

BIG HORN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Room 301
Hardin, MT 59034



BIG HORN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES June 13, 2022 9:00 AM

Members

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

1. Employee Updates and Claim Approvals - 9:00am

2. Call to Order - 9:30am

Call to order was made by Commissioner Sidney Fitzpatrick.

3. Roll Call

Sidney Fitzpatrick
Larry Vandersloot
George Real Bird

4. Approve Minutes and Supporting Documents

Minutes and supporting documents were approved.

5. Old Business

Select Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Supervisor

-Larry Vandersloot made a motion to hire Austin Feller as Building & Grounds Maintenance Supervisor.

-George Real Bird seconded the motion.

-Motion passed.

Re: Cannabis Control division-License App of A Lucker LLC.

-Sidney Fitzpatrick made a motion to approve re: Cannabis Control Division-License App of A Lucker L.L.C.

-Motion was seconded by Larry Vandersloot

-Motion passed.

Jay Valez, Fairgrounds Management Agreement

-Jay Valez was not present.

6. New Business

Pre-Construction Meeting For Big Horn County Ambulance Barn

- Contractors from Stahly Engineering were present and went over line items regarding upcoming construction on new Ambulance Building. They discussed construction logistics and progression, as well as, how they will complete their contract.
- They went over questions the Commissioners had regarding project completion date.
- Concerns were discussed between the Commissioners, Contractors and Accountant.
- Scott Cromwell would be point of contact for Contractors and Mike Opie, accountant for County would be the one to handle all correspondence and all information coming from Stahly Contractors.
- Logistics such as; ground concern from a mitigation stand point, level of noise during construction was addressed, construction duration at 270 days or better, dust control, were some things they discussed.
- Contractors want to start construction next Monday.
- A 270 day contract estimate was made.
- Once construction starts, safety is the responsibility of the contractors.
- Commissioner Larry Vandersloot made a motion to pass Resolution No, 2022-14, a Resolution to provide funding for the Big Horn County Ambulance Facility Project.
- Motion seconded by Commissioner Sidney Fitzpatrick.
- Motion passed.

Accept resignation letter

- Commissioner Larry Vandersloot made a motion to accept the resignation letter of Kristin Stokes.
- Motion seconded by Commissioner George Real Bird.
- Motion passed.

Proposed County Wide Road Study Project, Nick Winfield.

- Commissioner Sidney Fitzpatrick made a motion to table Nick Winfield till 9:30 a.m. June 14, 2022.
- Motion seconded by Commissioner Larry Vandersloot.
- Motion passed.

Voting Plan for 317 Center Ave. Building signage letter

- Commissioner Larry Vandersloot made a motion to accept both plans for voting on Bankruptcy plan for 317 Center Avenue Building signage letter.
- Motion was seconded by George Real Bird.
- Motion passed.

Bill Kennedy

- Bill Kennedy of YWCA Gateway Horizons came and gave an update on the previous Thursday Coal Board meeting. He expressed his disappointment of the Coal Board not granting funding for the much needed YWCA Gateway Horizon's Women's Shelter project.
- He expressed that the shelter was greatly needed because of all the women and children who face and are victims of domestic violence of any kind. This facility would be the place where all the surrounding areas would be utilized in times of crisis for victims of domestic violence, a safe haven.
- Commissioner Vandersloot has a special place in his heart for women and children who face domestic violence or violence of any kind. Commissioners agreed it is needed.
- A motion to approve Resolution 2022-13 providing an additional \$100,000 to complete the YWCA's Gateway Horizons Shelter project using ARPA funds was made by Commissioner Larry Vandersloot.
- Motion was seconded by Commissioner Sidney Fitzpatrick.
- Motion passed.

7. Public Comments

- Corinna Kuntz and Mark Kuntz came and gave public comments.
- They asked questions about A Lucker, LLC., who wanted to put a Cannabis Dispensary on the reservation.
- They made a comment about cannabis dispensaries and that they would provide further information for the Commissioners regarding dispensaries.
- They also asked about the Cemetary Board and who is in control of management of cemetary.

8. Discussion

9. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sidney Fitzpatrick.