

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 June 28, 2022 9:00 AM

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

Ted Haffeman and AJ Espinoza from the road department gave an update on road policy, and will start charging for signs.

2. Call to Order - 9:30am

Comissioner Fitzpatrick calls meeting to order.

3. Roll Call

Joe Dompier from MFPE, Lance Pedersen, Legal Counsel, Mike Opie, Accountant, Lindsey Fox, Human Resources, Aj Espinoza and Ted Haffeman from the road department, and Tom from BHC News were also in attendance.

4. Approve Minutes and Supporting Documents

5. Old Business

Road Negotiations

Mike starts going over numbers, and Commissioner Fitzpatrick asks how to handle inflation down the road when prices go back down. Joe asks if he's talking about the percentage increase, then clarifies. Commissioner Fitzpatrick asks if the matrix will keep the road guys stable during inflation. Joe reassures them it will and that the numbers aren't exaggerated. Mike points out a possible error or typo in Joe's matrix. Joe explains where the adjustment should be made. AJ asks for the fire chief's raise to be increased from \$.67 to \$1.50 and pager pay be increased from \$25 to \$100/ day. Commissioner Vandersloot asked to meet in the middle at \$50/day. Joe and Aj agree. Aj will stay on as fourth fire chief. Joe will withdraw language on the fire marshal. With the additional \$1.50, it will increase in the first year from \$111,000 to \$125,000 but from years 2 to 3 the price will remain unaffected. Joe clarifies that if they separate fires, the contract will have to be revisited. Commissioner Vandersloot countered with \$1.00. AJ states that \$.67 hasn't gone up in 20 years. Commissioner Vandersloot agrees to the \$1.50 for fire chiefs. Mike will finalize numbers with Joe, and draw up a contract to submit to the board.

6. New Business

7. Public Comments

8. Discussion

9. Adjourn

There being no other business, the board adjourned.

Approved: _____
Sidney Fitzpatrick
Chairman

Attest: _____
Peri Schenderline
Deputy Clerk & Recorder