

BIG HORN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Room 301
Hardin, MT 59034



BIG HORN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES May 2, 2022 9:00 AM

Members

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

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Sidney Fitzpatrick.

2. Roll Call

- Sidney Fitzpatrick; George Real Bird III; Mike Opie; Lance Pederson; Victoria Olsen; Lindsey Fox; Denise Rios

3. Approve Minutes and Supporting Documents

4. Claim Approval

- Staff Update and Claims

- Victoria Olsen discussed a Dispatch board conversation between Fitzpatrick, Real Bird, Opie, and Pederson with Jennifer Viets regarding access to FBI-sponsored information programs.
- Commissioner Fitzpatrick requested amendments to the resolution regarding the dispatch center, including their willingness to accept public comment on any of their regularly scheduled meetings.

5. Old Business

- Deputy Treasurer - Job Description and Wage Decision

- Denise Rios updated the commissioners on doing research on the position of deputy treasurer. It has never been titled or compensated. She would like to see it titled and compensated.
- Commissioner Real Bird asked Mike Opie where the budget is at just to see where the county is financially before addressing wage increases.

- Mike Opie stated we will survive, but next year there will be budget cuts.
- Real Bird entertained a motion to approve the Deputy Treasurer's job description and wage decision. The motion was seconded by Sidney Fitzpatrick and passed unanimously.

6. New Business

• Zoning - Cannabis Zoning

- A cannabis dispensary is being proposed at the location of Baachachaik Fireworks. This is privately owned and deeded land. The state wants a letter stating from the tribe that it is okay to go through parts of reservation land that is located in that area and, since the deeded land is on the reservation, they want a letter from the tribe that allows permission for a cannabis dispensary operation.
- Tribal laws regarding deeded lands will be sent via email.
- A request was made by a member of the public to get a letter with information about zoning for the cannabis dispensary.

• Dispatch Board Resolution

7. Public Comments

8. Discussion

9. Adjourn

George Real Bird entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was passed unanimously.