

BIG HORN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Room 301
Hardin, MT 59034



BIG HORN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES March 2, 2023 9:00 AM

Members

George Real Bird III, Presiding Officer
Larry Vandersloot, Member
Lawrence Pete Big Hair, Member

1. Call to Order

Chairman Real Bird calls meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

AJ Espinoza, Road Superintendant, and Tom Ackerman, Big Horn County News were also in attendance.

3. Claim Approvals

The board signed the claim book dated 3/1/23.

4. Approve Minutes and Supporting Documents

5. Old Business

Little Horn Center Name Change

The commissioners discussed the possibility of a name change for the Little Big Horn Center, a request submitted by Sheriff King. The Board decided to take public comment on the resolution and will hold a public hearing. Commissioner Vandersloot entertained a motion to put the Little Big Horn Center name change up for public comment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Big Hair and passed unanimously.

Lowline Ditch - Culvert

AJ Esinoza, Road Superintendant, found the community school road was established in 1908. He went to the Treasures office and researched which ditch companies and irrigation companies the county services and Lowline ditch company is not one of them. Discussion over the cost of replacing the culverts. Discussion over the ditch company being there before Big Horn County was established. AJ would like Lowline to provide the right away before the culvert is changed. In his research he found he has right of ways from the property owners but not the ditch company. Commissioner entertained a motion to pay for both culverts with BARSAA money. Commissioner Big Hair seconds the motion. Discussion over location and the economic impact when the culverts fail. Presiding Officer Real Bird calls for vote, and passed unanimously.

6. New Business

Beartooth Board

Commissioner Vandersloot will be replacing previous Commissioner Fitzpatrick on the Beartooth

RC&D board. Presiding Officer Real Bird explains what Beartooth is. Commissioner Big Hair entertained a motion to appoint Commissioner Vandersloot to the Beartooth RC&D Board. The motion was seconded by Presiding Officer Real Bird and passed unanimously.

Audit Review and Responses

Mike Opie, Accountant, joined the meeting and read over the audit and responses, he took notes for the changes the board would like made to the responses. They would like County Attorney, Jeanne Torske to review.

Personnel

(CLOSED DOOR)

7. Public Comments

8. Discussion

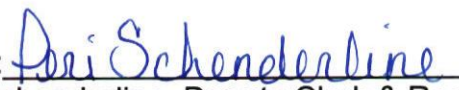
Pam Walling

Pam Walling from MACo Health care, Lindsey Fox, Human Resources, Mike Opie, Accountant, and AJ Espinoza, Road Superintendant, were also in attendance. Pam goes over Big Horn County's Plan and Performance Summary for the year. The Board of County Commissioners referred Pam to the Health committee.

9. Adjourn

There being no other business, the board adjourned.

Approved: 
George Real Bird III, Presiding Officer

Attest: 
Peri Schenderline, Deputy Clerk & Recorder