

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 May 24, 2022 9:00 AM

1. Staff Updates and Claim Approvals - 9:00AM

Lindsey Fox

- Staff updates: Needs for Deputy County Attorney. Resignation letters. COA providing detention meals; will know if there are enough employees to do so at the end of July.

2. Call to Order - 9:30AM

Called to order by Sidney Fitzpatrick

3. Roll Call

Sidney Fitzpatrick; Larry Vandersloot; George Real Bird III

4. Approve Minutes and Supporting Documents

Sidney Fitzpatrick made the motion to approve minutes from April 19th to May 12, 2022. The motion was seconded by George Real Bird. Motion was passed.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

Public Comment period ends for Coal Board grant applications/environmental impact.

Bill Kennedy of YWCA said the Coal Board Grant applications/environmental impacts were passed and approved on May 24, 2022. The publications were made for local newspapers and the Billings Gazette. There were no public comments made regarding the publications. The next phase, once the resolution is approved, is for the proposals to go in front of the coal board.

Commissioner Larry Vandersloot made a motion to approve the Determination that is appropriate for the YWCA Billings, Gateway Horizons Domestic Violence shelter. The motion was seconded by George Real Bird III. The motion was passed.

Bill Kennedy mentioned the Crow Tribe is onboard for the shelter. It will take an estimated \$4.4 to \$4.5 million to complete the project. The coal board administers grants in coal-impacted areas.

Big Horn County CDBG and DLA Project Meeting

CDBG and DLA Project meeting regarding the lock down of \$2.089 million for the ambulance building. The contract sets the amount and locks down the final guaranteed maximum price. Legal Counsel Lance Pederson spoke of the email from Matt Mikkelson who had concerns about escalation in material prices which was due to the unpredictability of material prices. The Commissioners do not want the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) changed due to unpredictable material costs. Commissioner Vandersloot wanted a statement on the contract which states that the GMP is locked at the price of \$2.089 million. If the price is locked, the commissioners will sign the contract. Lance Pederson was asked if the contract is ready to sign. The answer was yes. Commissioner Vandersloot talked to the County Road Crew for the excavation part. The overall budget was discussed between Mike Opie and Robie Culver. Additional funds could be from ARPA funding or from two other sources before going to InterCap Loan. An update will happen on Thursday (05/26/2022) and the final decision will be on Thursday for contract signing.

Greg Benjamin-Stahly Engineering Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84074583639?pwd=K1J5UIVLdXNCZ0lRL09Ob1k4eklZZz09>

The meeting was rescheduled for 11am on Wednesday May 23 2022.

Decision on Personnel Hearing

A decision was agreed upon at the personnel hearing.

7. Public Comments

8. Discussion

9. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made by George Real Bird. Motion was seconded and passed.