

Vendor	Claim #	Amount
120 NORVAL ELECTRIC CO-OP INC	84058	1,992.54
5501 OCV, LLC	84135	3,995.00
3596 OLNES & 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.

March 1, 2024

Commissioner Tweten was in the office working on the audit responses. Wayne Waarvik, RDO Equipment representative, stopped into the office.

March 4, 2024

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

Commissioner Fahlgren wrote a letter of support to Pete Buttigieg, Secretary in the US Department of Transportation, to support the Montana Department of Transportation's Bridge Investment Program, which may replace the Beaverton Bridge in Valley County. Chairman Armstrong, Commissioners Tweten and Fahlgren signed the letter and emailed to Stahly Engineering, who is putting a bundling of the Montana bridge construction projects together.

Commissioner Fahlgren submitted comments on the US Fish and Wildlife Service's proposed rule that would affect the CMR, authored by Nathen Descheemaker with the Montana Natural Resource Coalition.

Commissioner Armstrong and Tweten worked on administrative work.

Ruth Dowell stopped in with the Glasgow congregate meal donations.

Ken Borseth stopped in to visit with the Commissioners.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

ATTEST: Marie L. Pippin  
Marie Pippin, Clerk



ATTEST: Mary Armstrong  
Mary Armstrong, Chairman

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Ed Malone, Valley County DES Coordinator, stopped in to discuss his position. The Commissioners gave Mr. Malone a laptop computer. Commissioner Fahlgren and Mr. Malone went to the Annex to show him his new office, and Commissioner Fahlgren also took him over to meet the 911 Coordinator.

Michele Fromdahl, from the USACE, stopped to discuss tomorrow's public hearing about the potential road abandonment in Park Grove.

Chairman Armstrong worked on the LATCF fund report.

Chairman Armstrong joined the State Workforce Innovation Board meeting by zoom at 10:30 a.m.

Lucas Locke, Valley County Airport Manager, stopped in. Mr. Locke said he was on a video conference with the FAA and Dowl Engineering consultant Jim Greil about the Master Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

ATTEST: Marie L. Pippin  
Marie Pippin, Clerk



ATTEST: Mary Armstrong  
Mary Armstrong, Chairman

March 6, 2024

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

Brandon Janshen, SDI Architects and Design, called to inform the Commissioners that he will not make it to Glasgow today because of the weather, for the pre-bid walk through for the Museum roof. If any contractors show up, Joleen Cotton, Maintenance Supervisor, will be there and do a conference call with SDI and the Contractors. Brandon will also host a zoom meeting on Friday and potential bidders will contact Joleen Cotton for an on-site inspection.

Commissioner Tweten participated in a job interview for the County Commissioner administrative assistant.

*Pursuant to the public hearing notice published in the local newspaper, at 9:30 am, Commissioner Armstrong opened the public hearing on the road abandonment request by Jeff and Jennifer Darr.*

In attendance were Commissioners Armstrong and Fahlgren, County Planner Casey Burke and Jennifer Darr (via telephone.)

County Planner Casey Burke described the area located in Park Grove. It is the continuation of the road that Steve Carney received abandonment approval for several weeks ago. The road is not used as a road at this time and the property owner on the other side of the access is the USACE.

Commissioner Armstrong advised that Michelle Fromdahl, USACE, stopped into the Commissioners' office yesterday to report that they have no concern with the abandonment as long as the USACE is not gaining property in the abandonment.

Jennifer Darr commented that this is the second piece of the road abandoned earlier and it is not used as a road. She asked if the road would become part of their property.

Casey Burke advised that yes it would be, and best way to show that is their property is to amend their plat to include it.

Commissioner Armstrong advised that it will be on the Discussion and Decision Agenda on Wednesday March 13, 2024, to consider the abandonment request.

The public hearing was adjourned at 9:40 am.

At 10:30a.m. Chairman Armstrong called the Discussion and Decision Meeting to order.

Others in attendance were Mark Arneson, Char Arneson, Pam Heikens and County Planner Casey Burke.

Chairman Armstrong added the approval of Travis Austin as a member of the Long Run Fire Dept to the agenda.

Chairman Armstrong asked for public comment on agenda items.

Pam Heikens asked for clarification on Systems Technology Consultants. Chairman Armstrong explained that they are a subsidiary of Morrison and Maierle Engineering, which performs IT services and consulting, and have an been doing IT systems work for the County for a number of years.

Next on the agenda was action on employment/ termination notices.

*Commissioner Fahlgren made a motion to approve the employment notice for Ann Fauth, seconded by Commissioner Tweten, temporary part-time for the Justice of the Peace, for \$21.65 per hour, Account # 100-02-410341-111. Commissioner Fahlgren commented that the reason for doing this is so Ann can help train the new JP Clerk. Motion passed unanimously.*

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Next on the agenda was approve Julious Lopez, Jason Sillerud, and Travis Austin to the Long Run Fire Dept as Volunteer Fireman.

*Commissioner Tweten made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren, to approve Julious Lopez, Jason Sillerud, and Travis Austin to the Long Run Fire. Motion passed unanimously.*

Next on the agenda was approve tax rewrite for tax year 2023, No. 1265, Highland Storage, No. 1266, Curis J & Rene S Clampit, No 1267, Gregory James & Shannon K Liebelt, No 1268, Eddie L & Carrie Mindt, No. 1269 Glenn's Automative Repair LLC, and No. 1270 Helena Chemical Co.

*Commissioner Fahlgren moved to approve the tax rewrites, seconded by Commissioner Tweten. Motion passed unanimously.*

Next on the agenda was action on renewing MACO health insurance for FY 2025. The premium increase is 18%.

*Commissioner Fahlgren moved to renew MACO health insurance, with Valley County paying \$1,196.00 a month towards insurance (medical, dental and vision) for each full-time, permanent employee who is enrolled in the plan, and offer the same plans as last year. Commissioner Tweten seconded the motion.*

During discussion Chairman Armstrong explained that with the 18% increase it will cost the County approximately \$150,000 more than last year. Chairman Armstrong also stated that over the past 10 years, MACO insurance has increase 5.3% compared to the National Trend which is 8.8%.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

Next on the agenda was action on adopting changes to the Valley County Subdivision regulations as recommended by the Valley County Planning Board.

*Commissioner Tweten made a motion to approve the updates to the Subdivision Regulations recommended by the Planning Board, Commissioner Fahlgren seconded.*

Chairman Armstrong called on Valley County planner, Casey Burke to explain the changes. Mr. Burke gave a very detailed explanation of the changes with most of the changes required due to legislative actions. The Planning Board held a public hearing where no public attended. Any questions about the changes can be addressed to Mr. Burke.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

Next on the agenda was action on adopting changes to the Valley County Subdivision Review Fees as recommended by the Planning Board.

*Commissioner Fahlgren made a motion to approve the changes to the Subdivision review fees, seconded by Commissioner Tweten.*

Chairman Armstrong called on Valley County planner, Casey Burke to explain the recommended changes. Mr. Burke said the Planning Board held a public hearing for the proposed changes and no public attended.

The recommended fees are:

Preliminary Application interview \$100.00  
Preliminary Plat Application Review \$200.00+\$30.00/lot  
Final Plat Review \$100.00+\$10.00/lot  
Expediated Minor/Administrative Review \$250.00  
Preliminary Application Interview \$100.00  
Preliminary Plat Application Review \$800.00+\$30.00/lot  
Final Plat Review \$200.00+\$10.00/lot



Agricultural Exemptions, Mortgage Surveys, Utility COS, Boundary Line Adjustments, Family Transfers, and Right-of- Way Cos. are all \$250.00.

*The motion passed unanimously.*

Chairman Armstrong asked for public comment.

Char Arneson asked why the Planning Board Minutes for the last 6 months aren't on the county website. Commissioner Tweten said they should be in the Clerk and Records office. Chairman Armstrong explained that the Planning Board meets quarterly, and the minutes don't get recorded until they are approved, which would be 3 months later. County Planner, Casey Burke will look into it.

Chairman Armstrong adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.

The Commissioners met with Ruth Dowell, COA Coordinator, to discuss priorities of the Senior programs.

Chairman Armstrong briefed Ms. Dowell on the priorities outlined.

Ruth asked for advice on who to ask to represent the Valley View Home and FMDH on the Council on Aging. Mary advised she ask Wes Thompson at VVH and Leah Miller or Lynn Lipszyc at FMDH.

The COA Coordinator role in COA meetings was outlined, Ruth is to support the set-up of the meetings but have the Seniors run the meetings. Pat Neuleib is President and Joyce English is secretary. Ruth should deliver a written report in advance and the agenda needs to be mailed in advance.

Given our lack of onsite IT support, access to Black Mountain Budget software may be an issue so in the interim Commissioner Tweten will put budget reports in the COA box in the C&R office.

Commissioner Tweten noted that Opheim and Nashua are 85% spent for Senior meals so may need to be shut down or reallocate. Hinsdale is at 69% spent. Glasgow is at 44%. Ruth will monitor these balances; the combined total is the bottom line. It appears payments from Action for Eastern Montana (AEM) are coming as expected.

The Seniors are considering applying for a grant for snow dams on the roof over the east ramp entry. After discussion the commissioners advised that the county would pay for the snow dams and the senior should apply for something that would contribute to activities and not the building. Karaoke was mentioned.


Ruth reported on positive changes she has overseen at the Senior Center, increased activities and participation. She has hired another part time person paid by Easter Seals.

Ms. Dowell and Commissioner Armstrong left to work on the reports for AEM.

Don Fast stopped in and informed the Commissioners that he had talked to Long Run Fire Chief, Sara Bryan, about hiring Long Run to burn down his elevator in Frazer for a fee of \$7,000.00. Sara Bryan had reservations about the liability. Commissioners Armstrong and Fahlgren also had reservations about the liability.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

ATTEST:   
Marie Pippin, Clerk

ATTEST:   
Mary Armstrong, Chairman



Chairman Armstrong, and members Tweten, and John Fahlgren were in the office today.

The Commissioners worked on various tasks.

Representatives from Systems Technology Consultants, John Thomas and Thad McGrail, stopped in to visit with the Commissioners about managing Valley Counties IT system through June of 2024. There was discussion on what to expect during the IT infrastructure upgrade, and discussion about how to handle day to day IT problems. Sean Heavey and Adam Marks joined the meeting. Mr. Heavey and Mr. Marx will be doing the cabling for the project, so there was much detailed discussion about the infrastructure upgrade project.

Kevin Myhre, from Century paving, called requesting permission to use County property by the old packing plant, to stage equipment for a Bridge project. The Commissioners gave Mr. Myhre permission to stage equipment there.

**March 8, 2024.**

Commissioners Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren were in the office today.

At 2:00p.m. Commissioner Tweten and Maintenance Supervisor, Joleen Cotton attended a zoom meeting with Brandon Janshen with SDI Architecture + design, going over the specs and bid opening process for the proposed Museum roof project. One contractor also joined the meeting. Architect, Brandon Janshen, will not be able to join the bid opening meeting, so he requested the Commissioners email him all the bids for him to review before the Commissioners make a decision.

**March 11, 2024**

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

Dan Taylor stopped in to visit with the Commissioners.

The Commissioners worked on various administrative tasks.

Chairman Armstrong worked on the MD&A report for Valley County's FY 2023 Audit..

Ed Malone, DES Coordinator, stopped in to request a copy of the FY 2023 Audit. The Commissioners informed Mr. Malone we should be receiving a copy of the audit in the next two weeks.

At 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Armstrong attended a zoom meeting on the Federal Lands Access Program, regarding the Duck Creek Road project. An onsite project review will be conducted on April 16, 2024.

Commissioner Armstrong met with COA Coordinator Ruth Dowell at the Senior Center to discuss the monthly expense report for Action for Eastern Montana. Ruth gave Commissioner Armstrong a tour of the senior center to identify all of the progress that has been made since January when Ruth took on the new assignment. She identified three stainless steel carts that have been replaced with improved carts that she would like to surplus. She has a buyer who will pay \$100 for the three of them.

Commissioner Fahlgren attended the Fair Board meeting at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

ATTEST:   
Marie Pippin, Clerk

ATTEST:   
Mary Armstrong, Chairman





March 12, 2024

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

Road Supervisor James Gibson and Asst. Supervisor Nathan Lierow came in to discuss Road issues. The weather and soil moisture are perfect for blading on the main routes. There is a new wash-out, on Hinsdale North Road. They are currently short one blade operator and options for filling that position were discussed.

They have several old pickups, two cranes and a few trailers that are unusable or not needed. All the equipment is 1033 program except one pickup, so the funds will not go to Road. Fahlgren suggested they check into on-line auction options for the cranes. The pickups are likely more valuable as scrap.

The Fair Board met last night and requested that their spending authority be increased. They have \$28,000 in cash but just \$8500 of spending authority. They are concerned that they need a cushion for unexpected expenses before the end of FY2024. Fahlgren discussed this with C&R Marie Pippen, and Commissioner Tweten. He then called Fair Board Chair Paul McColly to say the Commission would do the public notification and resolution to make \$10,000 of the cash available as additional spending authority.

Commissioner Armstrong reported on the excellent work that new COA Coordinator Ruth Dowell has been doing, including completing the reports to Action. The Commissioners agreed to sell the surplus carts for \$100.00.

County Attorney Jenson visited the Commissioners concerning an insurance case.

Facilities Manager Jolene Cotton described a proposed upgrade to the wiring in the computer room. The Commissioners supported her researching cost and details with local electricians.

Doug Tihista came in requesting a cattleguard on Geer Road, ¼ mile north of his approach. Tweten explained the cattleguard policy and the encroachment permit process.

Chris Helland, Chairman of North Valley Water and Sewer District, called to status the Commissioners on some issues.

Fritz, Senator Daines Eastern Montana staff, called to say she would be in town for a listening session on Thursday and would stop in at 11:00 AM.

Fahlgren, as President of MtNRC, had a call with Todd Devlin, Executive Director, concerning his proposed budget.

Commissioner Armstrong started preparation of the 2023 Local Assistance and Tribal Contingency Fund report due March 30, 2024.

Rick Seiler came in to invite the Commissioners to a USACE Tabletop Exercise for a simulated disaster on Thursday 3/14 at Fort Peck. The meeting will be attended by DES personnel around the lake.

Commissioner Tweten called Greg Lukasik at Great West Engineering concerning what to do with the \$124,954 check from the CBDG grant for the North Valley Water and Sewer District. Lukasik provided the information and the C&R cut a check to the contractor.

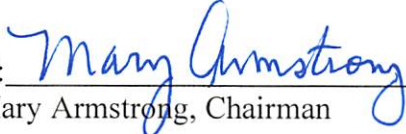
Planner Casey Burke brought in the KT Subdivision Preliminary Plat Application to be considered at tomorrow's Discussion and Decision meeting.

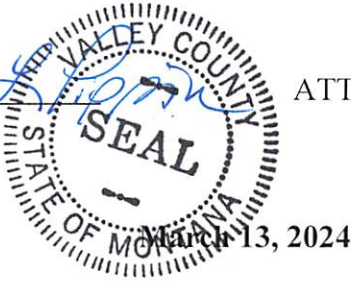
The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

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Commissioner Tweten attended the Airport Board meeting at 6:00 PM.

ATTEST:   
Marie Pippin, Clerk

ATTEST:   
Mary Armstrong, Chairman



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

At 10:30a.m. Chairman Armstrong called Discussion and Decision meeting to order.

Also joining the meeting were Casey Burke, Valley County Planner, Kevin Tayler, and Mark Arneson.

Chairman Armstrong had no additions or deletions.

Chairman Armstrong asked for public comment on agenda items. No public comment.

Next on the agenda was Employment/ Termination notices.

*Commissioner Fahlgren made a motion to approve a termination notice for Ann Fauth, Planning Board Secretary, effective March 1, 2024, and an employment notice for Marie Pederson, temporary full-time, Fair Grounds Keeper, beginning May 1, 2024 for \$16.07 per hour, and Julio Lopez, Fair Maintenance, temporary part-time, beginning May 1, 2024 for \$16.07 per hour, and an employment notice for Debra Dees, Treasures Office, pay raise to \$20.37 per hour, effective March 10, 2024. Commissioner Tweten seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Next on the agenda was consideration of Jeff and Jennifer Darr's request to abandon a portion of a street: Park Grove Drive running north and south approximately 120 ft long and 20 ft wide running the length of the west lot lines of lots 11 & 12 of Rhode's Park Grove Suburban Tracts.

*Commissioner Tweten made a motion to approve the request to abandon that portion of the street. Commissioner Fahlgren seconded. Chairman Armstrong called on Casey Burke to give a detailed explanation. Mr. Burke mentioned that no public attended the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.*

Next on the agenda was Consideration of approval of KT minor subdivision whose legal description is NW4SE4 section 11, T28N, R39E, P.M.M.

*Commissioner Fahlgren made a motion to approve the KT subdivision with conditions noted. Commissioner Tweten seconded. During discussion, Chairman Armstrong called on Casey Burke to outline the conditions contained in the planner report. The motion passed unanimously.*

Chairman Armstrong asked for public comment.

Kevin Taylor had some questions on next steps for his subdivision. Casey Burke will meet with him after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Stephanie Beckert from Great West Engineering stopped in to discuss the Landfill. Great West are the current Engineers for the Valley County Refuse District. Ms. Beckert left the Commissioners' office to go to the Landfill. She will do methane testing and teach the Landfill manager how to perform the methane test and tour the landfill operations.

Commissioner Armstrong attended the Valley County Board of Health meeting at 5:15 pm.



ATTEST: Marie Pippin  
Marie Pippin, Clerk

ATTEST: Mary Armstrong  
Mary Armstrong, Chairman



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

The Commissioners signed claims.

Commissioner Fahlgren attended a discussion session at the Glasgow Stockyards held by Senator Daines' staff.

Fritz from Senator Daines office stopped into the office at 11:00 am to visit with Commissioner Fahlgren.

#### March 15, 2024

Commissioner Armstrong was in the office. Commissioner Tweten travelled to Glendive to attend the monthly Action for Eastern Montana Board Meeting.

Commissioner Armstrong participated in an interview panel for a Valley County Transit job applicant. She worked on administrative tasks.

#### March 18, 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.

James Gibson, Road Supervisor, stopped in to give a report on what the Road Department has been doing the past week.

The Commissioners worked on various administrative tasks.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

ATTEST: Marie Pippin  
Marie Pippin, Clerk

ATTEST: Mary Armstrong  
Mary Armstrong, Chairman



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

At 9:53 a.m. Valley County received a modification of bid from Empire Roofing by email. The modification was to deduct \$112,566.00 to the base bid and deduct \$88,427.00 to alternate #1.

*Pursuant to the Call for Bids published in the local newspaper, at 10:00 a.m., Chairman Armstrong opened bids for the Museum re-roof project.*

Leta Godwin, Museum Supervisor, and Joleen Cotton, Maintenance Supervisor were present and Mike Enderson, representative from Empire Roofing, joined by phone.

Chairman Armstrong opened the bid from Empire Roofing, which came in at \$400,000 for schedule 1 and \$500,000 for schedule 2. With the modification of bid received by email, the total is \$287,434.00 for schedule 1 and \$411,573 for schedule 2.

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Next Chairman Armstrong opened the bid from MT Roofing LLC. The bid for schedule 1 was \$396,000.00 and schedule 2 was \$449,250.00.

The Commissioners emailed the bid documentation to SDI Architects and Design for review.

Commissioner Tweten will attend the Museum Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. this evening to discuss the bids.

Rocky Thompson, T&R Trucking, stopped in to advise that he would not be able to attend the Refuse District meeting to give the T&R report, so wanted to say things are picking, but everything is going well.

Brandon Janshen, from SDI Architects and Design called to inform the Commissioners that he would recommend the Commissioners accept the bid from Empire Roofing INC., schedule 1, for \$287,434.00.

Mr. Janshen will email the formal recommendation, along with the bid tabs soon.

At 12:02p.m. a sealed bid was received from Wegner Roofing. The deadline was 10:00 a.m., so it cannot be acknowledged.

Ed Malone, DES Coordinator, stopped in to have Chairman Armstrong sign the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agent Designation Letter.

At 3:00 p.m. Chairman Armstrong and Commissioner Tweten attended a Refuse District meeting.

Mark Arneson visited with the Commissioners after the Refuse District meeting. Mr. Arneson expressed his concern over the decision the Refuse Board made not to renew the Barry Damschen Engineering contract.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

ATTEST:   
Marie Pippin, Clerk



ATTEST:   
Mary Armstrong, Chairman

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

At 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Fahlgren attended the monthly safety meeting.

Chairman Armstrong worked on a budget presentation for the Council on Aging Board presentation.

There was no Commission Discussion and Decision meeting today.

At 1:00 p.m. the Commissioners attended a zoom meeting with Systems Technology Consultants to discuss their quote for the FY2025 technical service agreement.

Chairman Armstrong attended the Council on Aging Board Meeting at 2:00p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

ATTEST:   
Marie Pippin, Clerk



ATTEST:   
Mary Armstrong, Chairman



**March 21, 2024**

Commissioner Tweten was in the office working on administrative items.

**March 22, 2024**

Commissioners Armstrong and Tweten were in the office.

Commissioner Tweten worked on minutes and administrative tasks.

Commissioner Armstrong completed the LATCF 2023 report and submitted it to the US Treasury. Commissioner Armstrong drafted the Refuse District Board minutes for review.

**March 25, 2024**

The Commissioners met in regular session today at the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Mary Armstrong, and member John Fahlgren present.

Commissioner Tweten is attending the MACRS conference in Great Falls, Montana with road supervisor James Gibson and assistant road supervisor Nathan Lierow.

Ed Malone, DES Coordinator, visited with Commissioner Armstrong on various DES topics.

Sherri Turner stopped into the office to advise that the Friends of the Pioneer Museum voted to contribute \$25,000 to the reroofing of the Pioneer Museum.

Rick Seiler, former DES Coordinator, came into the office to advise that all the actions are completed on the Marinko property transfer. He would like to set up a time for signatures on the required documentation and final payment of the FEMA grant proceeds to Ernest and Valerie Marinko, sometime in the next two weeks. When that is completed, the County will start the final process to transfer the property to the Hinsdale Water and Sewer District.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

ATTEST:

Marie Pippin, Clerk



ATTEST:

Mary Armstrong, Chairman

Commissioner Armstrong was in the office today.

Commissioner Tweten attended the MACRS conference in Great Falls, Montana.

Commissioner Armstrong worked on administrative tasks and prepared for the Library Board meeting tomorrow when the Board is scheduled to discuss the Mill Levy requirements.

**March 27, 2024**

The Commissioners met in regular session today at the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Mary Armstrong, and member John Fahlgren present.

*Pursuant to the Call for Bids published in the local newspaper, at 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Armstrong opened the only bid received for the Access Control System for the Courthouse, with Joleen Cotton in attendance and Commissioner Tweten on the phone.*



The bid was as follows:

Sean Heavey: \$93,849 with option to add new UPS for \$1530.

Commissioner Armstrong stated that the bid will be addressed at the next Discussion and Decision meeting on April 3, 2024.

Commissioner Armstrong called the Discussion and Decision meeting to order at 10:30 am.

In attendance were Commissioner Fahlgren and Commissioner Tweten (by phone). Also in attendance were Mark and Char Arneson.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

During public comment, Char Arneson asked if the roof bid on the agenda was for a rubber roof, and Commissioner Armstrong advised that it was and there will be more discussion on it during that agenda item.

The next item on the agenda was employment notices.

*Commissioner Fahlgren moved to approve employment notices for Toryn Richards as a temporary fulltime laborer at \$16/hour in the Weed Department and Luke Knaff as a temporary fulltime landfill operator at \$19/hr. in the Refuse District. Commissioner Tweten seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was consideration of encroachment permit # 890, requested by Doug Tihista for an installation of a 24 ft cattle guard on the Geer Rd, Approximately ¼ mile north of 840 Geer Road; T 30N, R41E, SW1/4 of the NW ¼ in Section 27.

*Commissioner Fahlgren moved to approve the permit, and Commissioner Tweten seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was consideration of accepting the Empire Roofing, Inc. bid to re-roof the museum for \$287,434.00, and if accepted, determining funding sources.

*Commissioner Fahlgren moved to accept the bid of \$287,434 from Empire Roofing for the Museum rubber roof. Commissioner Tweten seconded.*

During discussion, Commissioner Tweten advised that the Museum Board recommends acceptance of the bid, and the SDI architect who provided the specification recommended the bid as well.

*The motion passed unanimously.*

Next the funding source was discussed. The Museum Board has approved the rubber roof but has not committed to helping with funding. The Friends of Valley County Museum have voted to contribute \$25,000. Commissioner Tweten mentioned that we will need to keep in mind that the 1% has to be reserved for the IRS.

*Commissioner Fahlgren moved to fund the balance of \$262,432 from the Local Assistance and Tribal Contingency Fund; Commissioner Tweten seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Next on the agenda was consideration of the Interlocal Agreement Formation, Authority and Administration of Abatement Region 1 for the Opioid Settlement. The interlocal agreement establishes a 17-county authority, including Valley County, to provide recommendations for grants using Opioid settlement funds received by the State.

*Commissioner Tweten moved to approve Chairman Armstrong signing the agreement. Commissioner Fahlgren seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

The last item on the agenda was public comment.

Mark and Char Arneson expressed support for SB442 for marijuana tax going to help with county road maintenance.

Chairman Armstrong adjourned the Discussion and Decision meeting 11:00 am.

Josh Kittleson came in to discuss if a bond was needed for him if he was to perform the work himself to satisfy the required Kittleson subdivision final plat conditions. The roads are built but need gravel and he has purchased the gravel. The water line is started, and power still needs to be brought in. He wants to be able to sell some lots. Valley County Planner Casey Burke explained that Josh would need to have a licensed engineer itemize the work left to be done and provide cost estimates to complete the requirements by a contractor. He is then required to provide a bond at 125% of that cost estimate. Josh agreed to this.

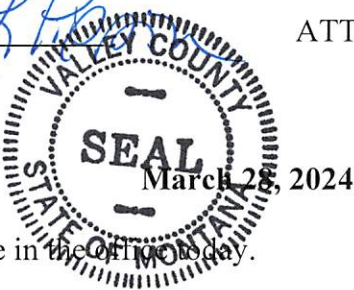
Rocky Thompson stopped in to say he would like to buy a snowplow that the landfill has and isn't using. The Commissioners will pass this on to Brian Austin and will advertise it if Brian wants to sell it.

Commissioner Armstrong attended the Library Board meeting and advised the Board of the process for requesting an election for a mill levy to fund the library.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

ATTEST: Marie Pippin Marie Pippin, Clerk

ATTEST: Mary Armstrong Mary Armstrong, Chairman



All three commissioners were in the office today.

Jeff Alsberg stopped in to visit with the Commissioners.

March 29, 2024

Commissioners Tweten and Fahlgren were in the office today.

Pledge Securities are as follows:

BANK OF GLASGOW PLEDGE SECURITIES					
March 31, 2024					
	CUSIP #	%	RECEIPT #	MATURE DATE	AMOUNT
FNMA GTD REMIC	3136AMY45	3.000%	2202	11/25/2037	\$21,356.34
FNMA #AL6762	3138EPQQ0	2.50%	2379	11/1/2028	\$107,807.54
					\$129,163.88
OPPORTUNITY BANK					
March 31, 2024					
	CUSIP #	%	RECEIPT #	MATURE DATE	AMOUNT
YELLOWSTONE CNTY MONT K-12 SCH	985794DE3	5.000%		7/1/2034	\$1,000,000.00
					\$1,000,000.00

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

Vendor	Claim #	Amount
6011 A1 HOOD CLEANING	84166	1,100.00
5998 ACCUSHAPE INC TICABONITE ARMOR SYSTEM	84167	3,112.00
2853 ALL SEASON HOME CENTER	84168	29.98
6159 AMBER SIMPSON	84284	4.00
184 AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	84169	701.80
5347 AMY GOLTZ	84170	2,322.00
5441 ARCSEARCH LLC	84171	401.80
558 ARCH'S TIRE, LLC	84172	3,970.50
5911 AT&T	84261	444.65
2629 BARRY DAMSCHEN CONSULTING, LLC	84173	1,475.00
75 BIG VALLEY WATER	84174	39.00
5766 BLUE TO GOLD LLC	84175	179.00
6148 BRETT ARENSMEYER	84282	11.00
4427 BS CENTRAL INC	84176	557.00
5341 C&B OPERATIONS, LLC	84177	432.52
182 CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	84178	2,781.48
6186 CELLEBRITE, INC	84281	1,850.00
5752 CENTER FOR DISEASE DETECTION-16456	84179	56.10
6176 CENTRALSQUARE TECHNOLOGIES	84180	3,378.00
4761 CENTURY LINK	84181	144.79
4990 CENTURYLINK-71303	84262	10,256.65
5051 CHARM-TEX INC	84182	1,531.00
677 CITY OF GLASGOW	84183	4,230.86
4723 CITYSERVICEVALCON	84184	22,455.18
5553 COMMUNITY RESOURCES CENTER	84185	3,320.08
6177 COMPLIANT TECHNOLOGIES	84186	5,967.50
1906 CONNIE WETHERN, EMS DIRECTOR	84187	395.00
5233 CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES ACCOUNTING	84188	638.08
36 COTTONWOOD INN, INC	84189	6,291.00
39 DALE PLUMBING & HEATING INC	84190	190.00
6088 DEFY	84191	200.00
4573 DIAGNOSTIC PEST SOLUTIONS	84192	193.50
5663 DOWL LLC	84193	24,614.07
260 EASTERN MONTANA COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH	84194	9,439.00
4199 ERNIE MARINKO	84287	21,823.04
812 EZZIE'S WHOLESALE INC	84195	46,078.92
59 FRANCES MAHON DEACONESS HOSPITAL	84196	726.70
4655 G & J ENTERPRISES	84197	517.94
71 GLASGOW COURIER INC	84198	805.00
4264 GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	84199	8,826.00
984 GREGG HUNTER-LOCKSMITH	84200	29.00
5037 GRIT	84201	200.00
5960 HEALTHY IS WELLNESS LLC	84202	1,000.00
392 HI LINE FORD INC	84203	1,213.36
4900 HI TECH ELECTRIC INC	84204	232.96
5242 HOME CARE SERVICES, LLC	84205	462.45
2885 INTERSTATE BATTERIES	84206	709.75
5714 ION MYSTERY	84207	200.00
5735 IRON STAKE CONSULTING LLC	84208	3,500.00
5977 JEREMY ERTEL	84283	29.00
6179 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	84209	1026,399.98
368 KLTZ/KLAN INC	84210	461.25
5520 KRISTIN K MCCOLLY, FNP	84211	7,510.00
5641 LAFF	84212	200.00
99 LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	84213	100.73
959 MACDC	84214	300.00
3133 MAPPING & PLANNING SPECIALISTS, INC	84216	262.50
101 MARKLE'S INC	84222	2,708.04
5367 MARY ARMSTRONG	84217	388.60
105 MILK RIVER INC	84218	262.50
3557 MILLER OIL CO	84219	385.28
6139 MISTY DENNY	84285	24.00
3042 MOGAN'S SPRINKLERS	84220	125.00
5013 MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	84215	253.75
6180 MONTANA DAKOTA SCALE SERVICE INC	84221	781.90
113 MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	84224	4,613.65
6182 MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - DCI	84223	700.00
1160 MONTANA LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION	84225	1,050.00
1171 MOREHOUSE PAINTING	84226	5,500.00
239 MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	84227	5,738.42
5761 NATIONAL TELEVISION ASSOCIATION	84228	250.00
183 NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC	84230	4,760.35
236 NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	84229	9,656.55
115 NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	84231	1,516.88
5996 O'DAY EQUIPMENT LLC	84232	669.00
4792 OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	84234	786.84
5390 OSTLUND'S FIRE PROTECTION, INC	84233	275.00



Vendor	Claim #	Amount
5835 PAMELA SALACUP	84235	1,400.00
5981 PENGUIN MANAGEMENT INC	84236	1,272.00
6183 PHILLIPS COUNTY COALITION FOR HEALTH	84237	900.00
3238 PROFORCE LAW ENFORCEMENT	84238	3,270.04
5962 RANDY G. BARNETT	84239	1,499.00
2620 RDO EQUIPMENT TRUST #80-5800	84240	2,973.84
6055 REDTAIL COMMUNICATIONS, INC	84241	924.00
6184 SALT LAKE WHOLESALE SPORTS	84242	1,689.20
3910 SCOTTIE EXPRESS WASH INC	84243	18.00
5389 SEAN HEAVEY	84244	430.00
3804 SHELLEY MILLS	84245	93.00
5814 SHERIDAN CO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COALITION	84246	1,200.00
6185 SMART VENDING SERVICES	84247	831.73
5739 SUGG PRIMARY CARE CLINIC, LLC	84248	175.00
162 SYSCO MONTANA INC	84249	8,425.39
428 SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANTS	84250	11,398.00
163 T & R TRUCKING INC	84251	15,712.18
5997 TAYLOR STORAGE	84252	25.00
291 THE CHEMNET CONSORTIUM	84253	335.00
2996 THOMPSON & SONS, INC	84254	5,000.94
4862 TLC APPLIANCE REPAIR, LLC	84255	180.00
5955 TYLER THIEVIN	84256	57.62
77 VALLEY BUILDERS GLASGOW, INC	84257	204.02
614 VALLEY CO TRANSIT	84258	732.50
6187 VINCENT CRAZY	84286	15.00
1087 VISA 0135	84263	629.52
5075 VISA 0143/1935/3964	84264	140.88
4547 VISA 7644	84265	80.28
5534 VISA 1059	84275	1,086.09
5485 VISA 1737	84266	408.63
5497 VISA 1745	84267	417.18
5484 VISA 1752/4814	84280	967.32
5577 VISA 1802	84268	88.11
5486 VISA 1836/4301	84269	605.46
5481 VISA 1844	84270	859.77
5578 VISA 2248	84276	241.76
5530 VISA 2412/4880	84277	57.89
3023 VISA 2529	84271	957.02
5482 VISA 2750/4863	84273	5,131.96
5529 VISA 3147/3972	84274	1,001.12
5517 VISA 3329	84272	1,402.26
5569 VISA 8477/3717	84278	33.98
5528 VISA 9277	84279	588.80
188 WESTERN DRUG INC	84259	1,668.84
6181 WESTERN MUNICIPAL CONSTRUCTION	83972	124,954.40
190 WILLS OFFICE WORLD/RADIO SHACK	84260	880.70
Total:		1475,710.31

Payroll for the month of March 2024 was approved in the amount of \$666,004.49