounding counties there to support the bill, as well.

Soos mentioned that Twin Enviro is going to cancel some routes in Moffat County which will affect trash pickup in some more rural areas of the county. Grobe asked Beck if the City will help pick up some of the slack. Beck asked the people being affected to contact Jim Ferree or Rod Durham with the City. Mallet added that the routes that Twin Enviro will be cancelling are not economically feasible for the company to break even. He said that the service fees would need to be raised too much for the residents to keep using the services. He added that Twin Enviro tried to contact the City to find a solution for the routes, but the City has shown no interest in helping to find a resolution, as of now.

KC Hume; Tony Maneotis; Irene Kitzman; and Vickie Runnion entered the meeting.

## **BOCC**

Moe made a motion to declare the week of March 18<sup>th</sup>—March 25, 2016 as Agriculture Week in Moffat County, as well as March 23<sup>rd</sup> as Agriculture Day.

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

Appointments to open MCTA seats will be made. Grobe said that Cindy Looper was an alternate, and the BOCC is proposing that Looper will be moved to a regular board seat. Kandee Dilldine has resigned her seat which made the seat available.

Moe made a motion to appoint Cindy Looper to the MCTA board. Kinkaid seconded the motion. Motion Carried 3-0.

Moe proposed that the BOCC post an opening for an alternate position for the MCTA. This will give a couple of weeks to find someone to fill the alternate position for the board.

## **Grillin' the Rockies Championship – Vickie Runnion**

Runnion came to discuss waving the fee to use Loudy Simpson for the Grillin' the Rockies Championship. This would just be for the use of the park for the cookoff. This event is being held in conjunction with the Victory Motors Drive Against Cancer. Victory will be operating at the park from June 6<sup>th</sup> through June 11<sup>th</sup>. They are trying to get the other communities in the valley to come to the camp, as well. All proceeds go to the Moffat County Cancer Society. Victory has donated about \$25,000 in the past two years from this event.

Melody Villard and Lennie Gillam entered the meeting.

Kinkaid made a motion to approve waving the fees for Loudy Simpson for this event. Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Nolan Sharpe, KRAI; entered the meeting.

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

Holland has asked for an allocation of \$10,000 from the economic development fund for Yampa Valley Data Partners; to be paid out quarterly. Funding is already coming from Routt County, Rio Blanco County, City of Steamboat Springs, and the City of Craig.

Holland stressed that economic development takes the entire community working together, which is what YVDP data will encourage. He said that retail sales are only posted by the state about ten months after the fact, where YVDP would be able to make that information available

in two months. YVDP gathers the data and interprets it for the entities that it works for. YVDP would be able to provide data for certain events and government entities, such as the LMD. YVDP passed a budget including the funds from Moffat County. Kinkaid asked if Holland would take \$2,500 for each of the last three quarters of the year and exclude the first payment since the quarter is almost over. Holland said that YVDP has been doing research for Moffat County over the last year and feels that the allocation is necessary. Holland more or less said that Moffat County has been freeloading with all of the information that it has gotten with no funding provided. So YVDP would function with less of an allocation, but Holland doesn't feel that it would be right. Moe asked if YVDP had arrangements with the other entities in the county such as the Chamber, MCTA, and etc. for events that will happen in the county to gather the correct data. There are no formal arrangements, but the other entities are willing to work with YVDP.

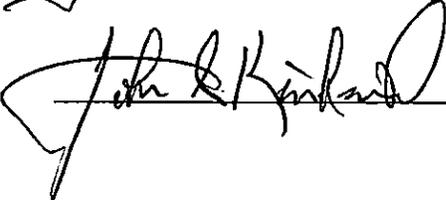
Grobe said that this allocation was not approved during the time the budget was being solidified, and therefore he does not want to approve the funding. Moe said that he sees the point that Grobe is making, but that he also wants the data that YVDP can provide, and believes that there are some extra funds available to make this happen. He believes that YVDP would be a missing link in the process that Better City is going to try to make happen. Moe would like the BOCC to take the time to think about it some more.

Kinkaid made the motion to pass the allocation of \$7,500 to Yampa Valley Data Partners. Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Submitted by: Lila Herod, County Clerk and Recorder

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Approved on:

Mar. 27, 2014

Attest by:

Lila Herod

