#### JUDITH BASIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES / FY22 REGULAR MEETING July 7, 2021

- PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore Also present: Clerk Amanda H Kelly
  - Librarian Jeanne Lillegard Road/Weed/Bridge Supervisor Roger Riley

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve July 7, 2021 Agenda, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to table Tourism Board Appointment, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to appoint Jim Moore as Commissioner Representative and Sharon Back as Consumer Representative on the Area II Agency on Aging Advisory Board, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to contract with Jim Yeagley as Judith Basin County's Planner, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Board tabled Raynesford Community Agreement until we receive a signed copy back from the group.

Commissioner McDonald moved to continue our Property & Liability Coverage with MACO, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve June 30, 2021 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Librarian Jeanne Lillegard stopped in to discuss Hobson Library open position.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

#### JUDITH BASIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES / FY22 REGULAR MEETING

July 14, 2021

PRESENT:Commissioner Don Hajenga<br/>Commissioner Cody McDonald<br/>Commissioner James D MooreAlso present:Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley<br/>Treasurer Tammy Zier<br/>Jan French<br/>Pat McNulty<br/>Jeannie Rankin<br/>James Sparks

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the July 14, 2021 Agenda, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve July 7, 2021 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Treasurer Tammy Zier present Tas Addition Order #2021-11, signed by Commissioner Hajenga.

Commissioner McDonald moved to sign Airport Hanger Lease Agreements for P Baird and Mountain Ave. Bees, Inc for July 2021-June 2022, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to accept June 2021 County Reconciliation Reports, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioners signed a letter of support for the Town of Hobson for a Grant Application.

Commissioners met with Pat McNulty, Jan French and Jeannie Rankin to discuss a cattle petition for Predator Control. Commissioners wanted an opportunity to present the petition and letter to County Attorney Heather Perry before acting on the matter. Final discussion and decision will be placed on the July 21, 2021 Commissioner Agenda.

James Sparks stopped in to discuss how to deal with the gophers at the Stanford Biggerstaff Airport.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

#### JUDITH BASIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES / FY22 REGULAR MEETING

July 21, 2021

 PRESENT:
 Commissioner Don Hajenga

 Commissioner Cody McDonald
 Commissioner James D Moore

 Also present:
 County Extension Agent Katie Hatliled

 Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly
 County Attorney Heather Perry

 Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley
 Sheriff Tim Wilhelms

 Senator Daines Field Representatives Ron Catlett and Robin Baker

Commissioner Moore moved to approve July 21, 2021 Agenda, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve July 14, 2021 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Sheriff Wilhelms discussed upcoming visit with Robin Baker.

County Attorney Perry in about proposed Cattle Petition: County Attorney Perry feels it is not appropriate to use county letter head for the Proposed Cattle Petition.

Senator Daines Field Representative Robin Baker and Ron Catlett:

-at the MACO District Meeting that we attended they were discussing PILT Restrictions and we would like clarifications. Neither Robin or Ron have heard anything along those lines, but will check and let us know.

-the restrictions that the Federal Government have put on the ARPA Funds are too restrictive for the small rural counties. While the funds are appreciated if we can't utilize them it is all for nothing.

-discussed Section 8 Housing and while the housing is supposed to benefit a community, we are facing allot of problems with ours.

-Ron discussed the upcoming Infrastructure Bill that is supposed to be a Family Bill, Welfare & Mental Health.

-Discussed the Federal Election Audits and what they are proposing to solve.

-Robin announced her retirement on August 31, 2021 and the new person replacing Robin will be Robert Bruskotter.

Roger Riley in with an estimate that he received from the Engineering firm for the Geyser Water Main Replacement and Extension.

Commissioner McDonald moved to pass Resolution FY2022-01/Special Gas Tax Fund, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to pass Resolution FY2022-2 FY2021 Budget Amendments and Year-End Transfers, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

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Commissioner Hajenga opened the Public Hearing for the FY2022 Budget Hearing. The hearing will remain open until we receive Certified Taxable Values for the Department of Revenue. County residents can review the preliminary figures at any time. Copies are available in the JB County Clerk & Recorders office.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

#### REGULAR MEETING July 28, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore Also present: Clerk & Recorder Amanda H Kelly County Attorney Heather Perry Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley Pat McNulty & Jeanne Rankin Powell Becker & Ollie Urick Phone call: Kendra Seilstad

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the July 28, 2021 Agenda, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the July 21, 2021 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Road Supervisor Roger Riley and the Commissioners discussed gopher control at the Airport. Commissioner McDonald will contact Airport Manager Tyler Youderian to work out the details.

Commissioner McDonald will also work with the Parks on an agreement or MOU for Judith Basin County Road Department to maintain the Ackley Lake Road.

Kendra Seilstad called in to show support for Central MT Health District.

Commissioners met Pat McNulty, Jeanne Rankin, County Attorney Perry and Clerk Amanda Kelly to further discuss the Predator Perry Cattle Petition that was brought to the commissioners a couple of weeks ago. County Attorney stated that a cattle petition should work like a road petition (names are gathered in support then it is presented to the Commissioners for their decision of putting the tax into place). Pat stated that the county is empowered to send out a letter rather then the groups take a petition around for signatures. The county has the authority to contact the Department of Revenue for the list of cattle producers and the numbers but, this list cannot be released to anyone else and if they were to release the names it could be a violation of the law. Pat & Jeanne stated that the JB Farm Bureau and the JB Stockgrowers have both voted and are in favor of pursuing contacting the cattle producers and seeing how they stand on this issue (they have agreed to reimburse the county for the expenses of letterhead, envelopes, etc.). That being said County Attorney Perry would like to have copies of the minutes from those groups to put in the mailing to the producers. So, in with the letter there will be the laws pertaining to establishing a Predatory Animal Control for cattle, information for the USDA Wildlife Services State Director, minutes from the two organizations supporting this effort and postage paid return envelope). County Attorney Perry will make some minor changes to the letter with the ballot and we will proceed when all the materials are gathered.

Commissioners, County Attorney Perry, Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly and Jeanne Rankin discussed the Central MT Health District (six-counties + Lewistown) and the changes that need to be implemented due to HB121. County Attorney Perry has been in contact with DPHHS (where the funding comes from) for the Health District expenses and they have invited Judith Basin County to attend a training on the programs offered and how they work on August 26<sup>th</sup>. In order for the Commissioners to make a good decision as which avenue to take they need more information. Commissioners asked Jeanne Rankin to attend this meeting with us to hear what DPHHS has to say.

Powell Becker & Ollie Urick stopped in to update the Commissioners on the Fair Ground Revitalization Project. Things are moving forward with the fund-raising efforts and they have received an anonymous donor that will match up to \$350,000. The donor will keep match available up to 3-years. The group would like a financial commitment from the county. Commissioners stated that they were almost to the point in the budget process that they could give them an answer soon. County Attorney Perry is going to review our lease, etc. to make sure everything is in place. Group also discussed visiting with the Historical Society about the farm equipment that was moved in years ago.

Clerk & Recorder Amanda H Kelly and Commissioners continued to work on FY2022 Budget.

Commissioner McDonald called Fire Warden Steve Hedstrom to inquire about further fire restrictions. Steve will contact the commissioners next week and discuss Stage II.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMAND H KELLY

#### REGULAR MEETING August 4, 2021

PRESENT:	Commissioner Don Hajenga
	Commissioner Cody McDonald
	Commissioner James D Moore

Also present: Clerk & Recorder Amanda H Kelly County Attorney Heather Perry Terry Claver

Commissioner Moore moved to approve August 4, 2021 Agenda, second Commissioner McDoanld, motion passed.

Terry was in checking about gravel for fixing Town of Stanford Streets. Terry had been in last fall and had not heard anything since. No action had been taken on the matter. The Commissioners had not received any request for the Town officials in this matter.

County Attorney Perry stated that the minutes from the JB Stockgrowers or the JB Farm Bureau did not have voting action concerning the Predator Control petition and expenses. So, for right now the issue of mailing a letter with a ballot is on hold.

County Attorney Perry was contacted by Fergus County Commissioner Sandy Youngbauer concerning a Special Meeting that has been called for the Central MT Health District members (excluding Fergus Co.) this meeting is in violation of Public Meeting laws; therefore, County Attorney Perry would like to make a formal recommendation that Commissioner Hajenga or any of the Judith Basin County Commissioners attend.

Commissioner Moore moved to pay Per Deim for Jeanne Rankin to attend the DPHHS training with us on August 26<sup>th</sup>, second Commission McDonald, motion passed. After this training the Commissioners will have a better idea as how to handle Judith Basin County's Health District issues.

Commissioners and Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly continued to work on FY2022 Budget. Public Hearing on the Budget will close on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner McDonald moved to pass Resolution FY2022-03 /Recission of Covid-19 Regulations, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioners received a call from Fire Warden Steve Hedstrom, Steve recommended leaving the county under Stage I Fire Restrictions and not increasing them to Stage II. Commissioners will take Fire Warden Hedstrom's recommendation and leave the county in Stage I.

Commissioner McDonald moved to close Upper Highwood Creek Rd to through traffic, due to fire hazards, under Emergency Road Closures 7-14-2127, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

JUDITH BASIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES / FY22 ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMAND H KELLY

#### REGULAR MEETING August 11, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore

Also present: DES Coordinator Mike Howell County Attorney Heather Perry Sheriff Tim Wilhelms Fire Warden Steve Hedstrom

Commissioner Moore moved to approved the August 11, 2021 Agenda, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Road Supervisor Roger Riley – road discussions

Commissioner Hajenga attended Broadband meeting in Great Falls.

Sheriff Wilhelms in with budget concerns for confiscated horses.

Fire Warden Steve Hedstrom – Recommends moving to State II Fire Restrictions in Judith Basin County. Commissioner McDonald moved to pass Resolution FY2022-04 / Judith Basin County State II Fire Restrictions, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve July 28, 2021 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve August 4, 2021 Minutes, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioners sent a letter of support for NTIA Broadband Infrastructure Program.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMAND H KELLY

#### REGULAR MEETING August 18, 2021

- PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner James D Moore
- Absent: Commissioner Cody McDonald
- Also present: Ambulance Coordinator Suzanne Aune Clerk & Recorder Amanda H Kelly County Attorney Heather Perry Road/Weed/Bridge Supervisor Roger Riley Tom Burk Dick Gondeiro

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the August 18, 2021 Agenda, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to leave JB County's Triangle Capital Credit Discount as is, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Discussed passing a resolution in Remembrance of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>, Clerk Kelly will prepare the Resolution for next week.

Commissioner Moore moved to have Chairman Hajenga sign the Predator Control MOU.

Tom Burk met with Commissioner's & Road Supervisor Roger Riley concerning Spencer Road North of Geyser. Mr. Burk's wife requested to be placed on the agenda and since that time road has been graded and it is fine.

Ambulance Suzanne Aune updated the Commissioner on the status of the new Ambulance the writing of the Ambulance Volunteer Policy Manual.

County Attorney Perry in about the Health District. Heather is also going to contact Airport Engineer Lance Bowser and make sure the Fair Ground Improvement Project meets FAA Variances.

Commissioner Moore received an email from Cynthia Durfey (stating her concerns about vaccine mandates) attached,

Commissioner Moore moved to accept the July 2021 County Reconciliations Reports, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Commissioners signed the MSU Extension FY2022 Budget Agreement.

Fire Warden Steve Hedstrom called and recommended that JB County remain under Stage II Fire Restriction.,

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMAND H KELLY

#### REGULAR MEETING August 25, 2021

PRESENT:	Commissioner Don Hajenga
	Commissioner Cody McDonald
	Commissioner James D Moore

Also present: Clerk & Recorder Amanda H Kelly Road/Weed/Bridge Supervisor Roger Riley

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the August 25, 2021 Agenda, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the August 18, 2021 Minutes, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Reviewed budget with Road/Weed/Bridge Supervisor Roger Riley and Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly.

Commissioners would like Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly to set up a Pay-Pal Account tying the transactions to the Fergus County Federal Credit Union/JB County Petty Cash Savings Account.

Fire Warden Steve Hedstrom called in and recommended moving Judith Basin County to Stage I Fire Restrictions.

Discussed ARPA Funds: Stormwater or subsurface drainage water (culverts), applications for the Incorporated Towns for JB County's ARPA Funds and Auditor guidance.

Discussed setting up a Weed Board Meeting. Mandy will work with Katie for the best day.

Commissioner McDonald will get in touch with Tyler Youderian and see if he can meet with the Commissioners and Engineer Lance Bowser on the report due to the FFA for Airport Capital Improvements. Then Mandy will coordinate the meeting with Lance for him to either call in or attend in person.

Commissioner Moore moved to pass Resolution FY2022-05 / Judith Basin County Joining the National Moment of Remembrance of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### PUBLIC HEARING: FY2022 Budget

Present: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Hajenga, Commissioner McDonald and Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly. Commissioner McDonald moved to pass Resolution FY2022 /setting mills for FY22, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to pass Resolution FY2022-07 – JB County Stage I Fire Restrictions, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMAND H KELLY

# REGULAR MEETING September 1, 2021

- PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore
- Also present: County Attorney Heather Perry Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley Sheriff Tim Wilhelms Pat Bodner

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the September 1, 2021 Agenda, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to approved the August 25, 2021 Minutes, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioners reviewed and approved August Claims and August Payroll.

Sheriff Wilhelms presented (2) draft agreements to be considered for Detention Services with the Fergus County Jail.

Roger Riley asked if a burn permit is needed for a burn barrel? Called Fire Warden Steven Hedstrom and he stated it is not necessary.

Pat Bodner was in with concerns about why the county would opt out of the Central MT Health District. Personally she has been happy with their services.

County Attorney Perry – discussed Health Board, Jail Agreement and Fairground Improvement Project.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMAND H KELLY

# REGULAR MEETING September 8, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga **Commissioner Cody McDonald** Commissioner James D Moore Also present: **County Attorney Heather Perry** Supt of Schools Jennifer Taylor Sheriff Tim Wilhelms Airport Manager Tyler Youderian JB County Fire Warden Steve Hedstrom Judith Basin Press Melody Montgomery Robert Peccia & Associates Engineer Lance Bowser Powell Becker & Ollie Urick Stanford Open/Fairground Improvement Project Kelly Keim **Richard Leach** Kendra Seilstad (Central MT Health District Employee)

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the amended agenda for September 8, 2021, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the September 1, 2021 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Kendra Seilstad stated her concerns that the Judith Basin County Commissioners do not have all the proper information from HB121.

Kelly Keim – expressed that she has been very happy with Central MT Health District and is concerned that we might lose services if JB County creates a new Health District.

Richard Leach stopped in looking for more information about the future of the Central MT Health District.

Commissioner McDonald moved to pass JB County Res FY2022-08/Authorization to Submit MCEP Infrastructure Planning Grant Application to update the JB County Comprehensive Capital Improvements Plan, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed. Chairman Commissioner Hajenga signed MCEP Infrastructure Planning Grant Application Comprehensive Capital Improvements Plan.

JB County Fire Warden Steve Hedstrom – reviewed fire restriction updates, he recommends staying in Stage I and will revisit on the 15<sup>th</sup>

Supt of Schools Jennifer Taylor presented Judith Basin County School Budgets for acknowledgement signatures.

Commissioner McDonald moved to sign Interlocal Agreement for Adult Detention Services between Fergus County and Judith Basin County (JB County will pay \$26,500 to Fergus County per year), second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Judith Basin Press Editor Melody Montgomery in with questions about the Central Montana Health District.

Robert Peccia & Associates Engineer Lance Bowser reviewed Stanford Airport Capital Improvement Plans for the future. Commissioners will finalize the order of projects for the Annual Report on September 15, 2021. (Listing attached)

Lance also visited with Ollie Urick and Powell Becker concerning Fairground Improvements and the FAA Flight Zone regulations.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

#### **REGULAR MEETING** September 15, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore

Also present: DES Coordinator Michael Howell Clerk & Recorder Amanda H Kelly County Attorney Heather Perry Clerk of Court Jennifer Taylor

Commissioner Moore moved to approve September 15, 2021 Agenda second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve September 8, 2021 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald report on the Ackley Lake Club meeting.

Commissioners attended the Judith Basin County Weed Board to answer any questions they may have concerning 2022 Weed budget.

Commissioner Hajenga signed the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the TSEP Bridge project.

Richard Leach called in to see if the county would look at contracting with the Fergus County Health Nurse.

Commissioners reviewed and approved claims

Clerk of Court Jennifer Taylor – electronics in the courtroom need updating. Commissioners agreed and Jennifer will work with the State IT Department to make those purchases.

County Attorney Perry – DNRC is looking at a R-O-W Easement for the Fairgrounds. They will keep us up-to-date on what they decide.

Commissioners held first reading of Resolution FY2022-09/Intention to create Health District. Commissioner McDonald moved to pass, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed. Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly was asked to send requests to Daniels, McCone, Carter and Powder River Clerk & Recorders for Health District Job Descriptions and budgets in their individual counties. Resolution FY2022-09 will be published on our County web-site and the Judith Basin Press with a Public Hearing set for October 6, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

FY2022-10/Rescind Stage I Fire Restrictions as recommended by Fire Warden Steve Hedstrom. Commissioner McDonald moved to table FY2022-10, until further notice, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

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Commissioners reviewed Capita Improvement Project list provided by Engineer Lance Bowser: Commissioner McDonald moved to order projects as follows (FAA Grants will be applied for each):

1 – Install Wildlife Perimeter Fencing 9' & Construct Hanger Access Taxi lanes – 2022

- 2 Pavement Maintenance 2025
- 3 Construct Revenue Generating T-Hanger 2027
- 4 Install AWOS III/PT 2028

Second, Commissioner Moore, motion passed. Commissioner Moore will contact Lance as to their final decisions.

Commissioner Moore moved to appoint Mark Mikeson to the Judith Basin County Planning Board and Airport Planning Board, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

DES Coordinator Michael Howell was in to discuss fire restrictions.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

#### **REGULAR MEETING** September 22, 2021

PRESENT:	Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner James D Moore
Absent:	Commissioner Cody McDonald
Also present:	Ambulance Coordinator Suzanne Aune Road/Weed/Bridge Supervisor Roger Riley Planner James Yeagley Blind Guy

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the amended Agenda for September 22, 2021, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Fire Warden Steve Hedstrom called in and recommended that Judith Basin County remain in Stag I Fire Restrictions.

Ambulance Coordinator discussed Geyser Ambulance graphics. She will give the Geyser group until October 6, 2021 at 10:00 am to get her their final request.

Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Hajenga signed a letter for District 6 HRDC in support of the proposed work plan and budget. Commissioner McDonald will sign next week.

Blind Guy measured courtroom windows and made recommendations for darker shades. Proposal of \$2,328 for 5-windows. Commissioners approved.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the August 2021 Reconciliation Reports, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

# NO MEETING SEPTEMBER 29, 2021 COMMISSIONER ATTENDING MACO

REGULAR MEETING October 6, 2021

PRESENT:	Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner James D Moore
Absent:	Commissioner Cody McDonald
Also present:	Ambulance Coordinator Suzanne Aune Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly County Attorney Heather Perry Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley Sheriff Tim Wilhelms County Planner Jim Yeagley Mary Hill

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the October 6, 2021 Agenda, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the Licht Minor Subdivision as recommended by the County Planner and the Judith Basin County Planning Board, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to agree to the Mansfield Family boundary proposal, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed. (Court Order and letter attached) County Planner Jim Yeagley and County Attorney Perry will officially respond on behalf of the county.

Commissioner met with Ambulance Coordinator Suzanne Aune, Mary Hill and Commissioner McDonald called in. Topic of discussion was the final decision on the graphics for the new Geyser Ambulance. Commissioner Moore moved to approve the proposed graphics (copy attached), second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

**PUBLIC HEARING/SHALL JUDITH BASIN COUNTY FORM THEIR OWN HEALTH DISTRICT:** Attended by: Tucker Hughes, Leann Fisk, Kendra Seilstad, Sharon Killham, Sue Woods, Geoff Casey, Carolyn Jette, Kelly Keim, Vicky McCray, Melody Montgomery, Karen Reilly, Richard Leach and Sheila Crosmer. County officials: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Hajenga, Commissioner McDonald (by phone), County Attorney Perry and Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly

Full detailed minutes of the Public Hearing are attached.

Commissioner McDonald moved to table the vote for or against Resolution FY2022-09/Judith Basin County to form their own Health District, Commissioner Moore second, motion passed. Vote will be placed on the October 13, 2021 Agenda at 1:30 p.m.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

#### REGULAR MEETING October 13, 2021

PRESENT:	Commissioner Don Hajenga
	Commissioner Cody McDonald
	Commissioner James D Moore

Also present: Clerk & Recorder Amanda H Kelly Sheriff Tim Schmitt

Commissioners traveled to Lewistown in the a.m. to met with Kent Doughty and David Mark from One Health in regards to possibly working with them if the Health District remains together.

Commission McDonald moved to approve the October 13, 2021 Agenda, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the October 6, 2021 Minutes, second Commissioner McDonald motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the September 2021 Reconciliation reports, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Fire Warden Steve Hedstrom called in recommending for JB County to retract Stage I Fire Restrictions. Commissioner McDonald moved to pass Resolution FY2022-10/Rescinding Fire Restrictions, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

1:30 p.m. – (9) residents of Judith Basin County came in to discuss JB County leaving the CMHD or staying. Those in attendance were: Mark Mikeson, Leah Kay Roane, Kelly Keim, Vicky McCray, Jane Hughes, Jim Moore, Tucker Hughes, Carolyn Jette, Rose Schindler, Jane Holzer, Commissioner Hajenga, Moore and McDonald and Clerk Amanda H Kelly.

Commissioner Hajenga opened the discussion by informing those present that since the Public Hearing the Commissioners have held a zoom meeting with DPHHS and the remaining counties of the CMHD. DPHHS wanted to check in with everyone and see if a conclusion had been determined about the existence of the Health District. Also, this morning the Commissioners met with One Health to discuss contracting with them if CMHD is dissolved.

If all the other counties and Lewistown stay together and agree to contract with One Health it doesn't sound like there will much of a financial difference other than having to split the cost accordingly with Fergus County out. One Health is willing to put together a Memorandum of Understanding for services for a period of 1 or 2 years. Currently it sounds like all the other counties are interest on working together.

One Health would be the employer of the currently employees of the CMHD and manage our Health and Sanitary needs. The HD Board made up of County Commissioners would remain as administrator of the HD.

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Commissioners are concerned that we are up against a deadline to get things done in a hurry and this it is looking like the best solution for at least the time being.

Tucker Hughes questioned why CMHD can't just remain exactly the same, what is the benefit of One Health in the management position it's just going to cost extra.

Commissioner McDonald response to Tucker pointed out the fact that it would be extremely difficult for any of the remaining counties to be in the management position as they are all part-time commissioners and just wouldn't have the time. Commissioner McDonald thanked everyone for taking the time to met with the commission today and also at the Public Hearing on the 6<sup>th</sup>, the statements made really got his attention. Nothing is perfect but the CMHD did work well.

Commissioner Moore called the Commissioners from Custer County who have contracted with One Health for services and everyone of them were pleased with the services.

Commissioner McDonald moved to table the vote of Resolution FY2022-09, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Sheriff Wilhelm: stopped to visit about advertising for the Dispatch position. Elza Meyers is currently planning on retiring on December 31, 2021.

County Attorney Perry received a letter for the Department of Justice inquiring if JB County wanted to participate in the Opioid Claim Settlement. Commissioner McDonald so moved to participate, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed. Clerk Kelly will inform County Attorney Perry of the board's decision.

Commissioner Hajenga signed 5-Yr. Capital Improvement Plan document for the Stanford/Biggerstaff Airport, signed the Certification of Match for the Area II Agency on Aging and the FAA ARPA Funding for airport operation expenditures.

Clerk Kelly reported the increase cost of the Rural Addressing signs and the need to raise our price to cover the expense to \$30 per sign and also the need to charge people a \$30 fee to review all Certificates of Survey's, to cover our expense to have the County Planner review. Commissioners agreed and requested Clerk Kelly to start the procedure of adopting a fee increase for Rural signs and a fee to review COS's. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Resolution will be on the October 20<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

#### REGULAR MEETING October 20, 2021

- PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore
- Also present: Ambulance Coordinator Suzanne Aune Clerk & Recorder Amanda H Kelly Road/Weed/Bridge Supervisor Roger Riley Sheriff Tim Wilhelms

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the October 20, 2021 Agenda, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the October 13, 2021 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Chairman Don Hajenga signed Tax Cancelation #2021-12

Sheriff Wilhelms stopped to discuss the Jail Agreement that Fergus County sent to Judith Basin County.

Ambulance Coordinator Suzanne Aune stopped to discuss Geyser Ambulance.

Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly reported on the MT PERS Audit of Judith Basin County. Everything was reported correctly. However, it is now a requirement that stipends for (cell phones, uniforms, road safety equipment is now a subject to PERS and SRS. Clerk Kelly will make the adjustment to our payroll stipends.

Second Reading RES FY2022-09/Creation of Judith Basin County Health District **RESOLUTION FY2022-09 died for lack of a motion**. Commissioner McDonald is concerned about the timeline. Working with One Health will give us a year or more to do more research Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Hajenga agreed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to Table Resolution FY2022-11, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to sign Inmate Medical Insurance Agreement for FY2022 with the increase, second Commissioner McDonald motion passed.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

#### REGULAR MEETING October 27, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore

Also present: Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley Curtis Hershberger

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the Amended October 27, 2021 Agenda, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the October 20, 2021 Minutes, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Road Supervisor Riley stopped in to discuss MOU with parks to maintain Ackley Lake Road.

Commissioner McDonald moved to sign Federal Lands Hwy Project Agreement, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Curtis Hershberger stopped to discuss possible appointment to vacant Senate 15 seat.

Commissioners contact Mental Health in Billings to complete the JB County Alcohol Distribution Plans for 2021-2022. Commissioners and Treasure Tammy Zier signed plan and submitted to the DPHHS.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

#### REGULAR MEETING November 3, 2021

PRESENT:	Commissioner Don Hajenga
	Commissioner Cody McDonald
	Commissioner James D Moore

Also present: Election Administrator Amanda H Kelly County Attorney Heather Perry Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley Stahly Engineering Greg Benjamin & Nick Winfield

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the November 3, 2021 Agenda, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the October 27, 2021 Minutes, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner Canvassed the Hobson Municipal Election; Commissioner Moore moved to approved the Canvass @ 100% accurate, second by Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the October 2021 County Reconciliation Reports, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

#### **PUBLIC MEETING: Appointment of Senate District 15 seat**

7-County/21-Commissioners met in Judith Basin County to appoint a replacement for Ryan Osmundsen whom was appointed to Governor Gianforte as the States Financial Director. Present (in person): Fergus County Commissioner Carl Seilstad, Golden Valley Commissioner Dean Blomquist, Judith Basin County Commissioners Don Hajenga, Jim Moore and Cody McDonald, Petroleum County Commissioner Paul McKenna, (by Zoom) Cascade Commissioner Joe Briggs, Fergus Commissioners Ross Butcher & Sandy Youngbauer and Meagher County Commissioner Herbert Townsend, (by phone) Wheat County Commissioners Adam Jones, David Miller and Jeff Sell. Quorum of 13. Commissioner Don Hajenga called the meeting to order. Clerk Amanda Kelly tallied the verbal votes as they were given. Results of the tally sheet are attached. Representative Dan Bartell-72.501 points, Kirk Eastman-0, Curtis Hershberger-0. Meagher County Commissioner Herbert Townsend stated he felt the selection process was unfair to the small county. Clerk Kelly will send a letter and the results to the MT Secretary of State. Meeting adjourned.

Engineer Greg Benjamin discussed the Judith Basin County Fair Ground Project.

County Attorney Perry in to discuss HB220/PILT and Prior Year Payments. Should we or should we not consider forming a Special District for to receive the PILT Funds. Group will do some homework before a final decision is made.

JUDITH BASIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES / FY22 ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

REGULAR MEETING November 10, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore Also present: Clerk & Recorder Amanda H Kelly County Attorney Heather Perry Treasurer Tammy Zier Dick Gondeiro Stanford Open/Ollie Urick, Powell Becker & Beau Smith

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the November 10, 2021 Agenda, second by Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the November 3, 2021 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Chairman Commissioner Hajenga signed Tax Cancelation Order #2021-13 presented by County Treasurer Tammy Zier.

Dick Gondeiro – Geyser Community Hall would like to build a cold storage building. Commissioners recommended building it at the same level as existing foundation and have connected access to the inside.

County Attorney Perry – reviewed Airport Rescue Grant Offer #3-30-0072-013-2022 and will not sign the agreement until the Judith Basin County Commissioners pass a resolution for a federal mask mandate at the Airport as required in the grant agreement.

Conference call with Robert Peccia & Associates Engineer Lance Bowser, Commissioners, County Attorney and Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly.

- 1- Lance was surprised by the mention of the mask mandate as he has been at FAA Trainings and other airports have been presented this exact same grant offer and nobody has mentioned the mask mandate. Lance will do some checking and notify the group of any information he receives. In the meantime County Attorney Perry will draft a Resolution dealing with the mandate and it will be placed on the November 17, 2021 agenda.
- 2- Biggerstaff Field/Stanford Airport Capital Project applications for FY2022; Lance suggested tabling the 9' Fence project until a later date. A land acquisition will have to be in place before the security fence could be installed. (airplane instrument regulations) Lance prepared (2) graphics for a taxi lane; Option 1- bare bone taxi lane & Option -2 taxi lane designed for the addition of T-Hangers. Commissioner McDonald suggested the FY2022 Application Option 2 for future T-Hanger; Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Hajenga agreed.
- 3- Lance is still working on the FAA Contract Amendment documents and paperwork will be sent for next agenda.

In preparation for the next Central MT Health District Board meeting, Commissioner McDonald moved to sign with "One Health" for Health and Environmental services, second by Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioners called Prairie County Commissioner Todd Devlin concerning HB220/Special Improvement District for PILT Funds. Commissioner Devlin stated that if JB County was on the B-side of the PILT Funding formula (minimum payment) it would not be a benefit to form the Special District. Commissioner Devlin sent the website address for the Commissioners to review the formula.

Commissioners met with Stanford Open group/Ollie Urick, Powell Becker and Beau Smith: the group has been working with Stahly Engineering to prepare a Master Fairgrounds Plan and would like the Commissioners to consider paying for the planning document to be prepared or pay for a portion of the project cost.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

#### REGULAR MEETING November 17, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore

Also present: Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the November 17, 2021 Agenda with additions, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the November 10, 2021 Minutes, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed

Commissioners sent letters to Northwestern Energy concerning Roger Lichts replacements and a letter to HRDC in support of their grant.

Commissioner McDonald moved to sign Airport Grant letter, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to pass RES FY2022-12/Airport Mask Mandate, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to pass RES FY2022-13/FY21 Budget Amendments due to year-end entries, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to have Judith Basin County pay up-to \$8.000.00 to contract with Stahly Engineering to prepare a Judith Basin County Revitalization Plan for the fairgrounds, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

**PUBLIC HEARING: RES FY2022-11 / COS review fee & Rural Addressing Sign fee** Present: Commission McDonald, Commissioner Moore and Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly

Commissioner McDonald moved to pass Res FY2022-11/ COS review fee & Rural Addressing sign fee increase, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

#### REGULAR MEETING November 24, 2021

- PRESENT: Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore
- Absent: Commissioner Don Hajenga
- Also present: Justice of Peace Jon Schmitt Sheriff Tim Wilhelms Richard Leach

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the November 24, 2021 Agenda, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the November 17, 2021 Minutes, second Commissioner McDonald,, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to sign Stanford Rural Fire District Annual Report, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioners reviewed and approved claims and November 2021 Payroll.

Richard Leach stopped in to visit. He thought it was a good idea to stay with the Central MT Health District for another year.

Sheriff Wilhelms needs a letter to appoint a replacement for Richard Brown as Deputy Coroner. Commissioners will place it on action for next week.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

COMMISSIONER JAMES MOORE

#### REGULAR MEETING December 1, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore

Absent: Commissioner Don Hajenga

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the December 1, 2021 Agenda, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the November 24, 2021 Minutes, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

After discussing the MACO Health Care Insurance Plan Commissioner McDonald moved to remain with MHCT and not prepare an RFP for additional proposals, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to give Elected Officials, Full-time employees and Full-time/Part-time employees a \$100.00 Holiday bonus on the December 2021 paycheck, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Tabled appointment of additional Deputy Coroner.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

#### REGULAR MEETING December 8, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore

Also present: Sheriff Tim Wilhelms

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the December 8, 2021 Agenda, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the December 1, 2021 Minutes, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to pass RES FY2022-13/Join Motor Vehicle Recycling Program in Fergus County, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to appoint Steven Kirkegard as additional Deputy Coroner for Judith Basin County, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Sheriff Wilhelms was in with a claims questions and to discuss the Denton Fire.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

# REGULAR MEETING December 15, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the December 15, 2021 Agenda, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the December 8 Minutes, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioners reviewed and approved claims.

Commissioner Moore made the motion for Judith Basin County to be the HUB for the Central MT Health District, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald helped with C&R office job interviews.

Commissioner Moore & Hajenga had a conference call with Senator Daines staff on the wilderness designation for the Snowy Mountains and Middle Fork of Judith Basin. The Commissioners told them that we had public meetings and after that nothing has happened. The Commissioners main concern is that we have multiple uses if the designation were to happen. They are getting back to us in January.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

**REGULAR MEETING** December 22, 2021

PRESENT:	Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore
Also present:	County Attorney Heather Perry Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the December 22, 2021 Agenda, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approved the December 15, 2021 minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

County Attorney Perry discussed RES FY2022-15/Central MT Health District. Commissioner McDonald moved to pass RES. FY2022-15 /Central MT Health District.

Roger was in to discuss the Geyser Water Project. Will place on the December 29, 2021 Agenda for action.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

# REGULAR MEETING December 29, 2021

- PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore
- Also present: Judith Basin Co. Fire Warden Steve Hedstrom County Attorney Heather Perry Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the December 29, 2021 Agenda, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the December 22, 2021 Minutes, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to accept the November 2021 County Reconciliation reports, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Co. Attorney Perry in to discuss the disbursement of the CMHD Funds. Commissioners will have the auditor review Fergus County's proposal.

Commissioner Moore signed US Forest Service Grant/Agreement #19-FO-11011500-002; Extending the expiration date from 12/31/2021 to 12/31/2022 to align with that of the Montana Master Statewide Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement.

Commissioner McDonald moved to use 100% ARPA Funds for the Geyser Water Project, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to pass Res. FY2022-16/Amended & Restated Central Montana Health District Agreement, second by Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

### REGULAR MEETING January 5, 2022

 PRESENT:
 Commissioner Don Hajenga

 Commissioner Cody McDonald
 Commissioner James D Moore

 Also present:
 County Extension Agent Katie Hatlelid

 DES Coordinator Mike Howell
 Clerk & Recorder Amanda H Kelly

 County Attorney Heather Perry

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the January 5, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Road/Weed/Bridge Supervisor Roger Riley

County Attorney Perry questioned the possibility of courthouse offices staying open during the lunch hour. Commissioners will consider the request. The Resolution setting office hours is on the agenda today and CA Perry's request will be considered.

#### **CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA KELLY PRESENT THE ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS:**

Commissioner Moore moved to pass Resolution #FY2022-17/Electing a Presiding Officer of the Board, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to pass Resolution #FY2022-18/Commissioner Meeting Dates & Employee Calendar, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to pass Resolution #FY2022-19/Setting Office Hours, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to pass Resolution #FY2022-20/Public Posting locations, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to pass Resolution #FY2022-21/Per Diem Meals, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to pass Resolution #FY2022-22/Lodging Reimbursement Rates, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to pass Resolution #FY2022-23/Setting Mileage Allowance, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

DES Coordinator Mike Howell presented information on Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plans. Department of Military Affairs Disaster and Emergency Services Division is going to prepare a Regional

Multi-Hazard Plan and would like to know if we would like to participate in the planning. Decision to participate or opt-out will be voted on during the January 12, 2022 Commissioner meeting.

Commissioner Moore moved to accept the December 2021 County Reconciliation reports, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioners received email correspondence from Robert, Peccia & Associates Engineer Lance Bowser requesting Commissioners preference of which engineering firm they would like to use to provide the county an independent estimate that can be utilized to determine reasonableness of RPA's proposed fees. Last year KLJ Engineering provided the services and they are willing to provided their services again for an estimated fee of \$3,000.00. Commissioner McDonald so moved to hire KLJ Engineering, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed. Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly will notify RPA Lance Bowser as to the Commissioners decision.

Co Extension Agent Katie Hatlelid inquired about the purchase of a new colored copier. During the budget process the expense of the copy machine was approved in the Weed Fund. Katie reported that the JB County 4-H Council agreed to contribute \$1,000 to the purchase and Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly will contribute \$1,000.00 out of the Record Reservation Fund. Maintenance Agreement will be paid in the County Extension Fund.

Roger stopped in; and asked Weed Board Secretary Katie Hatlelid to send a notification to the Weed Board (only received (1) bid for Weed Control Services) and request approval to accept the bid received.

State Budget Director Ryan Osmundson contacted the Fergus County Commissioners about improvements that could be made to the Benchland/Denton Road. Roger reported 16.5 miles of the road is in JB County. During the West Winds Fire that destroyed the elevators in Denton Governor Gianforte stated that the state would help with the expense to upgrade the road (helping producers get their grain to market).

Commissioners set a Department Head meeting for January 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. to review newly adopted Resolutions for 2022.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

### REGULAR MEETING January 12, 2022

PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore

Also present: DES Coordinator Mike Howell Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the January 12, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the January 5, 2022 Minutes, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

DES Coordinator Mike Howell presented the Judith Basin County Distribution Plan that he has been working on. Commissioner Moore moved to adopt the plan, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Question: State DES would like to know if we would like to participate in the Regional Multi-Hazard Planning Process? Commissioner McDonald moved to participate, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Due to a Zoom meeting scheduled for January 20, 2022 at 2:30 p.m., the Commissioners have decided to move their regularly scheduled meeting from January 19<sup>th</sup> to January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner McDonald moved to appoint Jan French to the Judith Basin County Tax Appeal Board and the Biggerstaff/Stanford Airport Appeal Board, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Hajenga signed the Justice of Peace Agreement and the Sheriff Agreement with the Town of Stanford.

Commissioner Moore moved to gift the unused snowblower to the Town of Stanford, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

### REGULAR MEETING January 20, 2022

PRESENT:	Commissioner Cody McDonald
	Commissioner James D Moore

Absent: Commissioner Hajenga

Also present: Sheriff Tim Wilhelms County Treasurer Tammy Zier Spectrum Group Architects Gary Levine Denning, Downey & Associates Bob Denning

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve January 20, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore, moved to approve January 12, 2022 Minutes, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Tammy Zier presented tax cancelation #2022-1,2022-2 and 2022-3, Commissioners signed.

Commissioner Moore, Commissioner McDonald and Road Supervisor Roger Riley participated in a Zoom meeting with Fergus County Commissioners, HD 29 Representative Doug Flament and MDT to discuss the Benchland Road (Secondary Hwy #207). With the West Wind Fire destroying the grain elevators in Denton the truck traffic will be increasing between Denton and the Moccasin elevators. MDT suggested conducting traffic counts (Loads and tonnage) and try and find out from the elevator the impact the business will have on the elevators.

Bob Denning stopped in to visit about GASB 84 and the expense that was added to the county to convert our Trust and Agency Accounts into a Balance Sheet for reporting. Bob also discussed the overall condition of the county and the annual reports.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

### REGULAR MEETING January 26, 2022

PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner James D Moore

Absent: Commissioner Cody McDonald

Also present: Clerk & Recorder Amanda H Kelly County Attorney Heather Perry Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor R Riley

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the January 26, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Commissioner Hajenga moved to approve the January 20, 2022 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly introduced Moreen Kent, the new Clerk in the Clerk & Recorders office.

Road supervisor Roger Riley discussed CDL issues.

County Attorney Heather Perry discussed Airport issues.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

### REGULAR MEETING February 2, 2022

PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore

Also present: DES Coordinator Michael Howell Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly County Attorney Heather Perry

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the February 2, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the January 26, 2022 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

DES Coordinator Michael Howell discussed using his (excess) vacation hours.

Commissioner McDonald moved to sign the KLJ Agreement (Engineer review of airport plans), second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to pass RES FY2022-24/FAA Loan (Construct Taxiway at the airport), second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Tess Brady called and the JB County Museum received a \$1,000 grant check from the MT Land Title Association Foundation. They trust the funds will be wisely used to assist the operations of the museum. Really the only request was a media announcement with the local papers. Tess suggested contacting Museum Curator Geoff Casey for the press release.

Department of Transportation Andy White called to discuss Secondary 207, "Benchland-North" priority list project. Mr. White will send a letter requesting the additional information he will need to put together an agreement for the project. Mr. White stated the decision has been made to change the scope to a rehabilitation and perpetuate this treatment throughout the entire project length. The change will enable a much quicker project delivery timeline to address these fairly urgent needs. The entire project length will now include reshaping and/or crown correction as required, re-graveling the road surface with 6" crushed top surfacing, mag chloride treatment, and re-grading/cleaning ditches as required. Guardrail replacement, delineation , and signage will also be addressed with the project, if needed. Commissioners will have Road Supervisor Roger Riley get the information needed to Mr. White ASAP.

Commissioner McDonald moved to commit \$250,000/Stanford and \$250,000/Hobson of the Judith Basin County ARPA funds that is available for Water and Sewer Projects (Applications to follow), second Commissioner Moore, motion passed. Commissioners also sent a letter to the Department of Ag to be included in the Hobson Sewer Project grant application.

Commissioners and Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly discussed the Central Montana Health District finances. It is apparent we are all in need of education, on how the finances work with each program offered through the Department of Health and Human Services, administrative expenses, etc. When Fergus Co. and Lewistown split from the CMHD it was decided to split the funding on population. (Fergus Co/Lewistown-53.02%, Musselshell Co.-21.91%, Petroleum Co.-2.3%, Golden Valley Co.-3.81%, Wheatland Co.-9.58% and Judith Basin Co-9.38%). There was an initial distribution sent to each county in addition to the split on the sale of the Traverse to Fergus County. It was decided that Commissioner McDonald and Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly will attend the next CMHD Board meeting. Clerk Kelly will also visit with Fergus Co. Financial Administrator Neal Tucek and Sue Woods funding and how it works.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

## JUDITH BASIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES / FY22 REGULAR MEETING

February 9, 2022

PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore Also present: Clerk & Recorder Amanda H Kelly County Attorney Heather Perry Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley Stahly Engineering Robie Culver

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the February 9, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the February 2, 2022 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly discussed CMHD Finances.

Commissioner McDonald moved to accept January 2022 County Reconciliation Report, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve (agreeing to and signing) Fergus County Resolution #7-2022/Junk Vehicle Recycling, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioners popped in and out on the Stanford Open; planning meeting for the fair ground improvement project.

Stahly Engineering Robie Culver stopped in to discuss starting work on the update of the Judith Basin County Capital Improvement Plan and her ideas on how gather information for the updates, drafting the document and setting up public hearings. The Capital Improvement Plan is a tool used for planning and budgeting. While reviewing the CIP that was prepared over 5-years ago we have to admit it was a success, everything on the plan has been accomplished and then some. Robie will contact MCEP for our contract, set up a website for departments to use in reporting projects and keep in close contact.

Discussed: Judith Basin County Fairground Lease property. With all the new improvements that are slated for the Fairgrounds and with our changing of times. Commissioner McDonald made a motion; that the property will no longer be used for the Prairie Past Museum and will be used for fairground activities only, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed. County Attorney Perry will prepare letter's to be sent to the (Old Farm Equipment/owners) requesting their items to be removed. County Attorney Perry will also prepare a Legal Notice for the JB Press.

Commissioners visited with Road Supervisor Roger Riley concerning the new laws for purchasing equipment. (NOT NECESSARY TO ADVERTISE). Roger will confirm with Co Attorney Perry on the law change and will proceed as advised.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

### REGULAR MEETING February 16, 2022

PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga

ABSENT: Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore

Commissioner Moore out on a personal day. Commissioner McDonald attending a Snowy Mountain Development Meeting.

Commissioner Hajenga came into the office and caught up on paperwork.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

### REGULAR MEETING February 23, 2022

- PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore
- Also present: Clerk & Recorder Amanda H Kelly County Attorney Heather Perry Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley Clerk of District Court/Supt of Schools Jennifer Taylor MACO HCT Pam Walling Robert Peccia & Associates Engineer Lance Bowser

Commissioner Moore, moved to approve the February 23, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the February 9, 2022 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to sign EMPG Annual Time Certification Form, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

County Health Insurance Advisory Board members meet with MACO HCT Pam Walling. Judith Basin County's 2022-2023 rate increases for Medical/6.5%; Dental/5.6% and Vision/5%. This is our first-rate increase since we joined the trust. Pam reviewed (4) changes to the plans; 1-Orthotics will be covered up to \$400 every 3-years; 2-Increase of \$25 for a vision exam per year; 3-\$20 cash incentive to participate in the annual blood screening and 4-\$100 cash incentive after 4-visits with Healthy is Wellness maximum incentive of \$200 per year. Group discussed the four-plans we currently offer to the employees and nobody felt a change was needed. Heather Perry moved to offer RM2000, BP2000, HD4000 and HD6000, second by Cody McDonald, motion passed. Group did not set benefit for FY2022-23 at this time.

Roger present (2) grader quotes: (1) RDO - \$155,300; (2) CAT - \$50,585 (both quotes included a trade-in. Commissioner Moore moved to accept the CAT quote, second by Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Lance present paperwork for the Taxi-way Project for signatures. FAA Funds will provide 90% and the County funds 10%. Local share should be around \$76,000 with \$30,000/Grant, \$15,000/Loan leaving approximately \$31,000 that will have come out of the budget. RPA have placed the advertisement in the press and plans are to award by June 15<sup>th</sup> and construction completion by October 2022.

Commissioner Hajenga signed Town of Hobson's County Sheriff Agreement and Town of Hobson Justice of the Peace Agreement.

Commissioners reviewed the Hold Harmless Agreement between Judith Basin County and the Town of Stanford, Commissioner McDonald moved to sign, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

REGULAR MEETING March 2, 2022

# CANCELED COMMISSIONERS ATTENDING MONTANA ASSOCIATON OF COUNTIES MID-WINTER MEETINGS

### REGULAR MEETING MARCH 9, 2022

PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald

ABSENT: Commissioner James D Moore

Also present: Sheriff Tim Wilhelms

Commissioner McDonald moved to approved the March 9, 2022 Agenda with addition, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the February 23, 2022 Minutes, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to accept February 2022 County Reconciliation Report, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Reviewed and approved claims for payment.

Commissioner Hajenga signed 2022 Gas Tax Maps.

Commissioners signed Construction Agreement with MDT for the Benchland Road.

Commissioner Hajenga signed Scope of Work for the County Capital Improvement Plan with Stahly Engineering.

Sheriff Wilhelms in with concerns about the fuel budget.

Commissioner Hajenga signed EMPG Applicant Agent Designation letter.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

### REGULAR MEETING MARCH 16, 2022

PRESENT:	Commissioner Don Hajenga
	Commissioner Cody McDonald

- ABSENT: Commissioner James D Moore
- Also present: Clerk & Recorder/E.A. Amanda Kelly County Attorney Heather Perry Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley Dan Deegan, Mark, Kim & Jack Holzer

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the March 16, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the March 9, 2022 Minutes, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Commissioner received a letter from Election Administrator Amanda Kelly canceling the Special Purpose District Elections. Commissioner McDonald moved to pass Resolution FY2022-24 Cancel the May 3, 2022 Special District Elections for Rural Fire District Trustee's and County Water/Sewer District Trustee's and appoint the filed candidates by acclamation, second by Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to sign Cooperative Purchase Memorandum of Understanding between Judith Basin County and the State of Montana, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Road Supervisor Roger Riley stopped in to inform the commissioners that he received a resignation from Ben Kurns and requested permission to advertise for a new employee.

County Attorney Perry discussed Prairie Past Museum.

Commissioners meet with Dan Deegan, Mark, Kim & Jack Holzer concerning the Prairie Past Museum. Holzer's expressed that the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline is not an obtainable date. Discussed the history of the blue building (built with donations and a grant for an Ag Museum). Kim distributed a brochure that was put together when the items were donated and displayed. Kim stated that she was disappointed that the Historical Society did not have a public meeting. (Commissioner clarified that the Historical Society is not a Board under the authority of the Commissioners) Kim wanted to know why the removal now? Commissioner Hajenga stated that when the Fairground project was brought to the commissioners, they started looking at the parking problem and liability the equipment creates and felt it was a good time to tackle the cleanup. Kim stated she had visited with Stampede Club members Matt Neuman and Powell Becker and they both stated that the Club felt the equipment should be moved not removed.

Commissioner McDonald stated that he is willing to listen if a viable idea is presented to continue using an area/fenced for the equipment, etc. (at NO COST to the county) Kim would like to take the Commissioners on a tour of the site. Kim would like something in writing from the commissioners. (extending the deadline, etc.) Commissioners will discuss the deadline with County Attorney Perry next week and let the Holzer's know what has been decided.

Dan Deegan stated he is a part of the Antique Tractor Club in Lewistown and was interested in the plans for the thresher machine.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

### REGULAR MEETING March 23, 2022

PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore Also present: Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly County Attorney Heather Perry Road/Bridge/Road Supervisor Roger Riley Clerk of Court Jennifer Taylor Sheriff Tim Wilhelms Dick Gondeiro Snowy Mtn Development; Abby Majerus, Sara Hudson, Carly Whetley, Kaitlyn Gilmore & Josy Eades

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the March 23, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Commissioners gave Dick Gondeiro permission to replace the front door sweeps and the back door to the boiler.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the March 16, 2022 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

County Attorney Perry stated that the Cooperative Purchase Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Montana has limited usage (State will need to be contacted to verify if an item is available).

County Attorney Perry and Commissioners discussed changing the May 1st due date that was stated in the letter given to the owners of the items on display and public notice. After visiting with the Holzer's the commissioners were in agreement that moving of the items by May 1<sup>st</sup> would be unmanageable for some. County Attorney Perry stated that the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline was for the people to MAKE ARRANGMENTS. In other words, make contact with Tess Brady concerning one's items as far as if they would like them back or would be donating them for sale. County Attorney Perry advised the commissioners to handle each individual on a case-by-case bases. Perry will send a letter to the Holzer's extending the REMOVAL date to December 1<sup>st</sup>; but the notification date will remain May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Moore, Hajenga and McDonald meet with Snowy Mtn Development employees, County Attorney Perry and Clerk Amanda Kelly. Snowy Mtn Development Sara Hudson gave a brief overview on the Economic and Community Development programs that Snowy Mtn Development's 501-3c offer businesses, new businesses, community, etc. Limitations they face because of being a 501-3c -vs- if they were to branch out and form a Port Authority (in addition to) the non-profit status. If this were to be approved by all the 6-county members it would open up new doors to financial programs. Currently Fergus Co. has a Port Authority that will need to be dissolved in order to develop a new Port Authority with the group. County Attorney Heather Perry offered her assistance to prepare the proper

Resolutions and help write by-laws that each county will have to adopt and pass. Then after the board is formed (just live the Health District); the County Attorney's would then be illegible to represent the Board as a whole. As per an Attorney General's Opinion. Judith Basin County Commissioners will continue to discuss participation, proceed with Public Hearings, etc. as soon as the documents are ready.

Sheriff Tim Wilhelms – during the power outage late yesterday afternoon his office computer was fried. Tim will be ordering a new computer for himself.

Road Supervisor Roger Riley – discussion concerning motor grader bid process. In the future the county will go back to our old advertising procedures unless more information becomes available for the new legislature laws.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

REGULAR MEETING March 30, 2022

PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore Also present: Clerk & Recorder Amanda H Kelly Dick Gondeiro James Sparks (Weed Contractor)

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the March 30, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Hajenga and Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly held a exist interview with Auditor Bob Denning for the FY2021 County Audit over the phone. County received (highest rating) from the Auditor for the FY2021 Financial records. Only finding was within the Justice of Peace office due to segregation of duties which is virtually unavoidable due to the limited staff in the office.

Weed Contractor Jim Sparks was in to visit about sterilant (vegetation control).

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve March 23, 2022 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to accept Election Administrator Amanda H Kelly's recommendation to cancel the Primary Election for the Non-Partisan Local Elected Officials offices due to the number of candidates that have filed for the positions, second by Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioners discussed the MACO Health Care Trust Health Insurance proposal that was received from agent Pam Walling. Commissioner Moore moved to increase the Health Insurance Benefit to \$925.00 per month (as per the reflection of the 6.2% increase in rates), second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner discussed of the options available to control the echo in the courtroom: installation sound boards, curtain, splitting the room for zoom meetings.

Commissioners meet with Dick Gondeiro about caulking the courthouse windows on the north and east side of the building. Dick estimated the cost between \$12,000 and \$14,000. Commissioners agreed to proceed with the repair project.

ATTESTED:

### JUDITH BASIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES / FY22 REGULAR MEETING April 6, 2022

**Commissioner Don Hajenga** 

Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James D Moore Also present: Clerk & Recorder Amanda H Kelly Clerk of Court/Supt of Schools Jennifer Taylor County Treasurer Tammy Zier Tucker Hughes

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the April 6, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Tammy Zier present Taxpayer Value Settlements for Rocky Mountain Pipeline Montana, LLC; Commissioner Hajenga signed settlement documents 2022-4, 2022-5, 2022-6 and 2022-7.

Jennifer discussed looking into sound panels for the courtroom. Phillips County installed the panels in their courtroom and it really helped. Jennifer will get plans and material prices for building the panels.

Tucker Hughes – is interested in establishing a fire staging area at the airport for tenders & fixed wing planes and helicopters. We need to prepare for the worst and hope for the best during these extreme drought conditions.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the March 30, 2022 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to accept the March 2022 Reconciliation reports, second Commissioner McDonald motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to sign the Recommendation of Award Letter (Stanford/Biggerstaff Airport Taxi-way Project), second Commissioner McDonald. Commissioner McDonald move to sign the Notice of Award, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to table Port Authority discussion and action until County Attorney Perry prepares documents for review.

During the MACR's Conference Cooperative Purchase Agreements Procedure set out in 7-5-2310, was discussed in detail. (1) A county may enter into an agreement for cooperative purchasing as defined in 18-4-401. (Cooperative purchasing: means procurement conducted by or on behalf of more than one public procurement unit) Local public procurement unit means a county, city, town or other subdivision of the state). With this law change County Attorney Perry suggested for the Commissioners make a motion giving Road Supervisor Roger Riley the authority to obtain memberships in public, state, tribal or other procurement units as allowed for the purpose of soliciting bids for purchases in excess of \$80,000 through cooperative purchasing. Commissioner Moore moved, second by Commissioner McDonald to give Roger the authority to get registered.

PRESENT:

Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly stated that Deputy Clerk & Recorder Clint McCray has checked into the MT State procurement process and there is training time involved. Therefore, it was decided if the county decides to purchase items thru the State of MT the C&R office will be in charge and will take the training (currently all purchasing is handled thru that office).

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

### JUDITH BASIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES / FY22 REGULAR MEETING

April 13, 2022

PRESENT:	Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner James D Moore
Absent:	Commissioner Cody McDonald
	Clark & Decorder Amerida II Kally

Also present: Clerk & Recorder Amanda H Kelly County Attorney Heather Perry

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the April 13, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the April 6, 2020 Minutes, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Had a group call with Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner Hajenga, Commissioner Moore, County Attorney Perry and Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly to discuss the Airport Project. Biggerstaff Family has a pet cemetery and a building that need to be taken care of. Commissioner McDonald will call Connie Biggerstaff and then County Attorney Perry will follow up the call with a letter.

County Attorney Perry will work on a draft lease document between Steve Lillegard and Judith Basin County for the blue building located on the fairgrounds.

Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Hajenga left to attend Forest Summit in Helena.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

### REGULAR MEETING April 20, 2022

PRESENT:	Commissioner Don Hajenga
	Commissioner Cody McDonald
	Commissioner James D Moore

Also present: County Sheriff Tim Wilhelms USDA Forest Service Jason Oltrogge & Matt Plagenze Jeremey Grove & Jim Simac

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the April 20, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the April 13, 2022 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Jeremy Grove and Jim Simac were in to discuss the county road that runs between the t o properties. They are interested in have the road closed.

Sheriff Tim Wilhelms discussed deputy mileage claim that was submitted for travel between Law Academy and home.

USDA Forest Service Jason and Matt discussed forest updates, fire, RAC. Jason suggested that the Commissioner talk to Don Pyrah from DNRC about fire planning.

Commissioner Moore moved to appoint Kallie Probert to the Judith Basin County Fair Advisory Board (replacing Jason Oltrogge), second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald will get in touch with Connie Biggerstaff and suggest that she relocate the pet cemetery off of the State ground. (at the very least move to the location suggested by the Airport Engineers)

County Attorney Heather Perry notified the Commissioners of the necessity to send in a 2<sup>nd</sup> set of documents relating to the Settlement from the OPID Lawsuit.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

### REGULAR MEETING April 27, 2022

PRESENT:	Commissioner Don Hajenga
	Commissioner Cody McDonald
	Commissioner James D Moore

Also present: Clerk & Recorder Amanda H Kelly County Attorney Heather Perry Senator Daines Field Representative Tory Scribner

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the April 27, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the April 20, 2022 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

County Attorney Heather Perry:

-discussed Resolution prepared by Heather, need to obtain financial obligations from Snowy Mountain Development on the fees that will be associated with forming a Multi-County Port Authority. Commissioner McDonald moved to table the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Resolution (until SMDC give us solid financial figures), second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

-reviewed draft of the Lease Agreement between Steve Lillegard and JB County for the blue building on the fairgrounds. Heather will make updates to the draft Commissioner will discuss May 4<sup>th</sup> and present copy to Steve Lillegard.

-Mr. Meeks from Geraldine will be picking up his antique equipment from the fairgrounds and would like help loading them. Commissioners gave Heather permission to have the Road Department help load if it does not interfere with their work schedule.

Commissioner McDonald took a phone call from Kim Holzer in regards to their antique equipment at the fairgrounds. Commissioners agreed to allow the Holzer's until May 15 to finish tagging their equipment.

Reviewed (3) wage increase estimates for FY2023 that Commissioners have been discussing. Will continue to review all aspects to help make the best decision for everyone. Taxpayers and Employees alike.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

### REGULAR MEETING May 4, 2022

PRESENT:	Commissioner Don Hajenga
	Commissioner Cody McDonald
	Commissioner James D Moore

Also present: Clerk & Recorder Amanda H Kelly County Attorney Heather Perry Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley Sheriff Tim Wilhelms

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the May 4, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the April 27, 2022 Minutes; second Commissioner McDonald motion passed.

Sheriff Wilhelms is looking at purchasing computers for the individual Sheriff Department cars. Commissioners would not make a financial commitment for these purchases at this time. Sheriff Wilhelms will look into grant funds to help with the additional expense.

Commissioner McDonald moved to sign DUI Task Force Plan (MOU), second Commissioner Moore, motion passed. This action needs to be taken annually in order for JB County to receive any funds for DUI Fines.

Commissioner discussed how to designate a State-Approved Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment and Prevention Provider to receive earmarked alcohol tax monies for the provisions of substance misuse/abuse treatment and prevention services. Commissioner Moore moved to mark our funds to be used by South Central Regional Mental Health Center for Outpatient care, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioners Canvases the 2022 Geyser School Election: results were 100% accurate.

Commissioners received a copy of an email (from Kim Holzer to Tess Brady), that County Attorney Heather Perry requested it to be attached to the JB County minutes. Email was in reference to the items located on the fairgrounds (donated to the Prairie Past Museum) that the commissioners have requested be removed.

ATTESTED:

### REGULAR MEETING May 11, 2022

PRESENT:	Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James Moore
Also present:	County Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly County Attorney Heather Perry Steve Lillegard Jane Todd

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the May 11, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the May 4, 2022 Minutes, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioners agreed to continue participating in the current plan with Area Agency on Aging.

Steve Lillegard in to visit about the Lease agreement for the (blue building) located on the JB County Fairground lease property. Steve would like to be able to leave his air compressor where it is currently located and also be allowed to pour near the overhead door on the east end of the building. Judith Basin County will become the named vendor on the Northwestern Energy power bill and the Town of Stanford water/sewer bill. As agreed upon JB County will send a bill to Steve Lillegard for him to reimburse the county for those expenses in exchange for rent. Steve will continue to keep the propane tank rent and propane bills charged directly to him. If the Lillegards do any mowing around the building they will keep track of their time and report the hours to the JB County Clerk & Recorder whom will report the hours to Workers Comp under volunteer status. Commissioner McDonald moved to approve these additions as and attachment to the Lease prepared by County Attorney Heather Perry, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

County Attorney Perry reported that she has completed all the filing for the Opioid Settle case.

Port Authority project has been put on hold until Snowy Mountain Development provides cost estimates.

Jane Todd stopped into the office to report that the road signs are fading and unreadable.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

### JUDITH BASIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES / FY22 REGULAR MEETING May 18, 2022

 PRESENT:
 Commissioner Don Hajenga

 Commissioner Cody McDonald

 Commissioner James Moore

 Also present:
 Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly

 County Attorney Heather Perry

 Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley

 Sheriff Tim Wilhelms

 Steve Lillegard

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the May 18, 2022 Agenda as amended, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore, moved to approve the May 11, 2022 Minutes, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Steve Lillegard – is concerned about deadline to cleanup the blue building the commissioners are mostly concerned about the large storage area, outside the building and any safety concerns in the office. Steve stated that those areas should be cleaned up by the June 30, deadline.

County Attorney Heather Perry, Sheriff Tim Wilhelms, Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly meet with the commissioners concern the 911 funds. Heather checked into how the 911 Funds are arrived at: telecom charges \$1/per device/per month. The funds collected are sent to the Department of Revenue: DOR distributes using a Robin Hood Formula (total collected/divided equally between all). The funds for Petroleum Co, Fergus Co., and Judith Basin Co., are sent to the City of Lewistown Dispatch Center. Each of the counties have had a contract with the Lewistown Dispatch Center, however they have all expired so the County Attorney's for each respective county are drawing up new contracts to be adopted.

Commissioner reviewed Airport Project Contract with Century Construction. Commissioner McDonald moved to sign the contract and also the Notice to Proceed and the 1<sup>st</sup> Draw for the project, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioners discussed hourly wages for FY2023 and instructed Clerk Kelly to prepare a Resolution to as discussed: Consumer Price Index adjustment factor for FY2022-23: (4.7% percent) However, the Judith Basin County Commissioners have chosen to give the Road/Bridge (Supervisor and Operator/Truck Driver positions) a \$2.00 per hour flat rate -vs- the percentage method: This flat rate was added to each employee's base. All other hourly county positions will receive a \$1.00 per hour flat rate - vs- the percentage method. The reason for this is to make the road department wages competitive with the current job market, after doing wage surveys

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

### REGULAR MEETING May 25, 2022

PRESENT: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner James Moore Also present: DES Coordinator Michael Howell County Attorney Heather Perry County Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley

County Sheriff Tim Wilhelms

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the May 25, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the May 18, 2022 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to pass Resolution #FY2022-25/Setting Hourly Employee Consumer Price Index increases and setting the base wage for all departments for 2023, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioners instructed Road Supervisor Roger Riley to install "ROAD CLOSED" signs on LAKE DRIVE north of Ackley Lake, for safety concerns.

DES Coordinator Michael Howell gave the commissioners a brief report on a burn permit program. Mike will set up a zoom meeting for next week giving the Commissioners additional information on the program.

Commissioners meet with Mark and Jack Holzer at the fairgrounds about removing antique equipment. Commissioners will contact an auctioneer to see if it is worthwhile to hold an auction.

ATTESTED:

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

### JUDITH BASIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES / FY22 REGULAR MEETING

June 1, 2022

Present: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner Jim Moore Also present: Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly Clerk of Court Jennifer Taylor Treasurer Tammy Zier DES Coordinator Michael Howell Sheriff Tim Wilhelms County Fire Warden Steve Hedstrom

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve June 1, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve May 25, 2022 Minutes, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve April 2022 County Reconciliation Report, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to appoint Vicky McCray to a second term on the Judith Basin County Library Board, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly, Clerk of Court Jennifer Taylor and Treasurer Tammy Zier meet with the commissioners to discuss changing the Clerk & Recorder, Clerk of Court and Treasurer Deputy Certification pay increases; they proposed a gradual increase over a 3-yr period that would bring the pay for the deputies in line with other positions in the courthouse. This proposed increase would also bring the pay scale in line with deputy positions throughout the State of MT. Nothing was decided.

Commissioners met with Treasurer Tammy Zier FY2023 Budget.

Commissioner met with Clerk of Court/Supt of Schools Jennifer Taylor for the FY2023 Budget.

Zoom meeting/Burn Permit Application Program:

-911 Dispatch in Lewistown has expressed a need to find an alternative avenue for issuing burn permits. The call volume is forever increasing and with limited staff taking the time to issue permits has become a burden.

-this alternative program could be a valuable tool. Permit can be purchased anytime and used throughout the year. (Year runs from January thru December) On-line program which will benefit citizens, (convivence and affordable).

-burning can be restricted if conditions are not favorable for safe burning.

-Fee: Annual Host \$1,200.00 per year divided amongst the counties that are participating;
approximately \$50 per year. Burn permit cost is \$3.00 and IVR Fee (phone cost) per minute.
-once an Agreement is put in place the staff will work with our GIS department to set up mapping. Fire Districts can be identified, Forest Service land and State land. Active permits can be mapped by individuals and Fire departments.

-public will need to be notified and educated. Fire Warden Steve Hedstrom will visit with the Volunteer Fireman and get their feed back

-draft agreement will be sent for our review

Commissioners, Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly and County Attorney Heather Perry met with MACO Property & Liability Administrator Shannon Shanholtzer, Insurance Agent Scot Solberg and Scot's intern to review FY2022-23 Policy additions and deletions. Cyber Insurance will no longer be offered. Scot Solberg is searching for a company that will provide cyber coverage. Price quote: \$123,024.00 with is lower than last year. Cyber Insurance will still need to be purchased. (Meeting agenda and changes attached)

Commissioner McDonald moved to sign FAA Grant offer #3-30-0072-014-2022, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to signed FAA Cares Grant Close out reports for #3-30-0072-011-2020 and #3-30-0072-012-2021, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to appoint Julia Lillegard, Gloria Hungate and Chris Wagner to the 2022 Election Audit Board, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed. (This board hand counts designated positions selected by the SOS office to verify the accuracy of the counting machines used during the election).

ATTESTED:

Chairman Don Hajenga

Clerk & Recorder Amanda H. Kelly

### REGULAR MEETING June 8, 2022

Present: Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner Jim Moore

Also present: Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve June 8, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioners agreed that the newly hired Co. Attorney Administrative Assistant should train with Anna for up to 2-weeks if possible.

Commissioner Moore moved to have Don sign the FAA Single Audit Form, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to sign Agreement with Contract Planner Jim Yeagley for FY2022-23, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to sign Emergency Service Dispatch Agreement with the City of Lewistown, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

ATTESTED:

CHAIRMAN DON HAJENGA

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA H KELLY

### REGULAR MEETING June 15, 2022

Present:	Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner Jim Moore
Also present:	Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly DES Coordinator Michael Howell Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley Justice of Peace Jon Schmitt Sheriff Tim Wilhelms

Commissioner McDonald moved to approved the June 15, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Minutes, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to accept County Attorney Heather Perry's letter of resignation and would like to thank her for all she has done for Judith Basin County, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to Declare the County Attorney's position open Election Administrator Amanda Kelly will accept Declaration of Nominations from qualified candidates for Judith Basin County Attorney for a period of 10-days. (Closing June 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.)

Commissioner McDonald moved to accept May 2022 County Reconciliation reports, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioners canvassed the 2022 Primary Election, the results 100% accurate, Commissioner Moore moved to approve the canvas, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioners met with Sheriff Wilhelms for FY23 preliminary budget work.

Commissioners met with Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley for FY23 preliminary budget work.

Commissioner discussed the Ross Fork Bridge located on Birch Road as the bridge is in major disrepair. It was decided to hold a Public Hearing on July 13, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at the bridge site. The hearing will provide optional cost estimates, discuss the pros and cons of removing the bridge and a final decision as to the direction the county will go. The Ross Fork Bridge on Birch Road is located approximability 2 miles west of Highway 191.

Commissioners reviewed FY23 Preliminary Budgets for the Extension office and Fair fund provided to Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly. (Katie was unavailable attending camp).

County Attorney Perry and DES Coordinator Michael Howell reviewed Agency contract for online burn permits. Discussed changes and corrections. Michael will meet with Fire Districts about the \$3.00 user fee.

Commissioner McDonald moved to table Taxable Fringe Benefit discussion, second Commissioner Moore.

ATTESTED:

CHAIRMAN DON HAJENGA

CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA KELLY

### REGULAR MEETING June 22, 2022

Present:	Commissioner Don Hajenga Commissioner Cody McDonald Commissioner Jim Moore
Also present:	Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly DES Coordinator Michael Howell County Attorney Heather Perry Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley Treasurer Tammy Zier

Commissioner Moore moved to approve June 22, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve June 15, 2022 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to appoint Joni Oja Acting County Attorney for Judith Basin County as of July 1, 2022, second Commissioner Moore Motion passed.

County Attorney Heather Perry meet with the Commissioners, Road Supervisor Roger Riley & Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly to discuss how the IRS regulations would examine the benefit of Roger driving a county pickup to and from work. By driving the county pickup: is it a employee perk for that benefits the employer or is it an employee benefit for the employee.

-for instance, the Sheriff Department take home the vehicles because of the emergency 911 calls that the department deals with.

-so is Roger driving the county vehicle 24/7; a benefit to the county (due to emergency's) a perk of the job or for county benefit.

-in short if it is strictly a perk to Roger it is taxable (Fringe Benefit); otherwise, no

Commissioner McDonald moved to allow Roger 24/7 use of county vehicle as per it is a benefit to the county, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

As per other county road employees driving county vehicles home at night: Co. Attorney Heather Perry stated as long as minimal usage of vehicles and special circumstance Roger needs to document date, reason, etc. for insurance purposes; however, if this situation increases this should be revisited by the Commissioners for an official decision.

Commissioners sent an email to Senator Dan Bartell with information that he requested on our road numbers to help him prepare information for federal dollars that might be available.

Commissioners meet with Treasurer Tammy Zier to discuss deputy wages.

DES Coordinator Michael Howell meet with the fire districts concerning the Burn Permit Program: and they are willing to pick up the cost of new on-line burn permit system. Michael will get in touch with the programs administration and coordinate the contact between the program and the districts.

Commissioners discussed skunk issues in Stanford and decided it was a Town & wildlife control issue. It would be courteous for the Sheriff's office to check out problems and pass it onto the appropriate authorities when possible.

Clerk & Recorder A Kelly reviewed FY23 Capital Projects; Commissioners stated projects and cost estimates. They also discussed Computer programing, budgeting and steps to take for cyber protection, it was decided to upgrade the Financial Software to the cloud w/Black Mountain.

Commissioner Moore moved to adopt Resolution FY2022-26/Setting County Base for hourly employees (with a change to Road Department CDL's and Probation pay increase), second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed

Commissioner Moore moved to adopt Resolution FY2022-27/Setting County Base for hourly employees (with a change to Clerk & Recorder Deputy/Clerk of Court Deputy/Treasurer Deputy certification pay increase), second Commissioner McDonald: discussion Commissioner McDonald stated that the wages for these positions are fair and the commissioners have already done a lot and he is not willing to do more. Commissioner Hajenga agreed with Commissioner McDonald, question. Commissioner Moore voted in favor; Commissioner McDonald & Commissioner Hajenga voted opposed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to pass Resolution FY2022-28/setting Elected Official Salaries for FY2022; effective July 1, 2022, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to pass Resolution FY2022-29/setting county mileage reimbursement at \$0.625 (IRS rate) as of July 1, 2022, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to set Sheriff Tim Wilhelms FY2022 Coroner stipend \$3,500 and freeze the deputy coroner at the FY2021 rate, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

ATTESTED:

Chairman Don Hajenga

Clerk & Recorder Amanda H. Kelly

### REGULAR MEETING June 29, 2022

PRESENT:	Commissioner Don Hajenga
	Commissioner James D Moore

- ABSENT: Commissioner Cody McDonald (called in)
- Also present: Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley Suzanne Aune, Peter & Sabrina Hollatz & Zuck Augstend

Commissioner Moore moved to approve June 29, 2022 Agenda, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

Roger discussed used water truck that he found.

Commissioner McDonald moved to pass Resolution FY2022-30/EMS Stipend, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to pass Resolution FY2022-31/JB County Hourly Base Pay, second Commissioner McDonald, motion passed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to pass Resolution FY2022-32/Cell Phone Stipend, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Concerned land owners in the Middle Fork; Suzanne Aune, Peter & Sabrina Hollatz & Zuck Augstend were in to make it of record that they would like to see the study area in the Middle Fork to remain the same. The land owners present were going to get in contact with all the landowners in the study area.

ATTESTED:

CHAIRMAN DON HAJENGA

CLERK AMANDA H KELLY