May 5, 2020

Commissioner Zander opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m., with Dennis Zander, Gary Kartevold and Joe Sharbono present. Also present were Craig Hostetler, Craig Stebbins, Craig Canfield KLJ, Mike Mahoney KLJ, Brendan Heidner, Ranger Review Reporter and Shirley Kreiman Clerk & Recorder.

Prior Meeting Minutes:
A motion was made to approve the minutes for April 21, 2020. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Items to be added to the agenda:
A motion was made to add the following items to the agenda.
- Correspondence: MT Dept of Transportation 2020-2024 Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program projects to be listed on website; MT Dept of Environmental Quality notice of public hearing
The motion was seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Previously Approved Administrative Items:
Seasonal Re-Hires: Cemetery, Doran Hewitt, Gaige Hodous, Kelly Murray.

Transfer of Interest: On April 27th the commissioners approved a transfer of funds from the Interest Clearing fund to cover interest from investments to the appropriate designated funds in the amount of $36,693.81 for the month of March 2020.

Old Business:
Mitigation Plan Award Bid- Commissioner Zander stated that he will check with the County Attorney to see if he has reviewed this yet.

Monster X Contract Fair-The fair has been cancelled, so this contract will not be needed.

DEQ Conference Call-Regarding Gravel Permit-Tabled until further notice.

KLJ Amended Engineering Contract- Commissioner Zander read a letter of recommendation from the airport board. (See below) They recommended moving forward with the building project and based their decision on several considerations: 1-We have spent $10,000 county funds ($100,000 federal) to get to where we are. 2-We have been working with Helena on the fund and it could negatively impact funding in the future if we do not move forward with it. 3-$30,000 could be offset with cares funding 4-We should qualify for FAA supplemental grants or an Inter-cap loan. 5-We should still be getting out annual funding which could be applied to this project.

1)Monster X Contract-Fair
2)Airport Terminal- KLJ Engineering contract amendment
Commissioner Zander thanked KLJ for submitting the breakdown of costs and said he would summarize it for the phone. $1,821,675.00 total. $311,325 in ineligible cost, $30,000 Cares Funding, $26,000 Brownsfield Grant, $127,663 Dawson County, which we could put in for an aeronautics grant. Moving forward it would go to bid in January 2021 with construction in June 2021. There would be a request for $216,000 from MT Aeronautics with Dawson County responsible for ½ of the local match.

Canfield stated that MT Aeronautics is fully aware of this project. There has been a lot of discussion with them. Hostetler felt that while we’re asking for quite a bit. They are in a pretty good position right now and he doesn’t think what we are asking is out of line. 5% was reasonable. It would be helpful if we put a face to the request. They think it looks like a good project and if we don’t get it, the help can be retro in 2022 and there is a very good chance to get the funding. An intercap loan at 5% with 2 payments a year would be $8,800 for 15 years.

Zander looked at the figure of $255,000 and said we would be hopeful that MT aeronautics would come back with some of it.

Hostetler-$127,000 + $91,000 would be $218,000. $437,500 if no funding was received from MT aeronautics and that would be 2 payments a year of $19,000-$20,000.

Zander-Has the airport board consider fund raising?

Hostetler-Nothing has been done yet, but its been discussed that we would try to get donations and put a plaque on the wall.

Kartevold-When do they decide?

Hostetler-January 2021

Kartevold-So we would go to bid before we know?
Hostetler-That is what it would be. There are no assurances, but they seem likely to award a grant.

Kartevold-Can we bid afterwards?

Canfield-You would know what the bid is about the same time, and based off of the award, you would know whether or not you could award the bid.

Hostetler-We are moving beyond where you have an option to back up. At some point, we have to pull the trigger.

Zander-We’re getting ahead of ourselves. Looking out into the future. We’re taking it to a bid phase. Right now the decision is do we take it to the bid phase?

Sharbono-I’m in favor of the contract with KLJ to take it to bid phase. That is a motion.

Kartevold- Our economy isn’t that good-We can go broke with good deals.

Zander-Again we’re getting ahead of ourselves. We’re only looking at taking it to a bid phase. (implied, we’re not awarding the bid)

Kartevold-I’ll second the motion of approving the KLJ amended contract for the airport engineering to take it to bid phase.

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Zander thanked KLJ for the detailed information that was sent and clearing up past history.

New Business:

**Berg Family Transfer Exempt Survey** - Certificate of Survey proposing to create a parcel by Family Transfer in Section 1, T 14N R54E, Dawson County. Total acreage is 96.93 acres. Chairman Zander read the staff report from Forrest Sanderson. The planner’s recommendation was for approval of the claimed exemption. A motion was made to approve the use of the claimed exemption and authorize the Clerk & Recorder to file the Certificate of Survey. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence/Information:

- Tax Deed Sale May 19, 2020 proposed dated for rescheduled sale.
- Letter to Department of Corrections-Per Diem payments to Dawson County Correctional Facility
- Letters to Senator Tester, Senator Daines, and Congressman Gianforte requesting support for county government resources in response to COVID-19
- Dept of Transportation 2020-2024 Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
- MT Depart of Environmental Quality proposed rule which addresses nonanthropogenic and natural water quality standards for segments of the Yellowstone River. Public hearing on June 17, 2020 at 10:00 am in Helena. Instructions to attend remotely or more information at http://deq.mt.gov/water/Surfacewater/standards.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

DATED this 5th day of May, 2020.

Dennis Zander, Chairman

Gary Kartevold, Member

Joe Sharbono, Member

ATTEST: _______________________
Shirley A. Kreiman, Clerk & Recorder
Commissioner Zander opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m., with Dennis Zander, Gary Kartevold and Joe Sharbono present. Also present were Daniel Grooms, Lee Driver, Darran Ryan, Karen Ryan, Amanda Heimbuch, Brendan Heidner, Ranger Review Reporter and Shirley Kreiman Clerk & Recorder.

Tax Deed Sale-Commissioner Zander stated that they would have the tax deed sale prior to conducting the Commissioner business. RTN6631 high bid was Karen & Darren Ryan $6949.59; RTN7877 no bid; RTN6721, RTN6722, RTN6723, sold together, no bid; RTN6402, RTN6404 sold together high bid Amanda Heimbuch and Ryder Gauteraux $4,758.75; RTN6403 no bid; RTN6405 high bid Lee & Rita Driver $4,778.03.

Prior Meeting Minutes:
A motion was made to approve the minutes for May 5, 2020. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Items to be added to the agenda:
A motion was made to add the following items to the agenda.
- Correspondence: McCon Electric notice of annual meeting
- Administrative Items: Application for Indigent burial; Change of next meeting date
The motion was seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Previously Approved Administrative Items:
- Seasonal Rehires-Brittnee Schwindt, Taylor Sherman, Weed 5-11-2020
- New Seasonal hires, weed Lewis Dobitz, 5-11-2020; Chase Doney 5-18-2020
- New hires: Sydney Whittsett, DCCF 5-8-20
- Retirement: Susie Frank Sheriff Civil Deputy 7-1-2020
- Promotion: Troy Keiser DCCF lieutenant 5-14-2020

Administrative Items:
Write-Off request sewer district 400 Oak St. – The commissioners reviewed the item of a property that was in forclosure and the property was taken back by the bank. The institution called and said they would only pay for taxes and insurance not a utility bill. The commissioners discussed needing a legal opinion about who can be billed for this. The item was tabled.

Application for Indigent Burial-The commissioners reviewed an application for indigent burial. The costs will be $1,375 to the Silha Funeral home. A motion was made to approve the application. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

June Meeting-The commissioners discussed that the normal June meeting is on Primary Election Day and the Clerk & Recorder would like to hold the regular commission session on a different day. A motion was made to hold the meeting on Thursday, June 4th at 10:00 a.m. rather than Tuesday. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:
Mitigation Plan Award Bid-Commissioner Zander said he spoke to DES Coordinator, Mary Jo Gehnert concerning the matter and there is a matter of argument between the various counties involved. Our County Attorney states they need to accept the lowest bid, but some other counties want to use another provider and are seeking other legal consultation.

DEQ/Fisher Gravel Conference Call-This item is still on hold. They are hoping during COVID phase 2, they will be able to schedule this.

KLJ Contract Amendment-This contract amendment was approved in the previous session, but the amended document was not present for signature.
Correspondence/Information

- McCone Electric-Notice of Annual meeting, June 7, 2019.

Public Comment: None
Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

DATED this 19th day of May, 2020.

Dennis Zander, Chairman

Gary Kartevold, Member

Joe Sharbono, Member

ATTEST: ________________________________
Shirley A. Kreiman, Clerk & Recorder