

BIG HORN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Room 301
Hardin, MT 59034



Members

Sidney Fitzpatrick, Chairman
George Real Bird III, Member
Larry Vandersloot, Member

BIG HORN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES April 21, 2022 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 0930 by Commissioner Fitzpatrick

2. Roll Call

Present: Lance Pederson; Mike Opie; Commissioners Fitzpatrick, Real Bird, and Vandersloot; Victoria Olsen; Waylon Rodgers

Public Attendees: Dan Willoughby, Steve Aopes, R.F. Simpson, Rock Massine, Mark Zerbe

Virtual attendees: one individual who did not wish to identify themselves

3. Approve Minutes and Supporting Documents

4. Claim Approval

5. Old Business

9:00 - Staff Update & Claims

6. New Business

9:30 - Environmental

- Floor was opened for public comment. No public comment by public.

Dispatch Board Resolution, Dissolve & Reform Dispatch Board

[Zoom Link: Click Here](#)

- Lance Pederson began with the introduction of Resolution No. 2022- Revocation of Resolution No. 2021-05 and Establishment of Big Horn County 911 Advisory Board.
- Commissioners determined that it would be in the best interest and welfare of the citizens of Big Horn County to establish an advisory board for a governing emergency call center, the Big Horn County Emergency Communications Dispatch Center (hereinafter Dispatch Center).

- To avoid confusion, Resolution 2021-05 should be dissolved.
- The new resolution would establish five voting members and any number of ex-officio non-voting members who will have no definite term of office.
 - Eligibility requirements must be citizens of the U.S. and residents of Big Horn County to be eligible for 911 Board appointment.
 - Any board member can be removed at the discretion of the county commissioners who oversee the board.
- Pederson made a suggestion to have different people from different departments on the board, such as the Treasurer.
- Commissioner Fitzpatrick expressed the importance of working together and that the resolution is a living document that can be modified at any time.
- Commissioner Vandersloot asked if voting on the new resolution could be done that day (04-21-2022).
- Pederson expressed it is not fully ready and it could depend on how many revisions need to be made.
- The floor was then opened for any revisions or concerns:
 - Victoria Olsen expressed that doing secretarial duties for the 911 Board on top of Admin for Dispatch and Detention center is not sustainable. Would like to have an assistant for secretarial duties for 911 Board.
 - The Commissioners would have to appoint secretarial duties for 911 Board.
 - Lance will revise the section on secretarial duties to a secretary appointed by commissioners.
 - The appointed secretary will not be a voting member and is an ex officio.
 - R.F. Simpson expressed concern about the number of ex officios on the board and that there should be a limit.
 - Current Ex Officios are: Sheriff of Big Horn County, Police Chief for City of Hardin, and Dispatch Administration.
 - The question was asked if BIA should be on the board. An offer will be made.

7. Public Comments

8. Discussion

9. Adjourn

Commissioner Fitzpatrick moved to adjourn after no further comments or discussion.