

JUDITH BASIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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REGULAR MEETING

January 4, 2024

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

Also present: DES Coordinator Mike Howell
Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly
Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley
Sheriff Tim Wilhelms
Pam Walling – MACO Insurance Representative

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the January 4, 2024 Agenda, Commissioner Hajenga seconded, motion passed.

Commissioner Hajenga moved to approve the December 20 and December 27, 2023 Minutes, Commissioner Moore seconded, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to pass Resolution FY2024-12 electing Commissioner McDonald as Chairman of the Board, Commissioner Hajenga seconded, motion passed.

Commissioner Hajenga moved to pass Resolution FY2024-13 setting commissioner meeting dates and the employee calendar for 2024, Commissioner Moore seconded, motion passed.

Commissioner Hajenga moved to pass Resolution FY2024-14 setting office hours for the courthouse, Commissioner Moore seconded, motion passed.

Commissioner Hajenga moved to pass Resolution FY2024-15 establishing public posting locations, Commissioner Moore seconded, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to pass Resolution FY2024-16 setting per diem meal rates, Commissioner Hajenga seconded, motion passed.

Commissioner Moore moved to pass Resolution FY2024-17 setting lodging reimbursement rates, Commissioner Hajenga seconded, motion passed.

Commissioner Hajenga moved to pass Resolution FY2024-18 setting mileage reimbursement rates, Commissioner Moore seconded, motion passed.

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Pam Walling from MACO Health Care Trust stopped to touch base on if the county would be shopping for health insurance this year. Reminding us that March 1st was the latest that you can opt out of the trust. The Health Care Trust board switch companies that provided the life insurance that they provide as of January 1, 2024. That coverage is now provided by Hartford. The trust has also submitted an RFP for prescription coverage and they will be setting rates for 2024-25 in February. We have not heard any complaints concerning Health Insurance so therefore it has been decided to remain with the MACO Health Care Trust for another year.


Commissioners, Roger, Mandy and Pam also discussed our contract with MACO Health Care Trust and the stipulation within the contract that does not allow employees to remain on the policy if they are in an unpaid leave status. The coverage must be terminated. Unless proper steps are taken by the Commissioners to allow the coverage to continue. Commissioner Hajenga moved unpaid leave will be without benefits, second Commissioner Moore, motion passed. Pam reminded everyone that communication between the commissioners, department head and HR is critical to make sure the proper steps are taken in each individual case.

Commissioner Hajenga received a call from Central Montana Health District regarding a septic system in Sapphire Village that needs to be checked.

Sheriff Tim Wilhelms talked about concerns with radio and phone problems within the Sheriff's office.

DES Coordinator Mike Howell went over rural addressing problems in Sapphire Village. Mike along with Commissioner Moore went to Sapphire Village to see if the streets have signs and also check out the progress of the installation of the county's speed limit sign that the road department currently installing.

ATTESTED:


CHAIRMAN CODY MCDONALD


CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA KELLY