

163 T & R TRUCKING INC	83953	3,779.95
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5732 THE BANCORP	83956	13,118.86
291 THE CHEMNET CONSORTIUM	83861	244.00
2996 THOMPSON & SONS, INC	83862	4,072.97
41 TIRE-RAMA SERVICE CENTER	83957	330.00
4862 TLC APPLIANCE REPAIR, LLC	83864	90.00
5572 TORGERSONS	83863	646.29
	83958	91.70
680 TOWN OF OPHEIM	83959	919.00
174 TRIPLE A GLASS INC	83865	19.39
5955 TYLER THIEVIN	83866	112.66
787 U.S. POSTAL SERVICE/PITNEY BOWES	83961	856.81
627 UNCLE MILT'S BODY SHOP	83867	505.44
	83960	362.50
6022 UNIFORMS2GEAR INC	83868	1,738.76
77 VALLEY BUILDERS GLASGOW, INC	83869	282.03
1827 VALLEY CO 4-H COUNCIL	83962	850.00
852 VALLEY CO REFUSE DISTRICT	83963	29.60
2544 VALLEY CO SEARCH & RESCUE	83870	500.00
614 VALLEY CO TRANSIT	83871	720.00
	83964	91.50
765 VALLEY CO WEED DISTRICT	83965	207.00
5075 VISA 0143/1935/3964	83876	4,726.18
4547 VISA 7644	83877	352.58
5534 VISA 1059	83886	152.47
5485 VISA 1737	83878	643.75
5497 VISA 1745	83879	14.98
5484 VISA 1752/4814	83880	1,596.96
5483 VISA 1794	83891	2,441.05
5577 VISA 1802	83881	132.29
5486 VISA 1836/4301	83882	1,102.07
5481 VISA 1844	83883	1,116.58
5578 VISA 2248	83888	1,421.96
5530 VISA 2412/4880	83887	389.64
3023 VISA 2529	83884	694.59
5482 VISA 2750/4863	83895	1,454.80
5529 VISA 3147/3972	83889	636.33
5517 VISA 3329	83885	2,056.86
5537 VISA 4856	83890	147.36
6023 WESTERN DETENTION	83966	550.00
188 WESTERN DRUG INC	83872	1,485.05
190 WILLS OFFICE WORLD/RADIO SHACK	83873	3,076.85
	83967	252.10

Total: 1669,962.55

Payroll for the month of <sup>January 2024</sup>~~December 2023~~ was approved in the amount of \$462,673.47.  
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The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

ATTEST: Marie L Pippin  
Marie Pippin, Clerk

ATTEST: Mary Armstrong  
Mary Armstrong, Chairman



February 2, 2024

Commissioner Fahlgren was in the office.

February 5, 2024

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commission with members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren present.

Olness and Associates arrived to begin the audit. Curt Wyss said they would plan to close out with the Commissioners at 10 AM Thursday. The commissioners provided the auditors the files for ARPA and LATCF funded activities and Council on Aging that Commissioner Armstrong had prepared.

County Planner Casey Burke came in to schedule a hearing for a proposed street closure in Park Grove. The hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 9:30.

Dean Jenson came in to show the Commissioners photos of the property line of the proposed Hinsdale Street closure.

Rick Seiler called to explain that the Marinko Relocation project is ready for close-out. The determination has been made by FEMA to leave the foundation as it is. The property will have to first be transferred to Valley County, and the county will have to apply to FEMA to transfer it to Hinsdale Water and Sewer District (Hinsdale W&S District). The Marinko's are due a \$20 K reimbursement from FEMA that Rick can process. Commissioner Fahlgren expressed that our understanding was the property would go directly to Hinsdale W&S. In reviewing the file, the Commissioners found that Valley County would have to first accept the deed to the property for the project to close-out. The file correspondence did not say the County would need to apply to FEMA to transfer to the W&S District. Rick suggested we may need to raise this issue with FEMA.

James Gibson and Nathan Lierow stopped to provide an update on road plans for this week.

Nick Checchi called to ask for help in getting elevators working at Nemont Manor. Nick is a resident there and said that neither of the elevators are working. Commissioner Fahlgren explained that Valley County has no authority over the owners of Nemont Manor. Later, Commissioner Fahlgren gave Mr. Checchi the number for Montana Department of Labor and Industry, the agency responsible for elevator inspection.

James Gibson and Nathan Lierow were in to talk about road and bridge capital improvement budgets.

Candy Lagerquist called to say St. Marie Fire has been soliciting at businesses in Glasgow for funds for events up there, latest example being the Valentines Day party.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

ATTEST: Marie Pippin  
Marie Pippin, Clerk

ATTEST: Mary Armstrong  
Mary Armstrong, Chairman



February 6, 2024

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commission with Chairman Mary Armstrong, members Paul Tweten, and John Fahlgren present.

Commissioner Tweten met with the auditors briefly.



Commissioner Armstrong briefed on the Valley County Transportation Advisory Committee meeting last Thursday. This committee meets quarterly to provide broad priorities for Transit.

Todd Devlin, newly hired Executive Director of MtNRC, called Commissioner Fahlgren on MtNRC matters.

Rod Dees, City Compliance Officer, stopped to say the Anderson house which was torn down in August is still being taxed. The Commission had agreed to forgive the taxes so the City could tear the hazardous buildings down. The Commissioners found the documents from September 13, 2023, showing the cancellation of taxes had been approved. Commissioner Tweten provided the documents to Treasurer Brenda Anderson.

Kevin Taylor came in to state that he should not be required to pay a filing fee for his new application for subdivision as the application is for the same subdivision. Commissioners told Mr. Taylor they would discuss this with Planner Casey Burke.

Carlos Valle, who has a marijuana business near Nashua, called to ask if the County has any sign requirements. He was informed that the County does not have additional requirements for signage over what the State requires.

Commissioner Armstrong gathered documents required by the State for the Refuse District rate study grant.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Marie Pippin, Clerk

ATTEST:

Mary Armstrong, Chairman



The Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commission with Chairman Mary Armstrong, members Paul Tweten, and John Fahlgren present.

James Gibson, Road Supervisor, was in; rain and snow is predicted for next few days; the road crew continues to blade and haul gravel. Commissioner Tweten raised the issue of chip seal needed on the Airport Road. This project was not budgeted this fiscal year and is likely in the \$50K range. Options for replacement and repair of the mower tractor fleet were also discussed.

County Attorney Jensen was in to say he was working on the landfill farmland lease.

The Commissioners approved a request from C&R Marie Pippin to increase the advertised starting wage for the Commission Administrative Assistant from \$19 to \$ 21 / hour.

Chairman Armstrong began Discussion and Decision at 10:05 a.m.

In attendance were Planner Casey Burke, Levi Capdeville, and Steve Lawrence.

There were no additions or deletions, and no public comment on agenda items.

*There were three employment notices: OJ Taylor for Transit, Account #2990-117-450330-111, Bonnie Bell, moving to 90% deputy in C&R office, 50% account 1000-003-410910-111 and 50% 1000-010-410600-111 and Ann Fauth, moving to 85% deputy in C&R office, 50% account 1000-010-410600-111, and 50% 1000-003-41091-111. Fahlgren moved to approve, Tweten seconded, passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was action on Dean Jensen's request to abandon a street in the Fifth River Addition to Hinsdale, the street accesses lots 1, 2, and 3. The legal description is NE1/4NE1/4of Section 6, T30N, R36E,P.M.M.

*Commissioner Tweten moved to approve abandonment of Dean Jenson proposed street closure, Commissioner Fahlgren seconded.*

Commissioner Fahlgren commented that the street closure has no effect on airport access.

Commissioner Tweten commented that there is actually no street there. Commissioner Fahlgren stated that the normal way the airport is accessed is through Jenson's property, but there is legal access from the county road. Jenson or future owners could close access via their property, but the county airport property would still have legal access.

*The motion passed unanimously.*

The final agenda item was approval of the Steve Carney amended plat at Park Grove. The street closure was previously approved. The amended plat includes the street closure and combining the three lots into one.

*Commissioner Fahlgren moved to approve the amended plat, Tweten seconded, the motion passed unanimously.*

During public comments on non-agenda items, Steve Lawrence asked if Commissioners had followed up on his request for bigger or more culvert (the location is Spring Creek just south of Glentana on Nashua North Road).

Commissioner Tweten explained that it was questionable if there is a need for additional culvert at the location. There were so many places that were more in need of repair due to the record runoff last spring. Commissioner Tweten asked Mr. Lawrence to contact Road Superintendent James Gibson.

Chairman Armstrong adjourned the meeting at 10:50 am.

Commissioners Armstrong and Tweten engaged in responding to requests for information from the auditors.

DES Coordinator Rick Seiler called to follow-up on the Marinko Relocation issues.

Commissioner Fahlgren asked Rick to call his FEMA contact and find out what is involved in the application process with FEMA for Valley County to transfer the deed to the Hinsdale Water and Sewer District. He asked Rick to relate that the Commissioners are concerned that this application is a new requirement that is not found in the paper trail. The Commissioners want assurance that there will be no hitch in making this deed transfer.

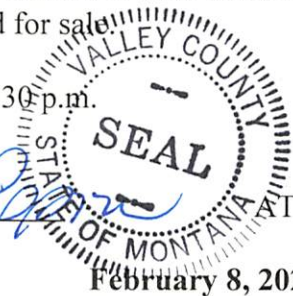
*Commissioner Tweten moved to approve Chairman Armstrong signing Task Order Amendment #1 to Master Contract HHS-phsd-00000640, Task Order # 24-07-4-31-149-0 to receive \$33,455 additional funds for COVID immunization. Commissioner Fahlgren seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

Commissioner Fahlgren prepared for a Zoom call with MtNRC Board of Directors tomorrow.

Bob Teske came in to ask if the taxes had been canceled on the Anderson property that the City of Glasgow removed and offered for sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:   
Marie Pippin, Clerk



ATTEST:   
Mary Armstrong, Chairman

February 8, 2024

Chairman Mary Armstrong, Members Paul Tweten, and John Fahlgren were in the office today.



Commissioner Fahlgren attended a zoom meeting, Montana Natural Resource Coalition, at 9:00 this morning.

At 10:00 AM, Olness and Associates Auditor Curt Wyss stopped in for an exit interview. Also attending were County Treasurer, Brenda Anderson and Clerk and Recorder, Marie Pippin. Curt went over preliminary audit findings. The final report will be forthcoming and be available to the public. Curt said there were no big surprises in the audit.

Commissioner Armstrong worked on administrative tasks and reviewed health department grant budgets.

**February 9, 2024**

Commissioner Armstrong was in the office working on January 2024 COA expense report and submitted it to Action for Eastern Montana.

**February 12, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commission with Chairman Mary Armstrong, members Paul Tweten, and John Fahlgren present.

The Commissioners worked on administrative tasks, and processing claims.

The Commissioners unloaded commodities at the Senior Center at 1:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:  Marie Pippin, Clerk

ATTEST:  Mary Armstrong, Chairman

 VALLEY COUNTY SEAL  
STATE OF MONTANA  
February 13, 2024


The Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commission with Chairman Mary Armstrong, members Paul Tweten, and John Fahlgren present.


Commissioner Armstrong worked on administrative tasks and claims.


The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Commissioner Tweten attended the Airport Board meeting at 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

ATTEST:  Marie Pippin, Clerk

ATTEST:  Mary Armstrong, Chairman

 VALLEY COUNTY SEAL  
STATE OF MONTANA  
February 14, 2024

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commission with Chairman Mary Armstrong, members Paul Tweten, and John Fahlgren present. Chairman Armstrong begin Discussion and Decision at 10:30 am.

In attendance was Mark Arneson.

There was one addition to the agenda, approve new billing of taxes for Verizon Inc, in the amount of \$4,717.83 after tax year 2022 DOR audit.

Chairman Armstrong asked for public comment on agenda items. Mark Arneson said he didn't understand the Montana Dept of Transportation application funding that was on the agenda. Chairman Armstrong explained what it was about and explained how public comment works. Commissioners Tweten and Fahlgren explained that when people have questions, they can call or stop in before the weekly Discussion and Decision Meeting and get information. Then they can make their public comment on the agenda item during public comment.

The first item on the agenda was employment/termination notices.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten, seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren to approve the employment notices for Duane Mattfeldt as a Laborer/Operator for the Weed Department for \$17.00 per hour, temporary full time, Accounting # 2140-32-43100-111, effective on 2-12-2024, and Christa Cheifer as a Justice Court Clerk for \$17.00 per hour at \$17.00 per hour, permanent 30 hours or more, Accounting # 1000-02-410341-111. Effective 2-12-2024. Motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten, seconded by Fahlgren to approve a Termination notice for Danika Soper, Justice Court Clerk, Accounting # 100-02-410341-111. Motion passed unanimously.*

Next on the agenda was approve Montana Dept of Transportation FY25 Rural/Intercity Operating/Capital application in the amount of \$562,985 for operating funding and \$135,000 for capital funding.

*Commissioner Fahlgren made a motion to approve the Montana Dept of Transportation FY25 Rural/intercity Operating/Capital Application in the amount of \$562,985 for operating funding and \$135,000 for capital funding, seconded by Commissioner Tweten. Chairman Armstrong called for discussion. Chairman Armstrong explained that the County will have to match \$105,768 for the operating portion and \$27,000 for the capital portion. This process is done every year. Motion passed unanimously.*

Next on the agenda was Approve new billing of taxes for Verizon Inc, in the amount of \$4,717.83 after tax year 2022 DOR audit.

*Commissioner Tweten made a motion to approve new billing of taxes for Verizon Inc, in the amount of \$4717.83 after 2022 DOR audit, seconded by Commissioner Tweten. Motion passed unanimously.*

Chairman Armstrong asked for public comment on non-agenda items.

Mark Arneson asked questions about Counties having video meetings starting July 1, 2024. Commissioner Armstrong explained we haven't come up with the process of how exactly it will be done yet.

Chairman Armstrong adjourned the meeting at 10:50 am.

Jeff Alsberg stopped in to visit the Commissioners and invited Mary to a Fort Peck Cabin owners Association meeting.

Ashton Simpson called Commissioner Fahlgren to get information about three encroachment permits, one for a water line, and two for car gates in the Larslan area. Commissioner Fahlgren advised Mr. Simpson to take the encroachment permits to James Gibson, Valley County Road Supervisor, for his approval, then they will come to the Commissioners, and put them on the agenda for a vote.

Kayla Thievin called regarding the process to protest taxes in the Nashua School District. Chairman Armstrong advised her she would investigate it and call her back.



Carlos Valle stopped in to ask if the Commissioners could put something in writing that says Valley County has no ordinances for signing. Commissioner Fahlgren will send an email to Mr. Valle saying the County has no ordinance, so Mr. Valle has a record of it for his Cannabis business.

Airport Board Member Joel Reyling and Airport Manager Lucas Locke stopped in to inform the Commissioners that the Airport Board voted to make Lucas Locke the Hinsdale Airport Manager and was wondering what the process should be to inform the former Hinsdale Airport Manager that Lucas would be taking the job. Commissioner Tweten informed Mr. Reyling and Mr. Locke that the letter should come from the Airport Board

Pam Walling, MACO Health Care Trust, met with the Commissioners and Marie Pippin, Valley County Clerk & Recorder, to discuss Health Insurance options for FY 2025. Ms. Walling advised the Health Care Trust is raising the premium 18% in Valley County. About 50% of the Counties in the trust would have a 100% loss ratio without pooling. Over the last 10 years, MACO's Valley County health insurance premium has averaged a 5.3% increase, while the National Medical & Rx Trend increased 8.8%. Ms. Walling went over all the plans available, but said we have until March 15<sup>th</sup> to decide if we want to offer any other plan than last year. Ms. Walling discussed the life insurance rates that MACO offers, which were decreased, and won't raise for the next three years. Ms. Walling would like to have open enrollment on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> and have the annual blood draw wellness screening on Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. MACO will also give all blood draw participants \$20 dollars.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST: Marie L. Pippin ATTEST: Mary Armstrong  
 Marie Pippin, Clerk Mary Armstrong, Chairman

 VALLEY COUNTY  
 SEAL  
 STATE OF MONTANA  
 February 15, 2024

Commissioners Armstrong and Tweten were in the office.

The Commissioners gathered the systems contracts that Valley County has in place for IT infrastructure upgrades and reviewed their progress. Commissioner Armstrong contacted Systems Technology Consultants to discuss extended services for computing system support to Valley County, and project management of the infrastructure upgrades. Currently, Advanced Solution Concepts (Mike Bain) is providing these services.

**February 16, 2024**

Commissioners Armstrong and Fahlgren were in the office.

Commissioner Tweten attended the Action for Eastern Montana Board Meeting in Glendive.

The Commissioners had a telecom with Thad McGrail, Systems Technology Consultants, to discuss the IT infrastructure upgrades and service contract details. Mr. McGrail said that he would send a quote to us for both work statements next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

ATTEST: Marie L. Pippin ATTEST: Mary Armstrong  
 Marie Pippin, Clerk Mary Armstrong, Chairman

 VALLEY COUNTY  
 SEAL  
 STATE OF MONTANA  
 February 20, 2024.



The Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Mary Armstrong, and members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren present.

Beth Henville stopped in to discuss new 911 addressing books. Ms. Henville said we need current books for all emergency services and if other departments want them, they could pay for them out of their own funds.

County Attorney, Dylan Jensen stopped in to discuss the Tech Infrastructure transition project that was originally scheduled to be done in late December or January.

Sheriff Tom Boyer stopped in to discuss the mental health issues in the jail. Currently he has five prisoners with complex mental health issues, and it seems to get worse every year. The Jailers are not fully equipped to deal prisoners mental health issues and would like to hire a case worker to help with the influx of prisoners with these issues. Sheriff Boyer said he could fund it with vacancies savings, and he would have to raise the price for contract prisoners with complex mental health issues. Sheriff Boyer said he has also thought about converting one pod to prisoners with complex mental health issues. Mr. Boyer also thinks there are grants out there to help. There was much discussion about grants, and other possible way to fund the potential Case worker. There was also discussion about contracting a case worker, potentially through EMCMHC, versus a county employee.

Commissioner Armstrong was on a phone call with Thad McGrail about the progress and plans for the computing systems infrastructure upgrade projects and about Valley County's overall computing tech support requirements.

Ashley Vande Bossche, Healthy is Wellness Representative, stopped into inform the Commissioners that she would like to implement a special fall prevention program during the monthly Healthy is Wellness visits. The Commissioners thought it sounded like a worthwhile program.

The Commissioners attended a Refuse District meeting at 3:00PM.

After the Refuse District meeting, the Commissioners researched the budgets and progress of the computing infrastructure project along with the Cyber security project.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Marie Pippin, Clerk

ATTEST:

Mary Armstrong, Chairman



The Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commission with Chairman Mary Armstrong, and members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren present.

Commissioner Fahlgren made a motion to terminate the contract between Advanced Solution Concepts and Valley County. Commissioner Tweten seconded. The motion passed unanimously. We notified Systems Technology Consultants to terminate all access into the County computing systems by Advanced Solution Concepts.

Chairman Armstrong begin Discussion and Decision at 10:30 a.m.

In attendance were Mark and Char Arneson.

Chairman Armstrong had one addition to the agenda, change the funding from ARPA Bucket A to PILT to pay for the IT infrastructure upgrade for approximately \$354,965 and change the funding from PILT to ARPA Bucket A to exercise the purchase agreement for approximately \$354,965 for currently leased motor graders.



Chairman Armstrong asked for public comment on agenda items. Char Arneson asked how they get information on agenda items before D&D. Commissioner Fahlgren stated it's up to the person to learn about the topic, you can call or stop by the Commissioners' office if they have questions about what is on the agenda.

The first item on the agenda was employment/termination notices.

*Commissioner Tweten made a motion to approve employment notices for Mark Dale and Dalton Kaasa, weed employees, who were on lay-off, beginning February 27, 2024, as temporary full-time, at \$16.00 per hour, account # 2205-39-440700-111. Commissioner Fahlgren seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

Next on the agenda was Consider approval of the Valley County Transportation Coordination plan for FY 2025 as required by the Montana Department of Transportation to receive Federal funding.

*Commissioner Fahlgren made a motion to approve the Valley County Transportation Coordination plan for FY 2025, Commissioner Tweten seconded. Chairman Armstrong called for discussion. Chairman Armstrong explained that this is a process that must be done annually and is required for the Transit to receive Federal money. The motion passed unanimously.*

Next on the agenda was consider Resolution No.10-2024, Resolution of the County Commission of Valley County Montana, calling for an election on the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission to do so, as required by Article XI, Section 0, of the Constitution of the State of Montana.

The resolution is as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 10-2024**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF VALLEY COUNTY MONTANA, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF CONDUCTING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW AND ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMISSION TO DO SO.**

**WHEREAS**, Article XI, Section 9, of the Constitution of the State of Montana requires that each unit of local government shall conduct an election once every ten years to determine whether the local government will undertake a local government review procedure; and

**WHEREAS**, 7-3-173(2) M.C.A. requires that the governing body shall call for an election, to be held on the primary election date, on the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Valley County Commission is the governing body of the County of Valley.

#### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The County of Valley hereby calls for an election on the question of conducting a local government review and electing a study commission to be held at the primary election on June 4, 2024.
2. If the voters decide in favor of conducting a local government review, a study commission comprised of three members shall be elected at the general election of November 5, 2024.
3. Pursuant to 7-3-175, M.C.A. the question of conducting a local government review shall be submitted to the electors in substantially the following form:

*Vote for one:*

☐ FOR the review of the government of Valley County and the establishment and funding, not to exceed \$31,000 of a local government study commission consisting of three members to examine the government of Valley County and submit recommendations on the government.

☐ AGAINST the review of the government of Valley County and the establishment and funding, not to exceed \$31,000 of a local government study commission consisting of three members to examine the government of Valley County and submit recommendations on the government.

Passed and adopted by the County Commissioners of the County of Valley, Montana meeting at regular session held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2024.

  
Mary Armstrong, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
Paul Tweten, Commissioner

  
Marie Pippin, Clerk and Recorder



  
John Fahlgren, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Dylan Jensen, County Attorney

*Commissioner Tweten made a motion to approve Resolution No. 10-2024. Commissioner Fahlgren seconded. Chairman Armstrong called for discussion. Commissioner Fahlgren explained that the ballot measure must be presented to the electorate once every ten years by the State of Montana. The motion passed unanimously.*

Next on the agenda is change the funding from ARPA Bucket A to PILT to pay for the IT infrastructure upgrade for approximately \$354,965 and change the funding from PILT to ARPA Bucked A to exercise the purchase agreement for approximately \$354,965 for currently leased motor graders.

*Commissioner Fahlgren made a motion to change the funding from Bucket A to PILT to pay for the IT infrastructure upgrade for approximately \$354,965 and change the funding from PILT to ARPA Bucket A to exercise the purchase agreement for approximately \$354,965 for currently leased motor graders. Commissioner Tweten seconded the motion.*

Chairman Armstrong called for discussion. Chairman Armstrong explained the reason for doing this is we can spend all the ARPA Bucket A money by March, then that fund can be closed out. The Commissioners already had approved the funding for both the IT upgrade and the motor graders, just switching the Funds to clean things up for reporting ARPA Bucket A. Per our purchase agreement for the Motor Graders, we must pay \$288,600 so we can pay for one entire motor grader and pay approximately \$66,365 towards one more grader.

*The motion passed unanimously.*

Chairman Armstrong asked for public comment.



Mark Arneson stated that not being able to ask questions during the Discussion and Decision Meeting is a ploy to keep people out of here. Commissioner Tweten stated that Discussion and Decision Meeting isn't a public hearing, it's a meeting open to the public and public comment is a time express their thoughts on agenda items.

Char Arneson asked why the agenda doesn't say Discussion and Decision on it. Chairman Armstrong said good question. We can put that on the agenda going forward.

Ms. Arneson asked about additions to the agenda and are they on the agenda 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Chairman Armstrong stated sometimes they are not, but they are added either because they are administrative in nature and need to be done so they are added as an addition. Commissioner Tweten explained that he didn't even think that the addition today needed to be on the agenda because it is entirely administrative, but asked Chairman Armstrong to add it as an addition anyway so it's on the record why we did it.

Chairman Armstrong adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.

At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners joined a zoom meeting with SDI Architects & Design about the Museum re-roof project. SDI Architects & Design presented drawings and specs for two options, a metal roof with a 20-year warranty and a rubber roof with a 25-year warranty. SDI will get the invitation to bid in the Glasgow Courier for the February 28th, March 6th, and the March 13th publications. SDI will also put it on the exchange. There will be a pre-bid walk on March 6th at 11:00 a.m. The bids will be due by 10:00 a.m. on March 19th and the bid opening will also be at 10:00 a.m. on March 19th.

Chairman Armstrong attended a Library meeting at 1:00 pm..

Chairman Armstrong contacted the owner of Advanced Solution Concepts by text, advising him that Valley County is terminating the technical service agreement with Advanced Solutions Concepts immediately.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Marie Pippin, Clerk



Mary Armstrong, Chairman

**February 22, 2024**

Chairman Mary Armstrong, members Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren today.

Jeff Alsberg stopped in to invite Commissioner Armstrong to the Fort Peck Cabin Owners Association meeting on March 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the Fort Peck Hotel.

Commissioner Fahlgren worked on the Montana Natural Resource Coalition issues.

Chairman Armstrong worked on IT accounting reconciliation.

Commissioner Tweten researched a road petition for Rick Seiler, DES Coordinator.

Lynn Miller stopped in to discuss options for filling the open Nurse position.

**February 23, 2024**

All three Commissioners were in the office today. Commissioners Armstrong worked on IT accounting reconciliation and minutes. Commissioner Tweten worked CBDG administration and IT Cyber Security. Commissioner Fahlgren prepared for the MT Natural Resource Coalition of Counties meeting next week during MACO.

**February 26, 2024**

Commissioner Tweten was in the office today.

Commissioners Armstrong and Fahlgren were in Great Falls attending the Montana Association of Counties mid-winter conference.

**February 27, 2024**

Commissioner Tweten was in the office today.

Commissioners Armstrong and Fahlgren are in Great Falls attending the Montana Association of Counties mid-winter conference.

**February 28, 2024**

Commissioner Tweten was in the office of the Commissioners today.

Commissioners Armstrong and Commissioner John Fahlgren are attending the MACO conference.

James Gibson, Valley County Road Supervisor stopped in to discuss Road and Bridge budgets.

Dan Taylor stopped in to visit.

Commissioner Tweten called the Discussion and Decision meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Armstrong and Commissioner Fahlgren called into the meeting. Commissioner Tweten presided over the meeting because Chairman Armstrong and Commissioner Fahlgren joined by phone.

Others attending were Mark Arneson, Char Arneson, and Tony Fast.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Commissioner Tweten asked for public comment on agenda items. Char Arneson asked what an encroachment permit was, and asked if encroachment permit was by Heinermans.

Next on the agenda were employment/termination notices.

*Commissioner Fahlgren made a motion to approve the employment notice for a \$.50 per hour raise for Levi Capdeville, Valley County Weed and Mosquito Supervisor, effective 2-25-2024. Mr. Capdeville has completed his probationary period, and a termination notice for Jan Kaiser, the Public Health Nurse, who is retiring effective 2-29-2024. Chairman Armstrong seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

Next on the agenda was ROW, encroachment permits 887-889 for car gates and a water line for Ashton Simpson on Sunny Side Rd.

*Commissioner Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren, to approve the ROW. Motion passed unanimously.*

Next on the agenda was ROW, encroachment permit 890 for Tom Klunder for an approach at Kirkland Ranch Estates on Box Car Road.



*Commissioner Fahlgren made a motion, seconded by Chairman Armstrong, to approve ROW permit 890. Motion passed unanimously.*

Commissioner Tweten asked for public comment on non-agenda items. Mark Arneson asked what happened to the Counties Tech service provider. Commissioner Tweten said this is a time for public comment, not questions. Commissioner Tweten told Mr. Arneson that once the meeting is adjourned, we could try to answer questions.

Commissioner Tweten adjourned the meeting at 10:45 pm.

Commissioner Tweten informed the Arnesons that Valley County terminated our agreement with Advanced Solutions Concepts and were working with Systems Technology Consultants, and have been for some time, even when we had a Technical Service agreement with the Previous IT company. Char Arneson asked if the Commissioners have a job description. She was told no; the Commissioners are elected so our responsibilities are defined in State statutes. They were informed that the MACO website has a summary of Commissioner responsibilities, and they are also listed on the Valley County website.

Renee Jones, City of Glasgow employee, stopped in to say when our Tech infrastructure change happens, the city needs to know so they do what is needed for their IT system that is connected to the Courthouse.

Sara Bryan, Long Run Fire Chief, stopped in to give an update on the Fire Department. Commissioner Tweten worked on administrative duties.

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Commissioner Tweten was in the office working on administrative duties.

Claim Fund claims for the month of February 2024 were approved as follows:

Vendor	Claim #	Amount
6158 2ND OPP MEDIA GROUP LLC	83971	2,860.00
5762 AHLERS & ASSOCIATES	83973	350.00
5753 AIRNAV, LLC	84115	72.00
2853 ALL SEASON HOME CENTER	83974	36.95
6159 AMBER SIMPSON	83975	22.00
5347 AMY GOLTZ	83976	2,214.00
5445 ANN FAUTH	83977	58.75
5441 ARCSEARCH LLC	84117	423.00
558 ARCH'S TIRE, LLC	83978	1,943.00
	84153	22.00
5911 AT&T	83979	444.65
75 BIG VALLEY WATER	83980	86.00
	84119	34.00
6160 BRAND A BENCH	83981	225.00
6148 BRETT ARENSMEYER	83982	5.00
6149 BRYCE GRANBOIS	83983	2.00
6161 BRYCE LAWRENCE	83984	200.00
4427 BS CENTRAL INC	83985	421.00
	84118	270.00
5341 C&B OPERATIONS, LLC	83986	266.32
	84120	183.88
5984 CANDACE ROBERTS	83987	6.00
182 CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	83988	548.18
	84155	335.40
5752 CENTER FOR DISEASE DETECTION-16456	83989	83.84
4761 CENTURY LINK	83991	141.76
3360 CENTURY LINK ACCT 407878239	83990	756.27
	84121	756.27
6131 CHANCE BOYD	83992	8.00
677 CITY OF GLASGOW	83993	4,383.15
4723 CITYSERVICEVALCON	83994	743.87
6162 CLAYTON HAUSCHULZ	83995	109.42
548 COLLEEN M PANKRATZ	83996	101.98
5708 CORRECTIONAL TECHNOLOGIES INC	83997	1,902.60
36 COTTONWOOD INN, INC	84164	5,783.50
409 D R DURELL CONSTRUCTION	84122	247.28

Vendor	Claim #	Amount
39 DALE PLUMBING & HEATING INC	83998	1,912.50
	84156	59.40
6163 DARREL SCHULTZ	83999	26.34
6088 DEFY	84000	200.00
2724 ECOLAB	84154	233.04
801 ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	84123	300.00
6094 ELIZABETH M DYRDAHL	84001	250.00
6086 EMCMHC	84002	500.00
6164 ENERGY LABORATORIES INC	84003	140.00
812 EZZIE'S WHOLESALE INC	84004	9,408.53
289 FIFTH AVE PHARMACY & GIFT	84005	20.00
57 FOSSUM MATERIALS	84006	40.00
59 FRANCES MAHON DEACONESS HOSPITAL	84008	420.00
206 FRANCES MAHON DEACONESS HOSPITAL	84007	8,400.00
4655 G & J ENTERPRISES	84124	131.90
6156 GANNETT COLORADO LOCALIQ	84009	954.15
71 GLASGOW COURIER INC	84010	484.00
	84125	287.00
762 GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	84126	1,208.47
67 GLENN'S AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR	84012	125.00
5702 GRANITE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	84151	37.27
1209 GREAT NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	84011	4,345.00
4264 GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	84013	2,483.50
5037 GRIT	84014	200.00
5960 HEALTHY IS WELLNESS LLC	84015	1,000.00
392 HI LINE FORD INC	84016	1,153.20
5242 HOME CARE SERVICES, LLC	84157	1,000.50
2885 INTERSTATE BATTERIES	84017	18.95
5714 ION MYSTERY	84018	200.00
5735 IRON STAKE CONSULTING LLC	84019	3,500.00
6165 JANET OVERVOLD	84020	25.00
5977 JEREMY ERTEL	84021	44.00
6166 JODY ALISE FOUNDATION	84022	400.00
5720 JOE TIHLARIK	84023	67.00
6136 JULIE BALBACK	84024	5.00
6167 KATIE KNIERIM	84025	43.76
6104 KEVIN BLAGG	84027	237.54
368 KLTZ/KLAN INC	84028	50.00
	84127	80.00
5520 KRISTIN K MCCOLLY, FNP	84029	4,849.00
3897 KYLES REPAIR	84158	560.00
4741 LACAL EQUIPMENT, INC	84031	1,908.00
5641 LAFF	84032	200.00
6118 LEVI CAPDEVILLE	84030	100.00
5669 LINDA BROOKIE AZURE, LLC	84152	390.00
6168 LINDA STEPHENSON	84033	87.98
5990 MACRS	84036	450.00
3133 MAPPING & PLANNING SPECIALISTS, INC	84038	1,216.00
	84128	2,755.75
101 MARKLE'S INC	84037	3,118.89
2475 MATTFELDT ELECTRIC, INC	84039	296.16
	84130	625.00
413 MERCK SHARP & DOHME LLC	84041	1,881.06
6051 MICHELLE OZARK	84042	2,751.08
104 MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	84040	135.00
	84159	18.26
4417 MIDWEST LABORATORIES INC	84043	97.60
6139 MISTY DENNY	84044	28.00
6130 MODERNA US INC	84045	3,648.00
	84129	7,411.20
3042 MOGAN'S SPRINKLERS	84046	445.00
6169 MON-DAK MARINE INC	84047	645.00
1122 MONTANA ASSOC OIL, GAS & COAL COUNTIES	84049	287.77
5013 MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	84034	232.50
540 MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES/MACO	84035	100.00
1069 MONTANA COUNTY TREASURER'S ASSOCIATION	84048	675.00
113 MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	84050	5,774.31
4203 MONTANA LAW REVIEW	84051	60.00
1160 MONTANA LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION	84160	350.00
1749 MONTANA SHERIFF'S & PEACE OFFICERS ASSOC	84052	480.00
1128 MONTANA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	84054	221.30
239 MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	84053	5,738.42
183 NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC	84055	4,761.64
121 NORTHERN MONTANA TEXTILES SERVICES	84056	68.43
	84131	74.80
115 NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	84057	1,815.99
	84132	9,649.53



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120 NORVAL ELECTRIC CO-OP INC	84058	1,992.54
5501 OCV, LLC	84135	3,995.00
3596 OLNESS & ASSOCIATES PC CPA'S	84133	52,920.00
4792 OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	84059	151.92
	84134	275.77
	84161	38.48
5835 PAMELA SALACUP	84060	1,708.00
2366 PAUL JENSEN	84061	95.00
5463 PERSONNEL EVALUATION, INC	84062	150.00
129 PETTY CASH	84136	598.00
4551 PFIZER INC	84063	4,766.30
1918 PLAINSMAN PRINTING & SUPPLY	84064	562.70
136 PROBST CLEANING SERVICE INC	84065	125.00
3238 PROFORCE LAW ENFORCEMENT	84066	249.05
6170 QT POD PETROLEUM ON DEMAND LLC	84067	1,195.00
201 QUILL CORPORATION	84068	115.93
5962 RANDY G. BARNETT	84069	3,484.51
3056 ROUBIE YOUNKIN	84026	39.74
6122 ROUTEMATCH SOFTWARE, LLC	84070	4,458.68
	84138	2,229.34
1898 ROY HUGHES	84071	1,470.81
574 ROY JIMISON DBA	84139	5,682.10
219 SANOFI PASTEUR INC	84140	393.05
5583 SDI ARCHITECTS & DESIGN	84072	10,382.00
5389 SEAN HEAVEY	84073	1,948.97
6171 SERENA STINE	84074	8.00
262 SHELLEY BRYAN	84075	148.16
5726 SHIRLEY BAUMGARTNER	84076	625.00
5667 ST LAWN & MOSQUITO	84077	290.00
6081 STOWAWAY BAR & GRILL	84165	1,464.00
162 SYSCO MONTANA INC	84078	9,245.51
	84141	3,273.86
163 T & R TRUCKING INC	84080	16,299.48
6172 TALISSA MONTCLAIR	84081	25.00
6175 TAPTCO	84142	2,700.00
5997 TAYLOR STORAGE	84083	25.00
575 TAYLOR STORAGE CONDO ASSOC	84082	230.00
788 TERRY L LIGHTHIZER	84143	215.25
5732 THE BANCORP	84116	13,118.86
291 THE CHEMNET CONSORTIUM	84085	125.00
2996 THOMPSON & SONS, INC	84144	899.09
41 TIRE-RAMA SERVICE CENTER	84145	330.00
4862 TLC APPLIANCE REPAIR, LLC	84084	180.00
680 TOWN OF OPHEIM	84086	66.00
174 TRIPLE A GLASS INC	84087	885.39
	84162	24.86
787 U.S. POSTAL SERVICE/PITNEY BOWES	84147	767.93
627 UNCLE MILT'S BODY SHOP	84088	10,359.77

Payroll for the month of February 2024 was approved in the amount of \$468,237.80.