

November 1, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Mary Armstrong, members Paul Tweten, and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Joleen Cotton, Maintenance Supervisor, advised that Otis Elevator is at the Courthouse conducting the rupture valve test on the elevator.

Commissioner Tweten returned a call to Jonie, General Manager of Dry Prairie Rural Water, who was questioning a fee on the taxes for Refuse District #1. Commissioner Tweten advised that the Refuse District is an enterprise fund and the amount shown on the tax bill is an assessment, not a tax.

Levi Capdeville, Weed/Mosquito/Safety Supervisor, returned from training and informed the Commissioners that State Fund requires four safety training courses per year consisting of fire, electrical, HazCom, and blood borne pathogens training.

Chairman Armstrong began Discussion and Decision at 10:30 a.m. In attendance were Casey Burke, Valley County Planner, Tony Fast, and Mark and Char Arneson.

Added to the agenda was Cancellation of Taxes #1257 for the Corps of Engineers (COE) in the amount of \$15,660 and appointments to the Pines Fire Department.

Commissioner Armstrong asked for comments on agenda items.

There were questions concerning the cancellation of taxes for the Corps of Engineers (COE) and the agreement with the City of Glasgow listed on the agenda.

Regarding the cancellation of \$15,660 for the COE, the assessments will be taken off of the tax bill and Refuse District #1 will send the COE an independent billing statement.

The agreement with the City of Glasgow is formalizing a previously informal agreement for snow removal on areas of Highland Drive, Airport Road, Scotty Pride Drive, 7th Street North, and Ayr Street.

There were no employment/termination notices.

The first actionable item on the agenda was the memorandum of agreement, (MOA) with the City of Glasgow to set forth the respective responsibilities and duties of the City and County associated with the performance of snow removal maintenance activities on specific City and County streets and roads.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Snow Removal Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Glasgow and Valley County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of the Zimmer Trust/Nelson Ag exempt land transfer upon the recommendation of Casey Burke, Valley County Planner. The transfer will split 110 acres northeast of Opheim to be sold to a neighbor through transfer by deed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten and seconded Commissioner Fahlgren to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Transfer by Deed on the Zimmer Trust/Nelson Ag Exempt Land Transfer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.

Action on Application for Cancellation of Taxes #1257 for the Corps of Engineers in the amount of \$15,660 was next on the agenda. Per the Commissioners, the Refuse Assessment fees for the year 2021 and 2022 will be removed and the Valley County Refuse District will bill the COE directly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren and seconded by Commissioner Tweten to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Application for Cancellation of Taxes #1257 for the Corps

of Engineers in the amount of \$15,600 for the years 2021 and 2022. The Valley County Refuse District #1 will bill the COE directly. The motion passed unanimously.

The final item on the agenda was Action on appointing Willie Thievin and Lisa Thievin to the Pines Volunteer Fire Department upon the recommendation of Sara Bryan, Fire Chief.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten and seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren to appoint Willie and Lisa Thievin to the Pines Volunteer Fire Department upon the recommendation of Sara Bryan, Fire Chief. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Armstrong asked for any public comment, hearing none, the Discussion and Decision meeting adjourned at 10:37 am.

Richard Wiens dropped by the office to pick up paperwork outlining the procedure to form a Rural Improvement District.


Commissioner Tweten attended a Disaster Emergency Services (DES) mitigation meeting at the City of Glasgow office.

Virgil Vaupel dropped by to visit with Commissioner Armstrong.

Commissioner Tweten attended the Pioneer Museum Board meeting at 5:00 pm.

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

ATTEST: 
Marie Pippin, Clerk

ATTEST: 
Mary Armstrong, Chairman



Commissioner Tweten was in the office this morning.

Dan Taylor dropped by to visit.

Arnold Toews called concerning the refuse disposal fees on his Toews Farm Inc. property. He stated that he sold the houses and is wondering why there is a fee on his taxes. Commissioner Tweten advised Mr. Toews that it appears there was an error in his billing. He spoke with Brenda Anderson, Valley County Treasurer, and asked her to remove the fee and rebill Mr. Toews the correct amount.

Virgil Nelson dropped by to thank the Commissioners for the work they are doing.

Jan Kaiser called with a question on the Refuse Disposal fees on her vacant lot. Commissioner Tweten spoke with Ms. Kaiser and forwarded her concern to Brian Austin, Refuse District #1 Supervisor to review the history of the account.

Joel Novak called on behalf of the Nashua Town Council asking why Nashua no longer gets assistance with utility bills for the Nashua Fire Department building. Commissioner Tweten returned the call and advised Mr. Novak that the Commissioners have not received a request from them recently.

November 3, 2023

Commissioner Tweten was in the office this morning.

Joleen Cotton, Maintenance Supervisor, dropped off a quote for replacing the door near the County Attorney's office. They previously discovered that the door is delaminating and has dry rot at the bottom of the door. The quote includes a small window in the door to comply with

current standards. The intention is to put a transom above the door to decrease the size of the door to a typical door size.

Ron Olfert came in to discuss a gravel pit ¼ mile northwest of the landfill. He stated that the land is now owned by his son, Landon, who would like to be able to sell the gravel.

Commissioner Tweten told him that DEQ is requiring Valley County to reclaim the property before DEQ will release the County from their expired permit.

Commissioner Tweten left a message for Eric Urban, Highland Environmental, Inc. to verify the correct procedure for dealing with the details of turning the permit over to Landon.

November 6, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Mary Armstrong, members Paul Tweten, and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

The Commissioners received a call from Dispatch stating that someone from St. Marie called and stated there was a road sign down at St. Marie, and they wondered if Valley County Road Department is in charge of replacing the sign. Commissioner Fahlgren advised that Valley County takes care of 5th Street and Avenue F in St. Marie. Dispatch will have a deputy check to see if the missing sign is located on either of those streets and respond accordingly.

Lucas Locke, Airport Manager, recently had a meeting with the Federal Aviation Administration, (FAA). He stated that the FAA grant fund has not been determined yet, so there is not any money for the Taxiway Reconstruction Project at this time. The board intends to use Airport Improvement Funds to purchase a snowplow. Valley County will be responsible for 10% of the purchase price. Lucas is currently rewriting the Capital Improvement Plan for the airport.

Mike Lang dropped in to visit with Commissioner Armstrong.

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

ATTEST: Marie L. Pippin
Marie Pippin, Clerk



ATTEST: Mary Armstrong
Mary Armstrong, Chairman

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Mary Armstrong, member John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Commissioners Armstrong and Tweten attended a virtual meeting concerning North Valley County Water and Sewer District meeting with Great West Engineering this morning.

Justin Brumley called concerning the conditions of roads at St. Marie. Commissioner Fahlgren advised him that Valley County maintains 5th Street and Avenue F in St. Marie. Incorporated towns support the maintenance of roads through their taxes. St. Marie is unincorporated and the responsibility for maintaining roads in St. Marie falls to the Village Association.

Commissioner Fahlgren left the office to attend the Quick Fix Bridge meeting at the Road Department.

Larry Pankratz from Opheim stopped by to find out when the Roanwood and Thoeny Road outside of Opheim will be bladed. Mr. Pankratz was advised that it is on the list. He was given the number for the new road supervisor, James Gibson.

Valley County received a \$40,281.74 dividend from the Montana State Fund.

Ron Hentges left a phone message stating that Sunny Hills Subdivision and Aurora Road are muddy and rutted. He wanted to know when the Road Department will be out to take care of it. His concern was forwarded to James Gibson, Valley County Road Supervisor.

Commissioner Fahlgren attended the Search and Rescue and Long Run meetings at 6:30 this evening.

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

ATTEST: 
Marie Pippin, Clerk



ATTEST: 
Mary Armstrong, Chairman

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Mary Armstrong, members Paul Tweten, and John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Chairman Armstrong began Discussion and Decision at 10:30 a.m. In attendance was Mark Arneson.

Added to the agenda were applications for rewrite of taxes #1258, #1259, #1260, and #1261.

Commissioner Armstrong asked for public comment on agenda items, hearing none, the first actionable item on the agenda was employment/termination notices.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten to approve the Termination Notice for Randy Enger as a mower effective 10/30/2023, Termination Notice for James McLaurin as a mower effective 10/30/2023, Layoff Notice for Dalton Kaasa, as a mosquito fogger, effective 11/10/2023, and Layoff Notice for Mark Dale as a mosquito fogger, effective 11/10/2023. The motions were seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Fahlgren made motion to approve a Pay Rate change for Jamie Rennick increasing pay by 25¢ per hour effective 10/01/2023 having finished academy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Tweten made a motion to approve an Employment Notice for Robert Esaias as a Detention Officer effective 11/06/2023 at \$18.25 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda were the applications for rewrite of taxes #1258, #1259, #1260, and #1261.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren to approve the application for rewrite of taxes #1258 to transfer refuse fees in the amount of \$290. The property where the buildings were was sold so the tax has been removed from Towes property, #2304556000 and added to Klatts property #23082590000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten to approve the application for rewrite of taxes #1259 for North Seekers Properties LLP to remove refuse fees in the amount of \$725. The building was removed several years ago. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fahlgren to approve application for rewrite of taxes #1260 in the amount of \$320 for Michael Wesen and Jeron & Sara Wesen. Per the DOR tax bill #1005523000 needed to be split. The building was removed; therefore, TV and Refuse should be removed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tweten and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten to approve the Application for rewrite of taxes #1261 in the amount of \$159.65 for Pro Co-op. Per DOR the market value changed due to Appraiser error. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Armstrong asked for public comment on non-agenda items, hearing none, the Discussion and Decision meeting adjourned at 10:38 am.

Commissioner Armstrong attended the Transit Board meeting this afternoon.

Commissioner Fahlgren attended the Conservation District meeting this afternoon.

Hugh Frankson left a message advising that there are signs missing at St. Marie. Commissioner Tweten returned the call and after some discussion determined that the signs were missing on the State road. He supplied Hugh with a contact number to get the issue resolved.

John Kulczyk and Josh Sands stopped in to see when Sunny Hills Road will be taken care of. Commissioner Tweten advised that they are waiting for it to dry up a little.

Mayor Karst stopped by to discuss options for the Skate 45 Park with Commissioner Tweten. The Skate 45 Park promoters are getting push back from some of the community who live near Bundy Park and are looking for other options. Mayor Karst wanted to know if there was a possibility of the City of Glasgow leasing property from Valley County for a the Skate 45 Park. Commissioner Tweten will discuss that option with the other Commissioners as well as the County Attorney.

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

ATTEST: 
Marie Pippin, Clerk



ATTEST: 
Mary Armstrong, Chairman

Commissioners Tweten and Fahlgren were in the office today.

Wayne Waarvick dropped in and advised that the new motor graders will be delivered in a couple of weeks.

Alex Yeska dropped off grazing lease papers for Commissioner Fahlgren to sign.

Chasity Croft called with questions concerning building permits. She was referred to the City of Glasgow for assistance.

November 10, 2023

The Courthouse was closed today to celebrate Veteran's Day.

November 13, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Mary Armstrong, members Paul Tweten, John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Lucas Locke, Airport Manager advised that the gearbox for the door at the hanger is broken. Trapped inside the hanger are a Cape Air plane and a Cirrus plane from Canada. The maker of the 1993 gearbox is no longer in business. Contacting other vendors for assistance, Lucas learned that the timeframe to replace the gear box is four weeks. Lucas is searching for options to get the door open in a timely manner. The Airport Board is working on a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Lucas suggested replacing the hanger door or installing a new lift system to the CIP.

Curt Storlie, Valley County Road Assistant Supervisor, called to inform the Commissioners that when Jeremy Tihista stated that he would receive permission from the BIA for smoothing a route around the bridge on Geer Road, that Mr. Tihista did not follow through with the permission needed. The Road Department bladed and then reclaimed the approach.

James Gibson, Valley County Road Supervisor, dropped in to discuss the projects the Road Department has been working on. He will be interviewing candidates tomorrow for three open positions in the Road Department.

Dave Reinhardt dropped in to discuss the crown on roads in the County. Mr. Reinhardt says that the roads need more of a crown.

Rick Seiler, former Valley County DES Coordinator, stopped in to see if Joleen Cotton, Maintenance Supervisor, or Mike Bain, Valley County Technician needed any assistance with the paperwork on the Valley County Courthouse Access Control Project or the Cybersecurity Project. He stated that he is finishing some budget work for DES.

Levi Capdeville, Weed/Mosquito/Safety Supervisor, advised that he had not received his 50¢ per hour raise after his six-month probationary period as stated when he was hired.

Commissioner Armstrong left the office at 2:00 pm to attend a Property Casualty Trust meeting in Lewistown.

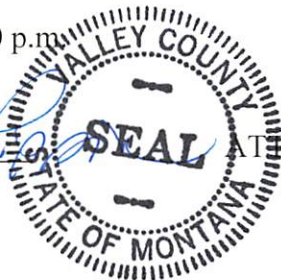
Commissioner Tweten made motion to approve a Pay Rate change for Levi Capdeville increasing pay by 50¢ per hour to \$26.96 per hour effective 11/05/2023 having completed a 6-month probationary period. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren and passed unanimously.

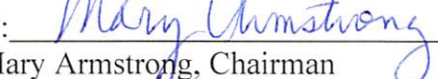
Carl Knudsen called to state that the taxable value assessment on property he owns in Valley County increased considerably. He was wondering if the Commissioners could do anything about it. Commissioner Tweten advised that the Department of Revenue assesses the taxes on the property and gave Mr. Knudsen their number to discuss the issue.

Commissioner Fahlgren attended the Fair Board meeting tonight.

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

ATTEST: 
Marie Pippin, Clerk



ATTEST: 
Mary Armstrong, Chairman

November 14, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Acting Chairman Paul Tweten, member, John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Commissioner Armstrong is attending a Montana Association of Counties (MACo) Property Casualty Trust meeting in Lewistown today.

Commissioner Tweten left the office to assist with interviews at the Road Department.

Ryan Allen, BLM, and Levi Capdeville, Weed/Mosquito Supervisor, came into the office to discuss the Noxious Weed Spraying plan.

Commissioner Fahlgren attended the Planning Board meeting at 6 p.m.

Commissioner Tweten attended the Airport meeting at 6 p.m.

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

ATTEST: Marie L. Pippin
Marie Pippin, Clerk



ATTEST: Mary Armstrong
Mary Armstrong, Chairman

November 15, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Acting Chairman Paul Tweten, member, John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Commissioner Armstrong is attending a MACo Property Casualty Trust meeting in Lewistown.

Commissioner Fahlgren left the office at 8:30 am to attend a Montana Natural Resource Coalition of Counties (MTNRC) meeting in Lewistown.

David Huol from Rudebusch Development Corporation called to get information on zoning and permitting in Valley County. He stated that there is a business interested in putting up a 40,000 square foot building in Valley County. Commissioner Tweten advised him that Valley County does not have any County specific zoning or permitting requirements except ordinance requirements around airports. He also referred Mr. Huol to Shane Minz, Department of Transportation (DOT) for approach permits on state highways.

Nicole Cole, Administrative Assistant for the Sheriff's Office joined the bid opening meeting.

Pursuant to the Call for Bids published in the local newspaper, at 10:00 a.m., Acting Chairman Tweten opened sealed bids for the Search and Rescue 1988 Boston Waler boat. Three bids were received as follows:

Steve Fossum \$575

Wayne See \$1,000

Steve Buckner Kent City Michigan \$3,550

The Commissioners will act on the bids at the Discussion and Decision meeting next Wednesday.

Nicole Cole, Administrative Assistant, left the office.

Sara Bryan, Long Run Fire Chief, stopped by the office and dropped of a Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement Operating Plan between the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, North Central Montana District Office and Valley County Montana Board of County Commissioners. The mission of the operating plan is to provide for cooperation in the suppression of wildland fires. The Commissioners will review the plan and put it on the Discussion and Decision meeting agenda next Wednesday.

Commissioner Tweten attended a telecon with Rebecca from emicAL, a research firm. They are developing software for law enforcement and had specific questions for County Commissioners.

Dave Pankratz dropped in to inquire about the blade position in Lustre. He was advised that the position has already been offered to an applicant.

Josh Sand poked his head in the office to say thank you for getting the roads taken care of.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

ATTEST: Marie L. Pippin
Marie Pippin, Clerk



ATTEST: Mary Armstrong
Mary Armstrong, Chairman

November 16, 2023

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

Commissioner Armstrong and Brenda Anderson, Valley County Treasurer, appeared on "Live Under the Big Sky" this morning to discuss taxes.

James Gibson, Valley County Road Supervisor, dropped into the office to discuss crushing gravel in Valley County.

Levi Capdeville, Weed/Mosquito Supervisor, requested information from the Commissioners on the procedure for publicizing the sale of a county owned vehicle. Also discussed were several mosquito conferences that Levi has an opportunity to attend next year.

Joleen Cotton, Maintenance Supervisor, advised that she would like to reopen a Sysco account to purchase cleaning supplies, etc. for the Council on Aging. She is concerned that the current supplier may not be available long term and would like to make sure that there is a supply chain available to the Council on Aging. The Commissioners approved Joleen to be the sole contact purchasing agent for the Sysco account.

Upon reviewing board appointees, it appears that the term for Planning Board member, Tyler Thievin was previously recorded incorrectly. Mr. Thievin's Planning Board appointment ends in 2026, not 2025. All files have been updated to reflect the correct date.

November 17, 2023

Commissioners Armstrong and Fahlgren were in the office today.

Commissioner Tweten is attending the Action for Eastern Montana meeting in Glendive today.

Commissioner Armstrong attended the Duck Creek Road Design meeting via telecon this morning.

Rod Ost dropped by the office to find out when Grain Road in Luster is going to be bladed. He stated that the potholes are so large you cannot drive around them.

Ben Redekopp dropped by to say that the Grain Road needs attention. Mr. Ost and Mr. Redekopp's concerns were forwarded to James Gibson, Valley County Road Supervisor.

Ken and Ronda Evenson stated there is a \$145 Refuse Disposal District fee on their tax bill. Mr. Evenson stated that the building was removed on August 31st of last year and should not have a Refuse Disposal fee on it. Their concern was forwarded to Commissioner Tweten, Refuse District #1 Board Chairman.

Commissioner Tweten was in the office this afternoon.

November 20, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Mary Armstrong, members Paul Tweten, John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Matt Pierce, President, Mapping and Planning Specialists, Inc. (MaPS, Inc.) dropped in to visit with the Commissioners and discuss updating the Geographic Information System (GIS), a system that creates, manages, analyzes & maps for Valley County.

Don Pyrah, DNRC State Lands Manager, dropped off a copy of a cooperation in the suppression of wildland fires agreement.

Dave Peterson and Kristi Peterson, representing the St. Mary Rehabilitation working group stopped in to give a presentation on the progress of the St. Mary rehabilitation project. Wesley Pankratz, Rick Molvig, and Lee Cornwell also joined the meeting.

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 Commissioners with Commissioners Paul Tweten and John Fahlgren attending.

Mark Bengochea stopped in to visit with the Commissioners.

Commissioners Tweten and Fahlgren reviewed and signed claims. Commissioners Tweten and Fahlgren didn't sign a claim to Milk River Inc. for Refuse District #1 for \$1,667.50 until they can get more clarification from the Refuse District Manager.

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

ATTEST:

Marie Pippin, Clerk



ATTEST:

Mary Armstrong, Chairman

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Mary Armstrong, members Paul Tweten, John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Chairman Armstrong began Discussion and Decision at 10:30 a.m. In attendance were Barbara Wagner and Tammie Hickey from Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Jennifer Robley, Two Rivers Growth, Lisa Koski, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, Sherri Turner, Friends of the Pioneer Museum, and Levi Capdeville, Weed/Mosquito Supervisor.

Chairman Armstrong has two additions: Approval of Application for Cancellation of Taxes #1262 in the amount of \$145.00 for Kenneth and Ronda Evenson as Trustees. The building is no longer on the property and the Refuse charges should be removed. Next addition: Action on interlocal agreement formation, authority and administration of abatement region 1 for the opioid settlement.

Commissioner Armstrong asked for public comment on agenda items. There was no public comment.

There were no employment/termination notices.

The first actionable item on the agenda: Consider transfer of \$23.56 from Fund 4040 Junk Vehicle Program due to close out of the junk vehicle program, into Fund 2110 (Road).

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten and seconded by Commissioner Fahlgren to transfer \$23.56 from Fund 4040 to Fund 2110. Motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda: Approve contract with SDI for Museum Re-Roof.

Commissioner Fahlgren made a motion to approve the contract with SDI for \$24,000 to design two roof options for the Pioneer Museum. SDI will put together two options; a rubber roof will be the 1st option and a metal roof will be the 2nd option. Commissioner Tweten seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda: Awarding the bid for the Search and Rescue Boston Whaler boat. Pursuant to the Call for Bids published in the local newspaper, on November 15th at 10:00 a.m., three bids were received as follows:

Steve Fossum	\$575
Wayne See	\$1,000
Steve Buckner, Kent City Michigan	\$3,550

Commissioner Fahlgren made a motion to sell the Boston Whaler boat to Steve Buckner from Kent City Michigan for \$3,500.00. Commissioner Tweten seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Tom Boyer, Valley County Sheriff, will contact Steve Buckner, Kent City Michigan to arrange for pick up of the Boston Whaler boat.

Next on the agenda: Considering the approval of the Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement between the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, North Central Montana District Office and Valley County to provide for cooperation in the suppression of wildland fires.

Commissioner Fahlgren made a motion to approve the cooperative fire protection agreement. Commissioner Tweten seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda: Appointment of Jim Bowman as a Board Member to the Hinsdale Cemetery District.

Commissioner Fahlgren made a motion to appoint Jim Bowman to the Hinsdale Cemetery District. Commissioner Tweten seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next is the addition to the agenda: Approval of Application for Cancellation of Taxes#1262 in the amount of \$145.00 for Kenneth and Ronda Evenson as Trustees. The building is no longer on the property so the Refuse charges should be removed.

Commissioner Tweten made a motion to approve the cancellation of taxes for \$145.00 for Kenneth and Ronda Evenson. Commissioner Fahlgren seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next is the second addition to the agenda: Action on interlocal agreement formation, authority and administration of abatement region 1 for the opioid settlement.

Commissioner Fahlgren made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement formation, authority and administration of abatement of region 1 for the opioid settlement. Commissioner Tweten seconded.

Chairman Armstrong explained the organizations boundaries would be the same as the Eastern Montana Community Health Center Board.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Armstrong called for public comment. No public comment.

Chairman Armstrong then called on Barbara Wagner and Tammy Hickey from the Department of Labor to discuss the workforce and whether the Department of L&I is meeting the needs of Valley County. Barbara and Tammy gave a brief rundown on the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity ACT (WIOA). There was much discussion on the challenges of getting and keeping employees. There was also discussion about the Job Service. Since they shut down the Job Service office in Glasgow there seems to have been a disconnect between employers and the Job Service. Also, discussion that the Job Service needs to communicate more with business, local governments, etc. Lisa Koski, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, offered office space if Job Service employees wanted to spend time in Glasgow periodically.

Chairman Armstrong adjourned the Discussion and Decision meeting.

Leanne Billingsly called Commissioner Fahlgren expressing her concerns regarding mowing and road maintenance issues in their area. Commissioner Fahlgren informed her the County Road Dept. is working on them.

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

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

 VALLEY COUNTY
 SEAL
 STATE OF MONTANA
 November 23, 2023

The Courthouse was closed for Thanksgiving.

November 24, 2023

Commissioner Tweten was in the office this morning.

Loren Albus dropped off paperwork for a County Lease agreement for Commissioner Fahlgren to sign. Mr. Albus will pick up the signed agreement on Monday.

Commissioner Fahlgren was in the office this afternoon.

November 27, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Mary Armstrong, members Paul Tweten, John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

James Gibson, Valley County Road Supervisor, dropped in to discuss conditions of roads in Valley County. He brought the new blade operator, Marty Smith, in to meet the Commissioners.

Loren Albus dropped by to pick up his signed Lease agreement and visit the Commissioners.

Brenda Anderson, Valley County Treasurer, came in to discuss the mill increase. A majority of Montana counties levied 77.9 mills, as opposed to the full 95 mills requested by the Department of Revenue. Valley County was one of the 49 Montana counties that levied the lower amount of mills. This tax money will now have to be recovered by Valley County and will be assessed in May of 2024 according to a ruling from the Supreme Court. Brenda would like the Commissioners to write a note to let the community know about the increase in taxes.

Brett Bates, from MDU dropped off a right-of-way application for an underground utility line on Carlson Road.

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

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

 VALLEY COUNTY
 SEAL
 STATE OF MONTANA
 November 28, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Mary Armstrong, members Paul Tweten, John Fahlgren, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Joleen Cotton, Maintenance Supervisor, and Ron Canen, Maintenance Assistant, dropped into the office and advised that they will be working at the Weed Department most of the day. They will put the recently repaired broom on the tractor in preparation for snow removal.

Lynn Miller, Valley County Health Department Director, emailed the Commissioners to see if she could purchase vests for Health Department personnel to wear during vaccine clinics to help the public identify the staff more readily. She plans to pay for the vests with COVID and IAP funds. The Commissioners advised Lynn that they support her purchasing the vests.

Joleen Cotton, Maintenance Supervisor, discovered a broken window in the Planning office. Joleen and Maintenance Assistant, Ron Canen, taped the window for safety and called Triple A to repair the window. Subsequently a quote was received in the amount of \$11,373.95 from Triple A for the replacement of all of the windows in the Planning office. Previously all windows have been updated in the Clerk and Records, Commissioners, Treasurer's and Extension offices due to drafts and deterioration. The Commissioners authorized the replacement of all of the windows in the Planning office.

Commissioner Fahlgren attended a telecon with the Montana Natural Resource Coalition of Counties (MTNRC) this morning.

Mary Sugg dropped by the office and offered to trim the overgrown juniper bushes on the east side of the Courthouse near the Extension office. She plans to use the trimmings to make holiday wreathes. The Commissioners told her that she could trim the bushes and thanked her for the generous offer.

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

ATTEST:  Marie Pippin, Clerk

ATTEST:  Mary Armstrong, Chairman

 VALLEY COUNTY SEAL
STATE OF MONTANA
November 29, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman Mary Armstrong, member Paul Tweten, and Recording Secretary Ruth Dowell present.

Cheryl Rubino-Herschman dropped in to visit with the Commissioners.

Chairman Armstrong began Discussion and Decision at 10:30 a.m. In attendance were Mark and Char Arneson and Tony Fast.

Added to the agenda were: approval of the County Superintendent of Schools Duties agreement, Action on Older Americans contract, and ROW #886 between MDU and Valley County.

Commissioner Armstrong asked for public comment on agenda items. There was a question on the Superintendent of Schools contract. Valley County contracts for these services on a yearly basis to comply with Montana Code Annotated (MCA) regulations.

The first actionable items on the agenda were Employment, Termination, and Accounting Change Notices.

Commissioner Tweten made a motion to approve the Employment Notice for Martin Smith as a Blade Operator effective November 27, 2023, at \$19.50 per hour with funding coming from fund#2110-29-430-240. Commissioner Armstrong seconded; motion passed.

Commissioner Tweten made a motion to approve the Termination Notice for Darrin Wersal, Bridge Crew effective November 23, 2023. Commissioner Armstrong seconded; motion passed.

The next item on the agenda, consideration of selling Valley County owned properties was postponed awaiting further information.

Going out for bids for gravel crushing was next on the agenda.

Commissioner Tweten motioned to advertise for proposals for 2024 gravel crushing at the Reddig Pit near Lustre (94,500 tons), with a completion date of July 30, 2024, and the Copenhagen Pit near Hinsdale (67,500 tons) with a completion date of September 30, 2024. Bids will be due by 10:00 am. January 9, 2024. Commissioner Armstrong seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the County Superintendent of Schools Duties agreement with Superintendent Darlene Kolczak and Valley County to have the contractor perform the duties required of a County Superintendent of Schools per Montana Code Annotated (MCA) was next on the agenda.

Valley County contracts for services to have the contractor perform the duties required of a County Superintendent of Schools per Montana Code Annotated (MCA). The officeholder of the consolidated office (Clerk and Recorder) does not have the qualifications to serve as the County Superintendent of Schools as required by MCA for all matters of controversy arising in the County as a result of decisions of the trustees of a district in the County. The compensation for performing the duties of County Superintendent of Schools is \$40 per hour.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten to sign the contract for County Superintendent of Schools between Darlene Kolczak and Valley County for Superintendent of Schools services from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, for \$40 per hour. Commissioner Armstrong seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was action on Older Americans contract with the Area 1 Agency on Aging (Action for Eastern Montana) and Valley County with an administrative match of \$4,310.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten to authorize the Chairman to sign the Older Americans contract with the Area Agency and Valley County with an administrative match of \$4,310. Commissioner Armstrong seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The final item on the agenda was ROW #886 between MDU and Valley County for an underground utility line on Carlson Rd between Tihista and Keister.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tweten authorizing the Chairman to execute an Application and Permit to Use Right-of-Way No. 886 between Valley County and MDU for an underground utility line on Carlson Road between Tihista and Keister described as:

Tihista Section 01, T27N, R41E, Acres 1.01 Parcel #2 COS#34, M-21174, in NE4.

Keister Section 01, T27N, R41E, Acres 2.71A MNB, Tract in NW Corner of lots 7&8.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Armstrong and passed unanimously. The said Document, No. 182706, was filed in the office of the Clerk and Recorder on November 29, 2023.

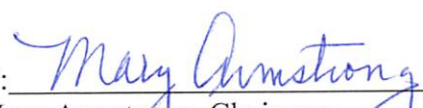
The Discussion and Decision meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

René Clampitt came into the office to discuss refuse assessment fees on her commercial property.

Casey Burke, Valley County Planner, stopped by the office to discuss public right of way closure options for Steve Carney of Park Grove.

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

ATTEST: 
Marie Pippin, Clerk

ATTEST: 
Mary Armstrong, Chairman



November 30, 2023

Commissioner Tweten was in the office this morning.

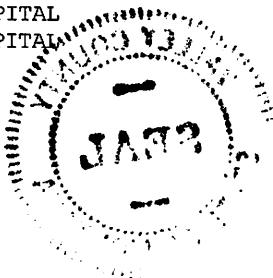
Commissioner Armstrong was in the office this afternoon.

Lucas Locke, Airport Manager, dropped in to visit with Commissioner Tweten. He advised that he is still awaiting parts for the for the broken hanger door at the airport. Although numerous efforts have been made, the Cape Air plane and a Cirrus plane from Canada are still trapped inside the hanger.

Sherry Wright, Valley County Attorney Administrative Assistant, dropped by the office to visit Commissioner Tweten.

Claim Fund claims for the month of November 2023 were approved as follows:

Vendor	Claim #	Amount
5912 ACTION FOR EASTERN MONTANA	83507	5,000.00
5496 ADVANCED SOLUTION CONCEPTS	83377	6,345.00
	83508	8,640.00
1798 AGLAND CO-OP	83378	71.65
5762 AHLERS & ASSOCIATES	83379	1,050.00
4932 AIRSIDE SOLUTIONS INC	83483	66.38
184 AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	83380	351.38
5347 AMY GOLTZ	83484	2,659.50
558 ARCH'S TIRE, LLC	83381	25.00
	83509	1,277.00
5911 AT&T	83510	444.65
2629 BARRY DAMSCHEN CONSULTING, LLC	83511	1,475.00
5792 BIG SKY CARE CONNECT	83382	532.00
75 BIG VALLEY WATER	83383	20.00
	83512	39.00
4427 BS CENTRAL INC	83384	1,795.00
	83513	160.00
5341 C&B OPERATIONS, LLC	83385	144.22
	83514	4,000.00
6123 CALLEY CO HEALTH DEPT	83474	25.00
5984 CANDACE ROBERTS	83387	24.00
182 CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	83386	1,131.60
	83515	449.48
5752 CENTER FOR DISEASE DETECTION-16456	83516	19.92
4761 CENTURY LINK	83388	133.22
4976 CINTAS CORPORATION	83517	147.70
677 CITY OF GLASGOW	83389	3,717.27
4723 CITYSERVICEVALCON	83390	47,106.69
1177 COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	83391	627.87
5376 CONCORDANCE HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS	83392	98.89
	83518	52.26
36 COTTONWOOD INN, INC	83393	5,772.75
225 D & G SPORTS & WESTERN	83394	100.00
	83519	1,200.00
39 DALE PLUMBING & HEATING INC	83395	109.50
	83520	119.40
6124 DARLENE KOLCZAK	83521	291.00
6088 DEFY	83396	200.00
4573 DIAGNOSTIC PEST SOLUTIONS	83397	1,093.50
	83522	57.75
5894 DIGITAL CONCEPTS & MARKETING	83523	500.00
6119 DONOVAN MARTELL	83398	8.00
5663 DOWL LLC	83399	11,179.11
6098 DUANNE SNOW	83400	23.00
2724 ECOLAB	83524	125.00
801 ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	83401	5,998.44
6094 ELIZABETH M DYRDAHL	83402	500.00
6086 EMCMHC	83408	9,439.00
3634 EXPRESSIONS IN THREAD	83403	76.98
812 EZZIE'S WHOLESALE INC	83404	41,137.07
	83525	1,224.56
1640 FALL LINE CORPORATION	83405	4,632.11
289 FIFTH AVE PHARMACY & GIFT	83406	22.00
5404 FIREMAN'S COMPANY	83526	1,267.85
6110 FMDH PHARMACY	83407	640.20
59 FRANCES MAHON DEACONESS HOSPITAL	83528	2,868.37
206 FRANCES MAHON DEACONESS HOSPITAL	83527	8,400.00
4655 G & J ENTERPRISES	83409	305.00
66 GLASGOW AUTO SAFETY CENTER	83529	525.00



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71 GLASGOW COURIER INC	83410	504.00
67 GLENN'S AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR	83411	150.00
6125 GLORIA WESSLER	83530	17.03
5037 GRIT	83412	200.00
5960 HEALTHY IS WELLNESS LLC	83531	1,000.00
392 HI LINE FORD INC	83413	2,527.70
1873 HI LINE YOUTH HOCKEY	83533	650.00
4900 HI TECH ELECTRIC INC	83414	824.72
6126 HI-LINE FORD PROPERTIES LLC	83532	1,015.00
5242 HOME CARE SERVICES, LLC	83534	1,014.00
3453 HUGH FRANKSON	83535	28.82
6127 IDEAL MANUFACTURING INC	83536	299.83
2885 INTERSTATE BATTERIES	83537	300.90
5714 ION MYSTERY	83437	200.00
5735 IRON STAKE CONSULTING LLC	83415	3,500.00
6120 JACQUELINE SHERMAN	83416	415.00
6000 JAN KAISER	83417	68.12
5977 JEREMY ERTEL	83418	24.00
4425 JIMMY'S SPRINKLERS	83419	60.00
	83538	60.00
5901 JOANN ZEIGER	83539	116.81
3923 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	83540	141.12
5055 JOHN FAHLGREN	83541	56.43
6070 JONATHAN OSBORNE	83420	24.00
6102 JOYCE ENGLISH	83542	39.30
368 KLTZ/KLAN INC	83543	100.00
3152 KRESS WELDING & FABRICATION INC	83421	400.00
5520 KRISTIN K MCCOLLY, FNP	83422	4,383.00
2619 L N CURTIS & SONS	83426	742.21
5641 LAFF	83423	200.00
99 LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	83424	111.49
	83544	347.11
6118 LEVI CAPDEVILLE	83425	413.00
5459 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES	83427	2,500.00
4725 LUCAS LOCKE	83428	91.50
3817 LYNN MILLER	83429	68.78
3133 MAPPING & PLANNING SPECIALISTS, INC	83545	636.25
101 MARKLE'S INC	83432	1,063.02
	83546	913.16
5914 MARKS ELECTRIC	83431	450.00
5461 MEAFCS	83547	135.00
6051 MICHELLE OZARK	83548	600.00
4417 MIDWEST LABORATORIES INC	83549	87.80
4582 MIKE BROWN CONSTRUCTION	83552	160.00
6130 MODERNA US INC	83589	63,159.04
3042 MOGAN'S SPRINKLERS	83433	200.00
2762 MONTANA ASSOC OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS	83553	180.00
5013 MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	83430	135.16
969 MONTANA COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION	83435	295.00
113 MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	83436	267.35
6128 MSU EXTENSION ANIMAL & SCIENCES	83551	7.00
239 MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	83485	5,738.42
3348 MT ASSOC OF RESERVATION COUNTIES INC	83434	550.00
3144 NANCY GALLAHER	83554	28.82
691 NASHUA SENIOR CITIZENS	83441	1,500.00
183 NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC	83438	5,767.07
5903 NIJO	83555	125.00
121 NORTHERN MONTANA TEXTILES SERVICES	83439	74.80
	83556	68.43
5401 NORTHWEST FIRE SERVICES, INC	83486	1,039.88
115 NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	83440	2,287.50
	83558	8,704.46
120 NORVAL ELECTRIC CO-OP INC	83557	2,038.54
3596 OLNES & ASSOCIATES PC CPA'S	83442	3,750.00
4792 OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	83443	571.61
	83559	154.96
125 OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	83444	7,460.00
5835 PAMELA SALACUP	83445	1,932.00
3087 PAT NEULEIB	83560	22.27
131 PITNEY BOWES INC	83446	132.78
1367 PITNEY BOWES INC	83447	487.89
6121 POOLE SPRINKLER	83448	160.00
2768 PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS	83449	3,039.00
	83561	672.00
5731 PRO CO-OP OPHEIM	83450	114.67
	83562	1,103.99
136 PROBST CLEANING SERVICE INC	83563	1,150.00
5249 PV BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	83451	298.50
201 QUILL CORPORATION	83564	12.90
3900 R & S NORTHEAST LLC	83452	244.65

Vendor	Claim #	Amount
5962 RANDY G. BARNETT	83453	256.00
	83565	1,668.90
5548 RDT SERVICES LLC	83566	125.00
3056 ROUBIE YOUNKIN	83454	577.98
	83568	77.50
6122 ROUTEMATCH	83455	6,080.00
574 ROY JIMISON DBA	83567	4,979.30
3015 SAND ELECTRIC	83456	124.00
3910 SCOTTIE EXPRESS WASH INC	83569	16.73
5583 SDI ARCHITECTS & DESIGN	83570	868.00
3804 SHELLEY MILLS	83571	200.93
6081 STOWAWAY BAR & GRILL	83457	1,500.00
162 SYSCO MONTANA INC	83458	2,536.39
	83572	3,029.85
428 SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANTS	83459	6,544.00
	83573	2,510.00
163 T & R TRUCKING INC	83460	27,719.84
5997 TAYLOR STORAGE	83461	25.00
5363 TERI MECHE	83463	123.14
788 TERRY L LIGHTHIZER	83574	362.38
5732 THE BANCORP	83462	12,824.34
2996 THOMPSON & SONS, INC	83465	193.13
	83575	136.94
41 TIRE-RAMA SERVICE CENTER	83464	1,205.00
	83576	330.00
4862 TLC APPLIANCE REPAIR, LLC	83466	320.00
5572 TORGERSONS	83467	13.00
	83577	2,437.14
680 TOWN OF OPHEIM	83468	2,800.00
	83578	66.00
6129 TOWNSQUARE MEDIA BILLINGS	83579	720.00
171 TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO	83470	2,263.91
	83580	90.40
174 TRIPLE A GLASS INC	83469	60.00
	83581	704.31
5913 TTI	83471	246.50
787 U.S. POSTAL SERVICE/PITNEY BOWES	83583	692.65
627 UNCLE MILT'S BODY SHOP	83472	10,809.94
6022 UNIFORMS2GEAR INC	83473	144.14
179 UNITED INSURANCE & REALTY INC	83582	2,208.47
77 VALLEY BUILDERS GLASGOW, INC	83584	181.38
852 VALLEY CO REFUSE DISTRICT	83585	10.00
614 VALLEY CO TRANSIT	83475	2,112.08
	83586	445.00
617 VALLEY CO TREASURER	83476	21,994.44
765 VALLEY CO WEED DISTRICT	83587	2,351.99
5891 VALLEY VETERINARY CLINIC	83477	225.00
5634 VALLI INFORMATION SYSTEMS INC	83478	4,624.35
3247 VAXSERVE	83479	4,140.58
5435 VIRGINIA YAGER	83588	29.48
1087 VISA 0135	83487	2,107.10
5075 VISA 0143/1935/3964	83488	885.08
4547 VISA 7644	83489	47.67
5485 VISA 1737	83490	111.96
5484 VISA 1752/4814	83491	753.42
5563 VISA 1760	83506	674.54
5504 VISA 1778 LONG RUN FIRE DEPT	83492	134.35
5525 VISA 1786	83493	92.33
5483 VISA 1794	83494	1,125.00
5565 VISA 1828/3501	83495	890.72
5486 VISA 1836/4301	83504	1,434.56
5481 VISA 1844	83496	14.99
5578 VISA 2248	83497	689.99
5530 VISA 2412/4880	83498	59.44
3023 VISA 2529	83499	25.18
5482 VISA 2750/4863	83500	1,003.29
5517 VISA 3329	83505	1,050.27
5537 VISA 4856	83501	62.47
5569 VISA 8477/3717	83502	159.15
5528 VISA 9277	83503	224.49
6008 WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO	83480	72.30
188 WESTERN DRUG INC	83481	1,118.39
190 WILLS OFFICE WORLD/RADIO SHACK	83482	1,264.48
Total:		473,264.34

Payroll for the month of November 2023 was approved in the amount of \$459,738.46