

JUDITH BASIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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REGULAR MEETING

October 11, 2023

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

Also present: Clerk & Recorder Amanda H Kelly
County Attorney Joni Oja
Sheriff Tim Wilhelms
County Treasurer Tammy Zier
Stanford School Superintendent Craig Crawford

Commissioner Hajenga moved to approve the Amended October 11, 2023 Agenda, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Hajenga moved to approve the October 4, 2023 Minutes, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Hajenga moved to pass Resolution #FY2024-06 Geyser Water Sewer District MCEP Infrastructure Planning Grant Application, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioner Hajenga moved to pass Resolution #FY2024-07/request prosecutorial assistance, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed.

Commissioners approved October 2023 claims.

Sheriff Wilhelms was in to discuss vehicle break down and ongoing matters in the Sheriff department.

Commissioner Hajenga moved to pass Resolution #FY2024-08 Fixing mill levy for State Equalization, County HS Equalization and County Elementary Equalization at 77.90 mills, second Commissioner McDonald; DISCUSSION: Commissioner Moore stated that he has concerns about what Legislature will do with county funding in the future and his overall concern for the schools. Commissioner McDonald called Senator Dan Bartell; Senator Bartell stated that the school budgets are set for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years and he strongly encouraged the county to set the mills at the lower rate of 77.9 -vs- 95 mills. Superintendent Craig Crawford stated that smaller schools will not be able to sustain a financial hit. Stating that that the Geyser School Supt feels it would close Geyser's doors if Equalization funds are cut. County

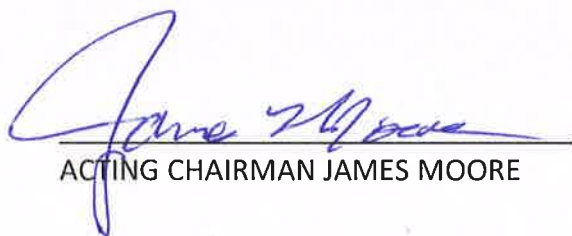
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Attorney Joni Oja stated that the county's need to ban together. BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION Question was called for: Commissioner McDonald; Aye, Commissioner Hajenga; Aye and Commissioner Moore; Nay. Resolution passed.

With the passing of Resolution #FY2024-08 lowering the State mills it was discussed to increase the county General Fund Budget by the 17.10 mills and set aside for possible contingency. By handling the difference in this manner, the county would not have the expense to program an additional tax statement, mailing and labor if the decision will be for the counties to send in the additional 17.1 mills. Commissioner Moore moved to pass Resolution #FY2024-09 "Amending Judith Basin County FY2024 Budget, second Commissioner Hajenga, motion passed.

ATTESTED:


ACTING CHAIRMAN JAMES MOORE


CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA KELLY