

TREASURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 1st, 2024

10:10 AM - Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioners, Ruth Baue, Ruth Baker, and Marlo Mochr Chairman (Absent). Treasure County Deputy Clerk & Recorder, Dani Erickson, Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz, Treasure County Road Department, Robin Rich, Treasure County Weed Coordinator/Road Dept, Joe Watson, Treasure County Public Health, Deb French, Treasure County Council on Aging Coordinator, Megan Metcalf. Also present were guests, Ruth Edlund, Marianne & Robert Prine.

10:14 AM - Minutes Approval, Claims & Payroll

- Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting October 15th, 2024
 - ****MOTION**** - Baker Moves to approve Aug 6th minutes, Baue 2nd, Motion Carries
- Claims: Claims for October 31st, 2024 were presented for payment, for check number 31858 through 31887. Claim 31858 held for more clarification
- Payroll: was paid out: October 31st, 2024
- *All other Claims were approved & paid.

10:30 AM - Treasure County Road Department Discussion, Robin Rich

- Road Business
 - Rich reports on Pease Bottom Road, Prince Inc. has been working on the 6.5 miles of repair/replacement. It is looking very nice and it has also been improved from 23ft to 26ft wide. There are some soft spots but Prince Inc. will continue to roll it to keep it setting up, and leave it in good condition. Commissioner Baue says she would like to contact the state to talk to them about being responsible for striping the new road.
 - FEMA paperwork that is due from the Road Department to the Disaster Emergency Services department is due December 16th, 2024, Rich is asked to further work on it with DES Coordinator, Nicole Stephenson, as Treasure County receives benefits from the program. It is noted that Watson states they have record for most of the requested info for the tonnage, gravel loads etc. in their log books.

10:45 AM - Weed/Road Discussion

- Whereas Commissioners had been serving as The Weed Board. The Treasure County Conservation District has agreed to serve as the Weed Board
 - Weed/Road Department employee, Joe Watson expresses his concern of being pulled in two directions with working for the two departments/management. Commissioner Baue addresses that this was meant to provide a budget for another Road Department employee while also fulfilling the counties obligation to manage weeds, as the two departments have worked together on projects. Watson states he understands but is requesting clearer job descriptions/duties and where his responsibilities lie.

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- Attorney Schantz will research the obligations the Weed Coordinator has. The Commission agree they need to continue the conversation at the next meeting and thank Watson for addressing his concerns now rather than when it is weed spraying season again. They can reevaluate the dual responsibility if need be.

11:10 AM - Public Comment - Robert Prine addressed an accident he had sometime ago, he states he was, "fishing on Kolb Bridge and was injured in a hole" he asked what the counties plan was to fix/repair the bridge among others. Commissioner Baue stated they are watching it very closely as they have been working tirelessly to repair/replace many of the bridges as he heard in the earlier discussion on the costs and the programs the county has applied for and is in the process of fixing. Prine states it is a "safety issue", and that he is going to submit a bill to the county for his E.R. visit and 3 months lost wages but not for his actual surgery because he had arthritis in his injured knee that needed repair. Baue acknowledges his statements and states the county is working on all of the bridges, but that none of them have been red tagged as the main structure itself is sound.

11:20 AM - Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz

- Discussion on offering the sale of County real property and building at 309 Elliott Ave.
 - Attorney Schantz states if the property is worth over \$20,000 it is needed to have a formal appraisal and then the county can offer the property out for a sale bid process.
 - Treasure County Treasurer, Julie Pinkerton
 - Discussion on the Allocation of the Taxes for the property, Pinkerton states neither the County or the town have been paid their division of the taxes because the County acquired the property in exchange for the back taxes. The town does not receive their portion until the county received theirs. It is determined that Treasurer Pinkerton will hold off on wiping out the taxes and paying the Town of Hysham their portion until the County makes the decision on weather and how to best sell the property.
- Commissioner Baue would like to know more about the requirements to sell the property, Attorney Schantz states it just has to be public, but she will look up more codes. And into attaining a formal commercial appraisal.

11:30 AM - Treasure County Public Health, Deb French

- French provides updates: full update handout available in Clerk & Records office
- French states October was a busy Month! Public Health provided "Drive Through Flue Shots that was well attended, she does note that there were people in need of things that she goes out of her way to help and they do not show up. She addressed her concerns and offered to keep helping.

11:45 AM - Resolution 2025-012 - Veterans Operation Green Light

- Resolution is presented for Treasure County Businesses and anyone to participate in putting up green lights in honor and appreciation of area Vets.
 - ****MOTION**** Baue Moves to accept Resolution 2025-012 Operation Green Light, Baker 2nd, Motion Carries

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11:55 AM - Public Comment - Ruth Edlund thanks Commissioners for all they do. She said she looked up statutes on Weed Coordinators, and found that the county is not required to have one, only someone to have the commercial applicator license. Commissioners thank her for her input.

12:05 PM - Recess for Lunch

1:05 PM - Treasure County Council on Aging Coordinator, Megan Metcalf

- Discussion on Contract with Action for Eastern Montana
 - Action has sent a document to Metcalf for Commissioners approval. It is unclear as to the terms and payments so Baker suggests tabling the contract until Action can be reached to provide clarification.
 - ****MOTION**** Baker Moves to table signing of contract as well as signing of Claim 31858 that was written to Action for Eastern Montana, Baue 2nd, **Motion Carries**
 - Metcalf reports that the SAIL Exercise classes are well attended and going great! She would like to do them year round.

1:45 PM - Treasure County FY22/23 Audit Exit with Denning, Downey & Assoc.

- Auditor Bob Conference calls in, he reports that he has the highest opinion of Treasure County and he commends the work we do. He initially only had two Findings but removed one of them upon explanation from Accounts Receivable Kimball and Clerk & Recorder Sears
 - He offered a tip to run the budget Report to in July from now on to send to his office.
 - He commends the county again that the two largest funds have more money in the account at the end of the year than was budgeted for.
 - The General Fund and The Road Fund.
- Discussion on the responsibilities/duties between the county and the audit for the future.
 - It is determined that the county will do the cash flow reports and provide them to the auditor.
 - The county will also request an extension and do the AFR audit in leu.
 - The auditors will do the 3 GASB reports.
- Auditor Bob thanks the county and asks for the County Atty to send him a list of any pending lawsuits. And reminds Accounts Payable to Run the Budget to Actual from July.

2:50 PM - Commissioners,

- Correspondence to Commissioners
 - Signatures and Account Certifications for MDT for Bridge Grant Funds
- Meetings to Report
 - Ruth Baker -
 - Ruth Baue - Wrote a Coal Board Grant for the Elliott Fire Hall Renovations

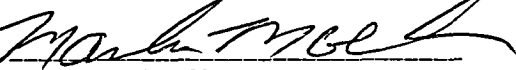
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- Marlo Moehr -


3:00 PM Adjournment of regular business: being no further business to come before the Board, Ruth Baker moved for adjournment, Ruth Bauc seconded the motion.

Dated this 14th day of November, 2024.

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Marlo Moehr, Chair



ATTEST:

Marlee Sears, Clerk & Recorder

BY: _____

Dani Erickson, Deputy Clerk & Recorder

