

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

March 29, 2016

In attendance, Frank Moe, Vice Chair; John Kinkaid, Board Member; Lila Herod, Moffat County Clerk & Recorder; Neil Folks; Ken Wergin; Jeff Comstock; Roy Tipton; Don Cook; Ray Beck; Patrick Kelly; Sheriff Hume

Commissioner Grobe is absent.

**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 22, 2016.

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

Tammy Villard present.

General Discussion

General discussion was held among the Board:

- ✓ Kinkaid reported he toured Trapper Mine with Senator Bennett's Chief of Staff and other government representatives. He also reported Janice Schneider; Assistant Secretary of Interior will be coming to the area on April 12th and 13th to tour Twenty Mile Coal and Trapper Mine, respectively.
- ✓ Moe discussed the County Budget process and he gave a brief update on the cost analysis workshops.

Nolan Sharpe and Eldon Holland present.

- ✓ Kinkaid also discussed the LEAN process and he is hopeful the process and contract will be approved by the commissioners very soon.
- ✓ Tipton reported Phase III of the Shadow Mountain project will start on Monday.
- ✓ Tammy Villard gave an overview of the Bountiful Baskets program and requested the County donate a location for their distribution, which is every other Saturday. She suggested under the grand stands or the ice arena would be the best location. It will be used every two weeks. The Commissioners will take this under consideration.

Judy Holland present.

- ✓ Ray Beck reported Hwy 13 South will be closed today. He reported Club 20 annual meeting will be this Friday and Saturday. He also recognized that today is Vietnam Veterans Day and April 1st is First Responders Recognition Day.
- ✓ Neil Folks gave an update on the Fuller House workdays.
- ✓ Ken Wergin discussed Highway Cleanup projects.
- ✓ Moe announced the Local Marketing District will meet tonight at 6 p.m.in the Courthouse conference room.

Moffat County Early Childhood Coalition- Judy Holland

Holland discussed the activities that have been planned to celebrate the Month of the Young Child and she presented a proclamation for the Commissioners approval. The Children's Festival will be held April 30th at the Centennial Mall.

Kinkaid made a motion to proclaim the Month of April as the Month of the Young Child. Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

Tanya Ferguson present.

Holland and Ferguson discussed how important preschool teachers work is and they addressed the low pay and inequity of this profession.

Lennie Gillam and Randy Looper present.

Finance Department- Mindy Curtis

Curtis reviewed the March 2016 supplemental budget. Transfers and unexpected revenues were made to the following departments without change to the Contingency Fund: Sheriff, Hamilton Community Center, Maybell, Maybell Ambulance, Maybell Fire, Moffat County Fair, Extension, Health Allotments, Landfill, Maybell Waste Water Treatment Facility, Social Services and the Museum.

The Contingency account remains a \$200,000.00.

The Emergency Reserve account remains at \$937,283.00.

Kinkaid made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-30 March 29, 2016 Supplemental Budget. Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

Linda DeRose and Bill Mack present.

Moffat County Balloon Festival- Randy Looper

Randy Looper discussed the summer Balloon Festival, and requested the use of Loudy Simpson Park on August 5th and 6th at no charge.

Looper discussed issues with trash and restroom facilities and he also requested that the hayfields be mowed in order to launch the balloons. He reported he will be requesting additional dumpsters from the City of Craig and that VIP parking will be available for \$5.00 per vehicle.

Melody Villard present.

The Commissioners complimented the committee on this event. They directed Mr. Looper to meet with Lennie Gillam and work out the facility and mowing issues, and they will take the request under consideration.

Office of Development Services- Roy Tipton

Tipton reviewed the Swinging Bridge rehabilitation project and the DOLA grant application for repairs.

In January 2015 Moffat County received payment of \$68,306.00 from the insurance claim against Vermillion Ranch from the accident in June 2014. Moffat County had previously budgeted \$100,000 to replace the wood deck. The County proposes to use \$160,000 plus another \$100,000 in contributions from cooperating agencies and private companies as matching funds for grants. In January 2016 the County was awarded a grant in the amount of \$500,000 from the Off System Bridge Grant program and it will be used in combination with the above \$260,000 as the 50% match for the DOLA grant in the amount of \$760,000.

An MOU was signed in 1954 with the cooperating agencies which gave title to the bridge to the United States. Title was held by the BLM until 1970 when the Wildlife Refuge was created and management of the area was transferred to the United States Fish and Wildlife. Moffat County only discovered this in August 2015 when title was investigated by an outside attorney. USFW does in fact have title to the bridge and they want to retain ownership, however it is being proposed to enter into a long term easement agreement and that will resolve the issue and give the County control of the bridge. See slide presentation.

Approval of the easement agreement will have to be made by July 2016, which is the DOLA grant hearing. Ultimately, if both grants are awarded there will be a 12 month review period, so the earliest construction could take place is August 2017.

Moe indicated this is a controversial issue, it is not personal or about one individual, it is about commerce and safety in both Moffat County, Colorado and Utah. Safe transportation is a service we are expected to provide.

Kinkaid questioned if these repairs would finally solve the problem and eliminate the perception of the "money pit". He also questioned if we are throwing out more money and if is prudent? He also questioned if there are traffic precautions being considered.

Tipton discussed the bridge deficiencies and he stated this project will cost the County only 10% of the total project costs. He believes it is a long term solution and wise investment.

Sue Bengston and Eric Lodwick present.

Bill Mack stated the County has made repairs to the bridge for years. He questioned why USFW don't take on the expense and repairs now that we know they own it.

Comstock stated the recommendation of an easement is essential and it grants the County oversight and management of the bridge. This will give the County power to manage access state and federal land. If the easement is not approved, then he agrees the United States should assume all financial burdens; however if the easement is granted it will give the County the desired control to manage access, weight, times, etc.

Ray Beck suggested if the County's philosophy is to support public lands then that goes hand in hand to support public access. The county's financial investment is very small and it will benefit many.

Kinkaid made a motion to submit the DOLA Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Grant Application for rehabilitation of the Swinging Bridge in the amount of \$760,000.00. Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

County Attorney- Rebecca Tyree & Eric Lodwick

Tyree reviewed the Moto Cross Track contract with Eric Lodwick.

The lease agreement is in the amount of \$1.00 the first year. If the lease is renewed within the next four years, the annual rent will then be \$50 per year and also subject to negotiations of the gate fees.

Lodwick will be assuming construction costs in building this track. To date he has put in approximately \$30,000. Lodwick expressed concern with the future bid process after he has made all of these improvements and investment in the track. Lodwick also reported he has obtained a \$2 million insurance policy.

Tyree reported the previous occupant has been notified that the County will begin the legal process for towing abandoned vehicles.

The agreement indicates that race events will be held in accordance with AMA industry standards.

Other agreement considerations should be made in regards to:

1. Overnight camping during events only.
2. Prohibiting alcohol on the premises.
3. Food service vendor permit.
4. Weed control.
5. Notification and scheduling of events.
6. Realignment of the road.

7. Contract renewal and fees.

The Commissioners will take these considerations under further advisement and make a formal decision on the lease agreement at a later meeting.

Meeting adjourned and reconvened at 1:30 pm.

Office of Development Services- Roy Tipton

Tipton reviewed an access agreement with the City of Steamboat Springs in order to excavate the monitoring well and hydro carbon impacted soil of the underground storage tanks on the City and County property on East Victory Way.

Kinkaid made a motion to approve the license agreement between Moffat County and the City of Steamboat Springs regarding the excavation and corrective action on the property located at 616 East Victory Way. Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. See attached.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Lila Herod, County Clerk and Recorder

Approved by: *Frank U. Moe*

John Kinkaid

Approved on: April 4, 2014

Attest by: Lila Herod

