

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA
January 02, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 31, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer; Glen E. Magera, Commissioner and Carol Brooker, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: setting a public hearing for South Hill Ridge Major Subdivision. Jennifer Ekberg set the public hearing for February 20, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Further discussion was held on Cedar Creek Road and Ms. Maudrone working with Commissioner Brooker on obtaining legal and physical access for the property owners.

Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) requested to meet with the Board as he was not on the scheduled agenda, to discuss: the new Deputy Treasurer. Commissioner Magera motioned to execute the HR Personnel Action form for Kimberly Patton as the new Deputy Treasurer effective January 1, 2020. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Also in attendance was Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools.

Commissioner Cox left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute Landowner Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Agreement No. 116 between Sanders County and Tony Correia. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox joined the Board at 11:30 a.m.

The Board met via teleconference with Bill Barron, District 1, Lake County Commissioner; Dave Stipe, District 2, Lake County Commissioner; Gale Decker, District 3, Lake County Commissioner and Wally Congdon, Civil Deputy, Lake County Attorney to discuss: Senator Daines Montana Water Rights Protection Act. Commissioner Magera proposed addressing the questions and concerns Lake and Sanders County has provided to Senator Daines point by point in the meeting that is scheduled for tomorrow, January 3, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., in Kalispell at Senator Daines office.

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:30 p.m.

The Board met with Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management to discuss: grant updates, as well as questions Mr. Naegeli had on County ambulances and pay for ambulance employees. Further discussion was held on the County obtaining a procurement policy. Mr. Naegeli will work on obtaining a policy to put before the Board. Also in attendance was Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Solid Waste Refuse Disposal District.

The Board requested to meet with Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Solid Waste Refuse Disposal District as he was not on the scheduled agenda, to discuss: what entities have keys to the solid waste sites. Mr. Peterson provided a list to the Board of who has keys to the solid waste sites. Mr. Peterson will follow up with Mission Valley Security on obtaining a surveillance camera at the new Solid Waste Refuse Disposal District transfer station.

The Board met with Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian to discuss: a summary of 2019 goals and deadlines met. Inspections- 181 licensed establishments, 93% completed, Temporary Events- 35 in fiscal year 2020, Soil/Site Analyses- 54 in calendar year 2019, Wastewater permits- 76 permits in fiscal year 2020, Water/well permits- 38 permits in fiscal year 2020, Local Subdivision Reviews- 53 in calendar year 2020, Junk Vehicles- 51 vehicles and 2 mobile home incentives in fiscal year 2020. Sanders County has 216 vehicles in the Trout Creek yard. Environmental Health will have the State of Montana come in the spring to crush the vehicles. Further discussion was held on Mr. Sorenson's performance appraisal goals and his status to date.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer

Nichol Scribner

Clerk & Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools

BY: _____, Secretary

Jennifer Ekberg

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA
January 07, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 07, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer; Glen E. Magera, Commissioner and Carol Brooker, Commissioner.

The Board met with Erin Carey, District Ranger, Lolo National Forest to discuss: the forest service is about to begin hiring temporary and permanent employees for the fire season. Lolo National Forest is in the process of hiring a new Forest Management Officer (FMO). As for vegetation the Swamp Eddy decision notice was signed today. The first timber sale for Swamp Eddy should be awarded in either the spring or summer of 2020. Burnt Beam fire sale is still underway. One unit is still actively managing the timber and is hauling 2-3 loads of logs a day down Beamish Road. In the 2 Short timber sale two units are currently active. The units are hauling 3-5 loads of timber a day down Shorty Gulch and 3-5 loads of timer down Brushy Gulch. Black Jack timber sale is finished and closed. For Wildlife the forest service is developing an alternative no. 3 for the BMU 22 to retain motorized access on spring and Munson Creek, storage of Big Spruce, Koo Koo Sint Reach and Barktable (Thompson Bench). A draft Environment Assessment (EA) is expected this February. The scoping period for the Falls Flats connector trail ended yesterday. Several comments of support were received for the connecting trail. In the next few weeks a decision memorandum should be finalized on the Falls Flats connector trail. The forest service is in the process of applying for multiple grants for ferry landing, cascade, falls flats, river trail and spring creek trails. The Yellowstone Pipeline decision was finalized in November of 2019. The forest service is in the process of moving forward with a construction permit.

ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS

Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve December 11-12th, 18-19th & 31st, 2019 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met Jen Kreiner, Executive Director, Sanders County Community Development Corporation; Billie Lee, Lake County Community Development Corporation (LCCDC); Emily Park, Mineral County Community Development Corporation; Jim Jacobson, Sanders County Community Housing Organization; Ernie Scherzer, SCCHO; Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services and Jim Thaden, Executive Director, LCCDC to discuss: the Sanders County Community Housing Project. Billie Lee discussed the regional partnership and the potential changes to amplify financial resources into the region, as well as proposed the idea of changing the name to better reflect the entire region. Becoming an Economic Development Administration (EDA) District asking that the County represented have a personal representative, and asked for feedback from the Sanders County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Brooker inquired as to whether there would be a planner position. Billie Lee, confirmed the planner position which would be funded thru EDA funding grants annually. Commissioner Brooker inquired if cities were included in advisory board decisions. Billie Lee, affirmed that this would be required by the EDA District. Jen Kreiner would support and assist in participating as an advisory partner. Emily Park advised that she and her Board would support the EDA District. Commissioner Brooker stated rebranding LCCDC is a good idea and necessary. Ernie Scherzer, commented that it is about time for smaller communities to combine to get things done. Billie Lee, proposed to use funds to get the process going. Noxon Housing project: gifted land value must be appraised and can be used for match purposes. Jen Kreiner advised two responses were received for the Request for Qualifications for the Sanders County Housing project, with the next step to be setting up interviews. The goal is to be under contract with an individual by February 2020 with results mid-summer 2020. Billie Lee inquired with Ernie Scherzer in regards to the SCCHO and whether or not they have obtained an Executive Director. Mr. Scherzer stated that Deb Achatz was awaiting a reply to the job description and the pay rate for the position. Emily Park advised the Board that Mineral County does not have a housing board. Lastly, the first public hearing for a needs assessment will be scheduled and advertised.

The Board met with Kim Bergtrom, Sanders County Aquatic Invasive Plants (AIP) Task Force to discuss: a letter of support from the Board for the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) grant. The Board has consensus to submit a letter of support to the DNRC for the Sanders County AIP Task Force. Further discussion was held on the reappointment of positions to the Sanders County AIP Task Force. Commissioner Brooker motioned to

reappoint Larry Lack, Representative at Large; Avista Representative; Montana Bass Federation Representative; a Non-Voting United States Forest Service Representative and a Fish Wildlife and Parks Representative. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Further discussion was held on Ms. Bergstrom discussing with Nate Hall about his resignation as a facilitator to the Sanders County AIP Task Force in the near future.

The Board met with Ryan Kreiner, Biologist, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MT FWP) for the quarterly Wildlife Meeting. Mr. Kreiner spoke on the high mercury and other mineral levels in fish studies being conducted shows birds affected by ingestion of fish have high mercury and other minerals levels, testing is on-going. Commissioner Cox advised that FWP worked with Avista on the fishtrap at Graves Creek. The fishtrap studies have shown that the bull trout population has increased. The Bull Trout Red counts show that the population trend is decreasing but Graves Creek numbers show increasing population because of the transport project at Thomson River on the transportation of juvenile fish. Studies conducted with Northwestern Energy show that the Fish Trap has the biggest Bull Trout tributary in the area. Gill netting is conducted every October and is showing that the Walleye populations is remaining steady. FWP is holding a Wildlife Meeting in Trout Creek tomorrow, January 8, 2020 in regards to managing predators. Mr. Kreiner is working on finalizing funding sources for the conservation fund to purchase 2- 20 acre lots on Thompson River, providing a walk-in fishing access. River access between Thompson River and Plains, Montana has been on a high priority list to address. There is continuing restoration on Crow Creek for bull trout and cut throat as well as Graves Creek and Fish Trap Creek. A Cut Throat 3-Phase project is being proposed for hybridization with Rainbow Trout.

The Board met with Glen Cameron, Montana Department of Transportation to discuss: the results of the Montana Hwy 200 Speed Study. The speedy study resulted in MDT granting the speed limit increase from mile post 56 to milepost 59 to 70 M.P.H. Commissioner Brooker requests another speed study to be conducted during a heavier impact period, such as the summer months for Hwy 135 between Camp Bighorn and Quinn's Hot Springs Resort. Quinn's Hot Springs Resort is constructing a new pool, an RV Park is in the works, and the United States Forest Service has proposed campgrounds and a trail connector in the area. Further discussion was held on the concern of the speed increase to 55 mph east of Thompson Falls through the highway overpass. The Board was encouraged to send a letter of request to move the speed increase sign east, past the new Solid Waste Refuse Disposal District Transfer Station.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer

Nichol Scribner
Clerk & Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools

BY: _____, Acting Secretary
Kathy Conlin

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA
January 09, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, January 09, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer; Glen E. Magera, Commissioner and Carol Brooker, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: proposed amendments to the Sanders County Subdivision Regulations, Fees and Buildings for Lease or Rent prior to the public hearing noticed for January 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

The Board met with Naomi Leisz, County Attorney-Public Administrator to discuss: a gambling after hour's ordinance, liability insurance limits for Independent Contractors as well as a tree that has been compromised due to fire

damage on the corner of 2nd Street and Jenkins Street in Noxon, Montana. Ms. Leisz will look into the matters and follow up with the Board at a later date.

ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS

The Board has a consensus to execute the Cooperative Agreement between Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) and the Sanders County Board of Health (BOH) to establish a payment schedule for maximizing the disbursement of funds to the BOH to support inspections of licensed establishments and to determine which optional programs the BOH will conduct.

The Board adjourned at noon and resumed the regular session at 1:30 p.m.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 3 days without incident. An incident occurred at Solid Waste and an investigation report was provided. A slip/trip occurred on the sidewalk at the Detention Center. An investigation on the incident is underway. Open County Positions: Deputy Sheriff, three new external applications have been received. Commissioners Executive Assistant, two internal candidates to date. Justice Court Clerk/Restitution Officer (part-time), the open position goes external this afternoon. Further discussion was held on Commissioner Cox and Commissioner Magera reviewing the Executive Assistant applicants with Mr. Wallace to screen for proposed interviews.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer

Nichol Scribner
Clerk & Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools

BY: _____, Acting Secretary
Kathy Conlin

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA January 15, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer; Glen E. Magera, Commissioner and Carol Brooker, Commissioner.

As it was 10:00 a.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Anthony B. Cox opened the Solid Waste (SW) Refuse Disposal District Meeting. In attendance were: Anthony B. Cox, Member; Glen E. Magera, Member; Carol Brooker, Member; Jason Peterson, Supervisor and Kathy Conlin, Acting Secretary/Billing Clerk/Recycling Assistant. Old Business: Discussion was held on quotes that were requested for roll-off sites during the December 18, 2019 SW Board Meeting. Commissioner Carol Brooker will follow up with B & P Services to see if they have obtained any quotes for the Plains roll-off site. Jason Peterson will follow up with quotes for the roll-off sites as well. An update was provided on the keys to the new transfer station. Butte Services and Haskins were provided keys to the new transfer station site. Mr. Peterson advised that operations at the new transfer station are going well. The Board approved the cost of the new attendant shed for the new transfer station. The SW Board discussed the value of the old garbage baler for sale purposes. New Business: Kathy Conlin discussed Recreational Vehicle Site Refuse Fees. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve a \$32.00 per RV Park Seasonal/Year Round Fee for SW, which equals one-fifth of a yearly refuse unit Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Recycling Report: 38 bales of Cardboard was recycled, Metal from all haulers must be placed in the metal bin. There was no further public comment. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 9 days without incident. Sidewalk safety will be addressed in the spring of 2020. Open County Positions: Deputy Sheriff, applications have been received. Mr. Wallace is waiting for a response from Sheriff Rummel and Undersheriff Hensley for proposed interviews. Commissioners Executive Assistant, three candidates to date. Justice Court Clerk/Restitution Officer (part-time), no internal or external candidates to date. Solid Waste Driver, posted externally later today. Further discussion was held on HR Training that will occur in late February 2020.

The Board adjourned at noon and resumed the regular session at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute Landowner Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Agreement No. 155 between Sanders County and William Susic. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute Landowner Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Agreement No. 156 between Sanders County and William Susic. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Jessica Connolly, Chief Financial Officer requested to meet with the Board as she was not on the scheduled agenda, to discuss: the financials for the Sheriff's Office.

As it was 2:00 p.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Anthony B. Cox opened the Sanders County Board of Health (BOH) Meeting. In attendance were: Anthony B. Cox, Member; Glen E. Magera, Member; Carol Brooker, Member; Dr. Robert Gregg, Member; Dr. Jack Lulack, Member; Kathy Conlin, Acting Secretary; Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian; and Karen Morey, Director of Public Health. Dr. Gregg motioned to approve October 16, 2019 meeting minutes. Dr. Lulack seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. New Business: Karen Morey advised thirteen positive influenza cases to date in Sanders County. Seven Influenza B and six Influenza A with one hospitalization. Influenza B/Victorian and A (H1N1) are the predominant viruses. As of January 4, 2020 over 1,200 cases and 78 hospitalizations have been reported in Montana with no deaths. Communicable Disease Reporting in Montana: Immediately report suspected or confirmed cases to 406827-6931, fax 406-827-6988. After business hours 406-827-3584 (Sanders County Dispatch). If Local Public Health Jurisdiction is unavailable call 406-444-0273 (available 24/7). Ms. Morey advised the Sanders County Employee Health and Wellness Fair is scheduled for March 19, 2020 in the Sanders County District Courtroom from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Karen Morey presented for Sandi Gubel due to her absence. An emergency measure was put into place on December 18, 2019 by Governor Steve Bullock enacting a 120-day emergency ban, prohibiting the sale of all flavored e-cigarette products in Montana. The ban continues until April 15, 2020. The jurisdiction is left to the Counties to enforce compliance of the ban. On December 19, 2019, Karen Morey, Director of Public Health and Sandra Gubel, Tobacco Prevention Specialist visited 13 sites in Sanders County listed as tobacco retailers. On December 20, 2019 Tobacco 21 a federal law went into effect, which makes it illegal to sell tobacco products, including e-cigarettes to anyone under the age of 21. Montana Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is awaiting additional guidance from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to determine the next steps for Tobacco 21 in the state of Montana. January 2, 2020, the FDA issued a policy prioritizing enforcement against certain unauthorized flavored e-cigarette products (such as Juul) that appeal to kids, including fruit and mint flavors. Companies that do not cease manufacture, distribution and sale of unauthorized flavored cartridge-based e-cigarettes (other than tobacco or menthol flavors) within 30-days, risk FDA enforcement actions. Montana's emergency rules on flavored e-cigarette products are more comprehensive and still apply. Montana's emergency measure was made because of deaths and hospitalizations of persons diagnosed with the pulmonary disease known as E-Cigarette or Vaping Associated Lung Injury (EVALI). As of January 7, 2020 there have been 2,602 hospitalized lung injury cases associated with the use of e-cigarettes, or vaping products reported to the CDC. The DPHHS website has information on EVALI as new numbers regarding outbreak are reported every Thursday afternoon <http://dphhs.gov/publichealth/mtupp/vapingpulmonarydisease>. Shawn Sorenson advised minor policy changes needed in the retail food grading to be consistent with Montana Food Code violation categories. A letter was sent from Environmental Health on the results of licensed establishments inspected in 2019 as well as information regarding the upcoming 2020 inspections. An installer and consultant training will be soon for contractors to focus on statute and rule changes, design vs. installation and continued improvements for the Environmental Health staff. Unfinished Business: Shawn Sorenson stated the Lakes of Heron let their state approved public water and wastewater designs sunset therefore they will have to resubmit if they are to move forward as well as drill test a well to verify what the ground water is doing in that area/definitive groundwater direction for the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Mr. Sorenson advised that his department has implemented a

log to better track correspondence with compliance dates. The Paradise Sewer District held a public hearing in regards to pursuing a grant to fund for the wastewater system. The meeting had a good turnout of public citizens. Mr. Sorenson reminded the Board that the Thompson Falls "hill" needs to be addressed, the hill is very similar to the proposed Paradise Sewer project in which at least 500 homes produce wastewater that may be going into the Clark Fork River, this is a very unique situation that has been known for many years and the City of Thompson Falls, Montana needs to work towards installing a sewer system. Commissioner Cox was able to get in touch with Chad Stocking via telephone to discuss the large Spruce tree which has suffered fire damage and has become a safety hazard on the corner of 2nd Street and Jenkins Street in Noxon, Montana. Mr. Stocking assured Commissioner Cox that he would take care of the tree if the County deemed it is a hazard. There was no public comment. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer

Nichol Scribner
Clerk & Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools

BY: _____, Acting Secretary
Kathy Conlin

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA
January 16, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer and Glen E. Magera, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: a tree located on private property in Noxon, Montana that is a possible safety issue. Ms. Maudrone will follow up with pictures of the possible safety issue. Commissioner Cox will follow up with the property owner upon Ms. Maudrone's research. Further discussion was held on current subdivisions that are up for review.

The Board adjourned at noon and resumed the regular session at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer

Nichol Scribner
Clerk & Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools

BY: _____, Acting Secretary
Kathy Conlin

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA
January 21, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer and Glen E. Magera, Commissioner.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources to discuss: the applicants that were submitted for the Executive Assistant position to the Sanders County Board of Commissioners. After review the Board recommended interviewing three selected candidates for interviews to be scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2020

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer

Nichol Scribner
Clerk & Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools

BY: _____, Acting Secretary
Kathy Conlin

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA
January 27, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in special session on Monday, January 27, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer; Glen E. Magera, Commissioner and Carl Brooker, Commissioner.

The Board conducted an interview at 10:00 a.m. for the open position for the Executive Assistant position to the Sanders County, Montana Board of County Commissioners. Also in attendance were: Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources and Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools.

The Board conducted an interview at 11:00 a.m. for the open position for the Executive Assistant position to the Sanders County, Montana Board of County Commissioners. Also in attendance were: Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources and Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools.

The Board adjourned at noon and resumed the session at 1:30 p.m.

The Board conducted an interview at 1:30 p.m. for the open position for the Executive Assistant position to the Sanders County, Montana Board of County Commissioners. Also in attendance were: Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources and Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer

Nichol Scribner
Clerk & Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools

BY: _____, Acting Secretary
Kathy Conlin

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA
January 28, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer; Glen E. Magera, Commissioner and Carol Brooker, Commissioner.

As it was 10:00 a.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Anthony B. Cox opened the public hearing on the Amendment to Sanders County Subdivision Regulations, Fees and Buildings for Lease or Rent. In attendance were: Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services; Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian; Ricky Hagedorn, Surveyor, Hagedorn Land Surveying and Tim Smith, Surveyor, Timberline Surveying. Commissioner Cox then turned the meeting over to Katherine Maudrone to present proposed fee changes to the Sanders County Subdivision Regulations which included: Minor Preliminary Plat Fee from \$300.00 to \$350.00 as well as \$10.00 a lot; Major Final Plat Fee from \$100.00 to \$150.00 as well as \$10.00 a lot, Final Plat Each Phase \$300.00 as well as \$10.00 a lot, Variance Request with Preliminary Application \$50.00 to \$100.00, Variance Request after Preliminary Approval \$50.00 to \$150.00, Preliminary Plat/Phasing Approval Extension \$100.00, Vacating Final Plat \$250.00, Exemption Review \$100.00 to \$200.00, Examining Surveyor Review \$100.00 to \$10.00 a tract, Subdivision Improvement Agreement \$200.00, Amend Application after sufficiency before decision \$50.00 per Amendment, Amend Preliminary Approved Minor before Final \$50.00 per Amendment, Amend Preliminary Approved Major before Final \$50.00 per Amendment, Subsequent Minor \$300.00. Ms. Maudrone then presented proposed changes to the Sanders County Subdivision Regulations including: legislative updates, fire protection, and areas of high wildfire hazards. Commissioner Brooker motioned to continue the Public Hearing on the Amendments to the Sanders County Subdivision Regulations, Fees and Buildings for Lease or Rent to Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/ Superintendent of Schools to discuss: County journal vouchers and a review of the current budget. Presiding Officer Anthony B. Cox examined and approved the Journal Voucher Detail report for the account period of December 2019. Further discussion was held on designating a second polling place for Trout Creek Precinct 3. A notice of polling place change will be posted in blue and pink and posted all throughout the County, as well as a postcard sent to all area voters. Notifications will also be sent to Noxon and Heron voters, as well as a published notice.

The Board adjourned at noon and resumed the regular session at 2:00 p.m.

The Board held the 2020 Employee Service Award Ceremony in the Justice Courtroom. Those recognized for their years of service were: Carol Brooker- 25 years, Lisa Wadsworth- 20 years, Cindy Lidtke- 20 years, Rory Nygaard- 15 years, Katherine Maudrone- 15 years, Shawna Chenoweth- 15 years, Roy Mosher- 15 years, Doug Dryden- 15 years, Jerrie Reichert- 10 years, Jerry Johnson- 10 years, Sandy Hough- 10 years, Dwight Miller- 10 years, April Phillips- 5 years, Ben Bache- 5 years, Jim Burnette- 5 years, Jennifer Ekberg- 5 years, Tiffany Broyhill- 5 years and Jason Peterson- 5 years.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer

Nichol Scribner
Clerk & Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools

BY: _____, Acting Secretary
Kathy Conlin

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA
January 30, 2020

Commissioner Magera proceeded to audit County Payroll at 9:30 a.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$514,849.23. (County Payroll is on file in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder)

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, January 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer and Glen E. Magera, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: subdivisions and road standards. Also in attendance were: Ben Bache, Foreman, Road District No. 1 & 2 and Ashley Blaylock, GIS/Rural Addressing. Mr. Bache proposed discussion on fees for encroachment permits, driveway permits and temporary road permits. Mr. Bache proposed a deposit be made on temporary road access permits and if the permittees reclaim the road and put the road access back to the Sanders County Road standards the permittees would receive a high percentage of the deposit back. If the permittees don't reclaim and fix the temporary road access back to Sanders County Road standards then they would not get any of their deposit back. Mr. Bache will follow up with Flathead County Road department standards for Sanders County to consider. Ashley Blaylock advised that she would be able to construct a mapping layer to track driveway encroachment permits. Ms. Blaylock could scan documents but would be unable to attach the documents to the incorporated mapping layer at this time. She advised there is software to be able to do this, she just is not at that point right now to be able to do so. It will be available to do in the near future. Katherine Maudrone requested that the meeting be closed to discuss personal issues. Therefore, Commissioner Cox and Commissioner Magera requested Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary leave the room.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS

Commissioner Magera motioned to execute Subgrant 20-1 between Community Action Partnership of Northwest Montana and Sanders County so that Sanders County as a sub-recipient shall use funds from the Community Services Block Grant to support the Sanders County Community Housing Organization. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Magera motioned to execute Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Form AR3: Pesticides Annual Report Form for Tier II Facilities for the Sanders County Aquatic Invasive Plant Task Force. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

As it was 2:05 p.m. and the time and place as advertised, the Board proceeded to open the sealed bid received by Robert Peccia and Associates for the Sanders County Airport- Request for Qualifications. Commissioner Magera motioned to take the bid under advisement until Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 7 days without incident. Also in attendance were: Tom Rummel, Sheriff and Lanny Hensley, Undersheriff. Open County Positions: Deputy Sheriff, The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action form for Morgan Grimm as the new Deputy effective Tuesday, February 04, 2020. Justice Court Clerk/Restitution Officer (part-time), the external posting closes on today's date. Solid Waste Truck Driver, interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, February 05, 2020. Assistant Election Clerk, external posting closes on February 14, 2020. Further discussion was held on Defensive Driving Classes instructed by Montana Association of Counties (MACo). There is also a potential discount with private insurance companies for attendees over a certain age. Proposed dates would be February 25-26th, 2020 with both days offering a class in the morning and afternoon.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer

Nichol Scribner
Clerk & Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools

BY: _____, Secretary
Jennifer Ekberg

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA
February 05, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, February 05, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer; Glen E. Magera, Commissioner and Carol Brooker, Commissioner.

The Board met with Bruce Vincent, Environomics USA and Nick Raines, Environmental Coordinator, Hecla Montana Operations to discuss: updates on the Rock Creek mine outside of Noxon, Montana and Montanore mine in Libby, Montana. Also in attendance were: Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services; Jen Kreiner, Executive Director, Sanders County Community Development Corporation; Annie Wooden, the Sanders County Ledger and Scott Shindledecker, Clark Fork Valley Press. Nick Raines advised that in 2018 the U.S. Forest Service issued their record of decision for the Rock Creek mine project and in early 2019, Hecla began working with the state and Forest Service to update the plan of operations for the Rock Creek project. Hecla then submitted the revised plan of operations and late last year, received notification from the Forest Service that the plan was consistent with the requirements laid out in the Forest Service's record of decision. Now the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will review the updated plan. Hecla hopes to receive approval from DEQ to proceed with Phase One of the project which includes evaluation and data collection. This will consist of non-ground disturbing activities and is expected to take five years to complete. In 2017, the federal court overturned environmental approvals in the Forest Service's record of decision for the Montanore project. Mr. Raines advised that the Forest Service is working on revising the environmental impact statement and then Hecla will update its plan of operations. Bruce Vincent stated that Hecla is continuing to see progress from the Forest Service and the state in regards to moving forward with these projects. Commissioner Brooker requested support from Hecla for the Housing Assessment Grant that the County was awarded. The award stipulates that the County is to provide matching funds and Commissioner Brooker is requesting support from businesses that will benefit from the information that will be collected in the housing assessment.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 13 days without incident. Mr. Wallace provided statistics for work related injuries and illnesses from 2013 to 2019. Overall the County has declining numbers related to work related injuries and illnesses. Montana Association of Counties will hold a Defensive Driving class on February 25, 2020 and February 26, 2020. The employees that attend have the potential to receive a discount from their private auto insurance for attendance. Open County Positions: Justice Court Clerk/Restitution Officer (part-time), the external posting has closed and Mr. Wallace along with Judge Doug Dryden are reviewing applicants for possible interviews. Solid Waste Truck Driver, interviews are scheduled today Wednesday, February 05, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Assistant Election Clerk, external posting closes on February 14, 2020. Further discussion was held on the County hiring outside Council to assist the Commissioners for legal advice.

The Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:30 p.m.

As it was 1:30 p.m. and the time and place as advertised for the decision on the Sanders County Airport-Request for Qualifications, Commissioner Magera motioned to award the Sanders County Airport-Request for Qualifications to Robert Peccia and Associates. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Rich Magera and Wally Logan to discuss: a request to reduce the speed limit on Hwy 200 between Plains and Paradise, Montana. Mr. Magera requested the speed limit be reduced from mile marker 77 to mile marker 82 from 70 m.p.h. to 55 m.p.h. In this five-mile stretch there are two bus stops, sheep that cross the highway, bicyclist that are between traffic and guardrails, semi trucks that cross the highway with low visibility and fifteen fatality crosses that are in a three mile stretch within the five miles that is being requested for a speed reduction. With a consensus from the Board Commissioner Brooker advised Mr. Magera and Mr. Logan the Board will write a letter to the Montana Department of Transportation requesting a speed study.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer

Nichol Scribner

Clerk & Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools

BY: _____, Secretary

Jennifer Ekberg

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA
February 06, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, February 06, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer; Glen E. Magera, Commissioner and Carol Brooker, Commissioner.

As it was 10:00 a.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Anthony B. Cox opened the continued public hearing on the Amendment to Sanders County Subdivision Regulations, Fees and Buildings for Lease or Rent. In attendance were: Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services; Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian; Ben Bache, Foreman, Road District No. 1 & 2; Ricky Hagedorn, Surveyor, Hagedorn Land Surveying; Tim Smith, Surveyor, Timberline Surveying and Ron Warren, Rocky Mountain Surveying. Commissioner Cox then turned the meeting over to Katherine Maudrone to present continued discussion on subdivisions and their impact on County maintained roads. Ron Warren and Tim Smith commented on how subdivision roads impact County roads and their beliefs that down the road they believe the County will end up taking on these roads. Mr. Warren advised the Board that the County needs to obtain road taxes differently. Commissioner Brooker advised Mr. Warren on the legalities associated with road monies. In regards to fire suppression in the subdivision regulations Mr. Warren stated that on page 69 number 3., that the amount required is excessive. Ms. Maudrone requested Mr. Warren to state what he thought was reasonable for consideration. Requiring Park Fees for subsequent Minor Subdivision was proposed. Ron Warran recommended at least 5-lots/parcels with less than 5 acres have to provide park fees to the County. Noxious Weed, Shawn Sorenson addressed the fact that 100% of application of chemicals is affecting humans and animals, and concerns for potential groundwater contamination. Tim Smith requested information be provided to developers for safe handling of chemicals and effective treatment of weeds. Commissioner Brooker motioned to continue the public hearing for the Amendments to Sanders County Subdivision Regulations, Fees and Buildings for Lease or Rent till February 19, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:35 p.m.

The Board met with Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Solid Waste Refuse Disposal District and Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources to discuss: the Solid Waste Refuse Disposal District interviews that were held on Wednesday, February 05, 2020 for a truck driver.

Commissioner Cox left the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

The Board met with Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools to discuss: a Sanders County Tax Appeal that was repealed in 2019. The Board advised Mrs. Scribner that a follow up was not necessary.

The Board met with Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian to discuss: ta proposal from Milton Pierce, Clark Fork Valley Hospital to provide food training to the County. Mr. Pierce would also be able to provide food training services throughout Sanders County in lieu of Mr. Sorenson. The Board has a consensus for Mr. Sorenson to move forward with the food training services provided by Milton Pierce from Clark Fork Valley Hospital. Further discussion was held on letters sent to Plains, Montana residents from Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on the continuing groundwater sampling from wells located on High Country Road, Howells Lane, Isobel Lane, Lower Lynch Creek Road, Lyla Lane, MT Hwy 200, Smiling Tree Lane and Sully Lane as part of the investigation of salt-contaminated groundwater from the Monana Department of Transportation (MDT) Maintenance Facility operations. The letters to residence showed the latest results show that their well water contains salt parameters well below their respective screening levels. DEQ will still require that MDT continue to monitor the residents water on a quarterly basis to track any changes in their water quality.

Commissioner Cox joined the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

The Board met with Matt Dombach, Supervisor, Maintenance to discuss: an update of current and finished projects for the Maintenance Department.

The Board met with Karen Morey, Director of Public Health to discuss: a review of the checklist and approval of communicable disease reporting protocol(s). The Board has a consensus to execute the approval of the communicable disease reporting protocol. Further discussion was held on a dog bite that occurred in Dixon, Montana. The results came back negative for rabies on the canine.

ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS

Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve January 2, 7, 9, 15-16, 28 & 30th, 2020 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox proceeded to audit County Claims at 3:00 p.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$304,446.17. (County Claims are on file in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder)

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer

Nichol Scribner
Clerk & Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools

BY: _____, Secretary
Jennifer Ekberg

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA February 13, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, February 13, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer and Glen E. Magera, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: a draft staff report on South Hill Ridge Major Subdivision. Ms. Maudrone advised the Board that the public hearing on South Hill Ridge Major Subdivision is set for Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Further discussion was held on the Heron Rural Fire District. The Heron Rural Fire District would like to expand their facilities to add more bays to their fire department. Ms. Maudrone advised that to expand the Heron Rural Fire District they would have to expand onto Sanders County Park Commission property. The Sanders County Park Commission will need to follow up with the Heron Rural Fire District for discussion on the feasibility of the Heron Rural Fire District expansion.

The Board met with Bob Church, Vice President, Great West Engineering to discuss: an update on the Solid Waste Refuse Disposal District System Improvements project as well as the Beaver Creek Shop project. Also in attendance was Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Solid Waste Refuse Disposal District. A final inspection will be conducted at the new Solid Waste Refuse Disposal District Transfer Station on Friday, February 28, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

The Board met with Claude Burlingame, Attorney to discuss: Claude Burlingame providing Council to the Board of Commissioners, Sanders County, Montana. Mr. Burlingame will provide Council to the Board and will submit an itemized claim once a month to the County. Further discussion was held on a proposed easement on Corona Road in Plains, Montana; drafting a Termination of Agreement between Sanders County and Gary Campbell; a criminal case that has been filed in the Twentieth Judicial District Court Sanders County, Montana on a member of the Trout Creek Park District Board and the Trout Creek Improvement District Board that has criminal charges pending on using board monies criminally, as well as an agreement between the Sanders County Weed District and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks for the application of products on noxious weeds. Mr. Burlingame will look into the matters further and will follow up with the Board on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

The Board adjourned at noon and resumed the regular session at 1:35 p.m.

The Board met with Larry Lack, Member, Upper Columbia Conservation Council (UC3) to discuss: an update on the meeting held Wednesday, January 29, 2020, for the UC3. Mr. Lack is a member of the UC3 as a representative for Sanders County, Montana. (draft meeting minutes for the UC3 meeting are attached and filed in the Commissioners Office)

Commissioner Cox proceeded to audit County Claims at 2:20 p.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$53,228.24. (County Claims are on file in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder)

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 20 days without incident. Mr. Wallace provided tentative dates for safety rounds that will occur through the County. The Defensive Driving Classes instructed by Montana Association of Counties (MACo) are scheduled for February 25-26, 2020. Open County Positions: Justice Court Clerk/Restitution Officer (part-time), interviews are scheduled for the afternoon of February 19, 2020. Solid Waste Truck Driver, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Peterson are still reviewing the interviews that occurred on February 5, 2020. Assistant Election Clerk, external posting closes on February 14, 2020. Further discussion was held on the HR Training that is scheduled on Thursday, February 27, 2020 with County Department Heads.

The Board met with Katie French to discuss: Mrs. French's concerns and questions regarding the Sanders County Subdivision Regulations and Fee Schedule as it pertains to her future RV Park development. The Board advised Mrs. French to submit her concerns and questions in writing to the Board, so that they may follow up with Mrs. French.

ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS

Commissioner Magera motioned to execute the Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Hot Springs and the County of Sanders, to Cooperate in the Provision of Library Services to the Residents of School District 14J (Amended 2020). Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Magera motioned to execute the Memorandum of Agreement for Services between Sanders County and Thompson River Animal Care Shelter. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Magera motioned to reappoint Gary Kelly to the Paradise Improvement District for a three year term. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Magera motioned to appoint Judith Hawley to the Paradise Improvement District to fill the remainder of the term for Sunny Chase ending on October 20, 2021. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Magera motioned to appoint Jerome McDonald to the Western Sanders County TV District for a three year term. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Magera motioned to appoint Donald Nance to the Western Sanders County TV District for a three year term. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Magera motioned to reappoint John Errecart to the Sanders County Weed District for a two year term. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer

Nichol Scribner
Clerk & Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools

BY: _____, Secretary
Jennifer Ekberg

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA
February 19, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer; Glen E. Magera, Commissioner and Carol Brooker, Commissioner.

As it was 10:00 a.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Anthony B. Cox opened the Solid Waste (SW) Refuse Disposal District Meeting. In attendance were: Anthony B. Cox, Member; Glen E. Magera, Member; Carol Brooker, Member; Jason Peterson, Supervisor, SW Refuse Disposal District; Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary; Kathy Conlin, Billing Clerk, Recycling Assistant and Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR). Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve December 18, 2019 and January 15, 2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Old Business: Rich Wallace provided an update on the individuals that were interviewed for the Truck Driver position in SW. Mr. Wallace recommended re-posting the open position. The Board has a consensus for Mr. Wallace to repost the open position for a Truck Driver for the Solid Waste Refuse Disposal District. Jason Peterson advised the Board that he received a verbal agreement with the Libby Landfill to utilize their landfill at \$30.00 a ton during construction of the Trout Creek Bridge Rehabilitation project this spring 2020. The Board requested Mr. Peterson follow up and obtain a hard copy of the agreement so that the County Attorney can review for execution. New Business: Kathy Conlin inquired as to whether or not Mr. Peterson wanted to accept tires this year for Thompson Falls Beautification Days. Mr. Peterson recommended accepting tires at \$1.00 off the regular SW price, and would not provide a discount to commercial entities. The Board has a consensus to accept tires at \$1.00 off the regular SW price with the exception of not discounting commercial entities. Kathy Conlin request clarification on the hours of operation for all the SW sites. Jason Peterson advised that this spring Plains and Thompson Falls sites will have the same hours of operation. The Trout Creek roll-off site will have an additional temporary roll-off site during the Trout Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Project this June 2020. Mr. Peterson requested the purchase of an air compressor for the new SW Transfer Station. The Board has a consensus for Mr. Peterson to purchase a new air compressor for the new SW Transfer Station. Recycling Report: Mr. Peterson advised there are no recyclables at this time, the recyclables has all been recycled to date. There was no further public comment. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Mary Taylor, First Security Bank (FSB) and Gill Lofthus, FSB requested to meet with the Board as they were not on the scheduled agenda, to discuss: Joint Operation Marisposa. Commissioner Brooker and Commissioner Magera provided an update on the Board's meeting that was held on November 20, 2019 with David Williams, President, Joint Operation Mariposa who is in the process of trying to create a Veterans Office in Thompson Fall, Montana.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 26 days without incident. The Defensive Driving classes instructed by Montana Association of Counties (MACo) are scheduled for February 25-26, 2020. Commissioner Brooker provided an update on MACo's Workers' Compensation Insurance. Open County Positions: Justice Court Clerk/Restitution Officer (part-time), interviews are scheduled for this afternoon, February 19, 2020. Solid Waste Truck Driver, the open position is re-posted until March 4, 2020. Assistant Election Clerk, Mr. Wallace and Nichol Scribner are reviewing applications at this time. Further discussion was held on the HR Training that is scheduled on Thursday, February 27, 2020 with County Department Heads.

The Board met with Claude Burlingame, Commissioners Council to discuss: a proposed easement on Corona Road in Plains, Montana. Commissioner Brooker will follow up with Erin Carey, District Ranger, Lolo National Forest to discuss the proposed easement on Corona Road in Plains, MT. Mr. Burlingame presented a Termination of Agreement between Sanders County and Gary Campbell. Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the Termination of Agreement between Sanders County and Gary Campbell. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Also in attendance was Naomi Leisz, County Attorney-Public Administrator. Mr. Burlingame presented a resolution suspending a member on the Trout Creek Park District. Commissioner Magera motioned to adopt Resolution 2020-01 A Resolution Suspending a Member on the Trout Creek Park District. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Ms. Leisz held discussion on a trailer court issue in Hot Springs, Montana, as well as a lawsuit filed on Sanders County, on the Sanders County Fair Commission and on the Plains Lion Club for an incident that occurred at the 2016 Sanders County Fair. Commissioner Brooker inquired with Mr. Burlingame on how the County would address the Heron Rural Fire District requesting land from the Sanders County Park Commission. Mr. Burlingame will draft a continuing licencing agreement between the Heron Rural Fire District and the Sanders County Park Commission for the Heron Rural Fire District to obtain land from the Sanders County Park Commission to expand their fire department building to have two additional bays.

The Board adjourned at 12:30 p.m. and resumed the regular session at 2:00 p.m.

As it was 2:00 p.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Anthony B. Cox opened the continued public hearing on the Amendment to Sanders County Subdivision Regulations, Fees and Buildings for Lease or Rent. In attendance were: Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services; Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian; Ben Bache, Foreman, Road District No. 1 & 2; Ricky Hagedorn, Surveyor, Hagedorn Land Surveying; and Ron Warren, Rocky Mountain Surveyors. Commissioner Cox then turned the meeting over to Katherine Maudrone to present continued discussion on subdivision regulations including: fire protection, special requirements for subdivisions proposed in areas of high wildfire hazard, rv, and mobile home park regulations. Presiding Officer Anthony B. Cox closed the hearing at 3:05 p.m. Commissioner Brooker motioned to take the matter under advisement until Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

As it was 5:00 p.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Anthony B. Cox opened the public hearing on the Annual Regional Economic Assessment Identifying Community Needs and Projects. In attendance were: Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner; Glen E. Magera, Commissioner; Carol Brooker, Commissioner; Jen Kreiner, Sanders County Community Development Corporation; Connie Foust, Plains Town Council; Jim Thaden, Executive Director, Lake County Community Development (LCCDC); Ernie Scherzer, Sanders County Community Housing Organization (SCCHO); Jim Jacobson, SCCHO; Marie Hirsch, LCCDC; Miriah Kardelis, Sanders County Ledger; Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services; Tobo Leivestad, Resident; Rusti Leivestad, Resident; Angelo Alderete, Project Ascent; Karen Thorson, Paradise Elementary School Preservation Committee (PESPC) and Debbie Wilson, Owner, Edward Jones. Commissioner Cox then turned the meeting over to Jen Kreiner who advised those in attendance that this hearing is to obtain public comment identifying the needs and priorities of Sanders County citizens and communities in the areas of Infrastructure, Housing and Economic Development and to advise local stakeholders of potential funding sources. Mrs. Kreiner held further discussion on types of community development, requirements for funding public infrastructure: the Montana Department of Commerce Programs consisting of: Treasurer State Endowment Program (TSEP), and the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) consisting of: the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF), and the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Rural Utility Services (USDA RD RUS). Housing programs consist of: CDBG and HOME. Marie Hirsch presented Economic Development programs consisting of: Montana Department of Commerce Big Sky Trust Fund, Tourism Grants, State Wood Products Revolving Loan Fund, Montana Main Street Program and the Montana Department of Labor Workforce Training. Public comments as follows: Infrastructure: Connie Foust advised the Town of Plains, Montana needs to relocate their wastewater treatment facility. Ms. Foust added that every city street in Plains, Montana has pot holes that need to be addressed. Housing: Ernie Scherzer stated that there are many types of housing groups in Sanders County. A gentleman in Dixon, Montana wants to construct affordable housing. In Plains, Montana a group is working together to obtain independent senior housing. In Noxon, Montana a group is working on what type of housing is needed in the area. Jen Kreiner advised those in attendance that Sanders County has received a grant to conduct a Housing Needs Assessment. The needs assessment will start the end of March 2020. Economic Development Needs and/or Projects: Jennifer Ekberg read a letter provided by Jerry Lacy, Mayor, City of Thompson Falls, Montana stating: On February 10, 2020, the Thompson Falls City Council adopted the City's 2020 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). The CIP Executive Summary identifies our 11 highest projects: Sewer Collection, Treatment, Street Upgrades/Sewer; Upgrade Water PER, Fire Department SCBAs, City Hall Doors, Additional Water Tank, Wild Goose Park Upgrades, Rose Garden Irrigation, Grader and Water Main Replacements. As well as anticipated infrastructure needs for the City water system and anticipated infrastructure needs for the City wastewater system. Mrs. Ekberg also read an email provided by Daniel Moore and Marlaina Mohr on the Historic Black Bear Inn stating that from the Adaptive Re-Use and Feasibility Study they conducted in 2019 the study concluded that priority facility upgrades and restoration items included: façade and masonry improvements, roof replacement and installation of upgraded windows. Tobo Levistad inquired as to whether there were any resources to assist the Rex Theatre? Jen Kreiner advised that she was not aware of any through the programs mentioned above due to the theatre being a for profit entity. Karen Thorson stated that the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development funded a grant for the PESPC to have a Preliminary Architectural Report (PAR) and Business Plan conducted. The study provided information providing new concepts, future capital improvements and needed repairs. The PESPC and PAR's top priorities are full accessibility in the classroom building (making the building ADA accessible), an elevator in the building to provide limited use/limited access, as well as a new heating and cooling system in the historic classroom building. The system the classroom building has now is a 75-year old boiler that generates steam for antique radiators. The PAR provided information replacing the boiler with a new ductless mini-split, heating and cooling system throughout the building with back-up electric heaters in the stairwells. Mrs. Thorson stated that since the

opening of the Paradise Center over 6,000 people have utilized the building. Mrs. Thorson then inquired to those in attendance if there were questions or concerns that people might have on the Environmental Impacts on the Paradise Center to any proposed additions, maintenance and repairs that have been proposed. There was no comment from the public. Ernie Scherzer stated Noxon and Trout Creek, Montana have reached load capacity for their public watersystem and remembers when the districts provided this information during previous public hearings and it seems that nothing was addressed. Katherine Maudrone advised Mr. Scherzer that the County conducted a Capital Improvements Planning Update prepared by Robert Peccia and Associates on Sanders County water districts. Robert Peccia and Associates made recommendations and provided available funding opportunities to each district. Ms. Maudrone advised that now its up to the districts to move forward with the information that they were provided. Debbie Wilson inquired would the Rex Theatre be able to utilize the Montana Department of Commerce Tourism grant? Jen Kreiner advised the Rex Theatre would have to prove the facility is a visitor destination. Debbie Wilson stated efforts continue to solicit business partners for the Rex Theatre. The Rex Theatre would like to continue to have live entertainment and would like to upgrade the movie system to High Definition (HD). With new equipment upgrades the theatre would have access to training grants for staff. Mrs. Wilson also advised that the Thompson Falls Elks Lodge would like to install a RV dump station for the community and visitors to utilize. Mr. Scherzer stated that all the different groups in the community need to support each other as a whole. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer

Nichol Scribner
Clerk & Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools

BY: _____, Secretary
Jennifer Ekberg

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA
February 20, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer; Glen E. Magera, Commissioner and Carol Brooker, Commissioner.

As it was 10:00 a.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Anthony B. Cox opened the public hearing on the Preliminary Plat Approval of South Hill Ridge Major Subdivision. In attendance were: Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner; Glen E. Magera, Commissioner; Carol Brooker, Commissioner; Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services; Jim Lucas, Landowner; Earl Hanneman, Carstens Surveying; Lynne Eaton, Landowner; Orville Eaton, Landowner; Ben Traver, Owner, South Hill Ridge Subdivision; Bonnie Abbott, Realtor, Realty Northwest and Gail Enger, Realtor, Realty Northwest. Earl Hanneman presented the 12-lot, 20-acre parcels that are proposed as single family residences. Katherine Maudrone presented her staff report on South Hill Ridge Subdivision. Comments were as follows: Commissioner Cox advised he liked the internal roads that are proposed which will lessen the impact on County roads, he also stated he likes the mail boxes located along the internal roads and not the County roads. Earl Hanneman stated that the County could have an attachment to the final plat stating the subdivision has gravel roads and dust will occur. Jim Lucas stated his property borders the proposed subdivision and inquired as to whether the subdivision is going to utilize the gravel road that connects to the gravel pit to build the subdivisions internal roads. Ben Traver stated that yes he would be utilizing the gravel from the gravel pit to build the subdivisions internal roads. Mr. Lucas stated that some kind of dust mitigation plan needs to be used for the road that leads to the gravel pit and goes by his home. His home is 50-100 feet from the road and dust will be an issue. Mr. Traver stated when using gravel from the pit Mr. Traver will not be traveling down the road adjacent to Mr. Lucas's property line. Instead he will be

building and using the internal road that he is creating for the subdivision and will not be traveling by Mr. Lucas's house. Mr. Lucas advised that the noxious weed Ventenata is a concern. The County has been addressing the problem that Mr. Lucas has with Ventenada on his property. The South Hill Ridge Major Subdivision Weed Plan needs to be implemented before the sale of any lots. Commissioner Magera advised the weed plan will be enforced before and after the sale of any lots. Commissioner Magera educated the attendees of the public hearing on what Ventenada is, looks like, and its basic properties. Gail Enger inquired as to what kills Ventenada? Commissioner Magera stated so far only one chemical, Esplanade and its expensive and is not approved for use in Montana. Bonnie Abbott inquired as to what Sanders County is using right now to treat Ventenada? Mr. Lucas advised he has tried Esplanade. Test plots were conducted and one location utilized, was his property. Commissioner Magera stated because the County is under an emergency regarding Ventenada the Sanders County Weed District was able to obtain enough Esplanade to conduct test plots of the herbicide. Commissioner Brooker recommends dust control be addressed in the proposed subdivision. The existing road should be eliminated and reseeded before final plat approval. Presiding Officer Anthony B. Cox closed the hearing at 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve the preliminary plat approval with the following conditions: 1) That 5 foot easement along South Hill Road be granted to Sanders County and noted on the face of the final plat to create standard half width right-of-way for a full width road easement in conjunction with Easement #604 for county roads. 2) That a controlled-access easement be established on the South Hill Road frontage of these lots noting on the face of the plat that all lots must access off private, internal roads. 3) That an approach permit be approved for the proposed private access roads off South Hill Road prior to final plat approval. 4) That all private roads be built to current subdivision road standards, the names approved by Rural Addressing and road name signs erected prior to final plat. 5) That a road maintenance agreement, that addresses dust mitigation, be filed with the final plat and if restrictive covenants are filed, and that they contain the following language "These covenants may not be repealed or amended without the prior written consent of the Board of Sanders County Commissioners". 6) That is be noted on the face of the final plat that "Dust conditions exist in Sanders County that currently the county lacks funding to adequately address". 7) That all road cut and fill areas and other sites disturbed by road construction are reseeded, adequate erosion control measures established and treated for noxious weeds prior to final plat approval. 8) That the existing road on the west boundary of the property be eliminated, and reseeded and that that approach off of South Hill Road also be eliminated. 9) That this subdivision files a Waiver of the Right to Protest a Rural Special Improvement District for the construction, maintenance and other improvements of roads with final plat. 10) That the Trout Creek Post Office be contacted for requirement of an off-roadway area or centralized rural mail delivery outside public road easements and designate this on the final plat. Maintenance of this area must be addressed in the road maintenance agreement. 11) That the subdivider contact the Sanders County Land Services Department for a Noxious Weed and Revegetation Plan and complete initial treatment prior to final plat approval. 12) That the subdivision complies with the Sanders County Subdivision Regulations for Fire Protection. The exact method of compliance must be determined in conjunction with the rural fire department and met prior to final plat approval. 13) That "No Build Zones" be identified on the final plat in areas of 25% or greater slope and at the apex of fire chimneys. 14) That a Fire Prevention and Control Plan identifying hazardous vegetation, treatment and maintenance be included in the CC&R's and addressed prior to final plat approval. 15) That new lot owners be provided with "Ready, Set Go!" to educate them on landscaping and building standards in the Wildland Urban Interface, herein referred to as the WUI and this document incorporated in the CC&R's. 16) That new lot owners be provided with information on living with wildlife, encouraging measures to prevent attracting wildlife and be incorporated in the CC&R's. 17) That all natural drainage ways be identified on the final plat and be preserved to maintain the natural function of the drainage channel, keeping them clean and open, not obstructed by structures, including roads and driveways. 18) That a 15 foot easement be created and placed on the final plat for the old waterline that is located in the southwest corner of this project passing from the USFS property to the adjacent parcel west of this project. 19) That the final subdivision shall comply with all requirements of the Sanders County Subdivision Regulations, Sanders County Wastewater Regulations, and the laws and administrative rules of the State of Montana. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS

Commissioner Magera motioned to execute Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 20-07-25-5-21-017-0 between Montana Department of Health and Human Services and Sanders County. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Magera motioned to reappoint Bev Bangen to the Hot Springs TV District for a three year term. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Doug Dryden, Justice of the Peace to discuss: the current revenues that are brought in by Justice Court, the City of Thompson Falls Police Department, Montana Highway Patrol and the Sanders County Sheriff's Office. Further discussion was held on Justice Court purchasing two desks for employees in Justice Court. The Board has a consensus for Judge Dryden to make the purchase of two desks for two employees in his office.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Commissioner Cox proceeded to audit County Claims at 1:25 p.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$71,770.23. (County Claims are on file in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder)

ATTEST:

Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer

Nichol Scribner
Clerk & Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools

BY: _____, Secretary
Jennifer Ekberg

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA
February 24, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in special session on Monday, February 24, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer via teleconference and Carol Brooker, Commissioner.

As it was 1:30 p.m. and the time and place as advertised, the Board proceeded to open the sealed bids for County Printing and Legal Advertising. Also in attendance was Randy Garrison, the Printery. County Printing Bids were received from: the Sanders County Ledger for Montana Code Annotated (MCA) less 24 percent of the allowable charges as bid for County Printing from February 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021 and the Printery for MCA less 31 percent of the allowable charges as bid for County Printing from February 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021. Commissioner Brooker motioned to award the County Printing bid to the Printery from February 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Legal Advertising Bids were received from: Clark Fork Valley Press for MCA less 35 percent of the allowable charges for County Legal Advertising from February 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021 and the Sanders County Ledger for MCA less 15 percent of the allowable charges as bid for County Legal Advertising from February 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021. Commissioner Brooker motioned to take the County Legal Advertising bids under advisement until Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA
February 26, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer; Glen E. Magera, Commissioner and Carol Brooker, Commissioner.

The Board met with Ben Bache, Foreman, Road District No. 1 & 2 and Lee Smith, Foreman, Road District No. 3 for their quarterly meeting to discuss: the 2020 Sanders County Dust Control Program. The Board has a consensus for Jennifer Ekberg to contact Magnesium Chloride applicators from the Sanders County bidders list to receive quotes for Magnesium Chloride as well as application for property owners that live on County roads. Jennifer Ekberg advised this years Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Program (BaRSAA)/HB 473 Fuel Tax Allocation amount to Sanders County is \$133,114.85. The Road Foreman discussed what types of projects they could do with those available funds. Commissioner Cox will follow up with the total cost of paving 1.5 miles of Clark Fork Road. Further discussion was held on Sanders County proposing a Road Levy on the June or November 2020 ballot.

The Board met with Kimberly Patton, Deputy Treasurer to discuss: County journal vouchers and a review of the current budget. Presiding Officer Anthony B. Cox examined and approved the Journal Voucher Detail report for the accounting period of January 2020. Further discussion was held on the letter received from First Security Bank stating that the County's repurchase account was reduced and will now yield 1.25%. The Board has a consensus to leave the repurchase account with First Security Bank.

ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS

Commissioner Brooker motioned to reappoint Dan Lilja to the Plains Airport Advisory Board for a three year term. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 34 days without incident. Mr. Wallace provided tentative dates for safety rounds that will occur through out the County. Open County Positions: Solid Waste Truck Driver, the open position is reposted until Wednesday, March 4, 2020. Commissioner Brooker advised Mr. Wallace that she received a complaint on the Solid Waste Truck Driver that was on duty February 23, 2020, stating a Sanders County resident stated that the drive was exceeding the speed limit and trash was flying periodically out of the back of the truck. Mr. Wallace will follow up with Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Solid Waste Refuse Disposal District on the complaint against the truck driver on duty. Assistant Election Clerk, Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Scribner are reviewing possible applicants to interview. Weed Control Desk Clerk, posted externally until March 9, 2020. HR Training is scheduled on Thursday, February 27, 2020, with County Department Heads. Further discussion was held on the Sanders County Fair Commission and procedures in effect for the Sanders County Fair Commission meetings.

The Board adjourned at noon and resumed the regular session at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Brooker did not join the Board at 1:30 p.m. due to a Sanders County Community Housing Organization board meeting she attended in another room of the Courthouse.

The Board met with Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management to discuss: Mr. Naegeli is in the process of completing an application for the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG). The Board executed the Federal Fiscal Year 2020-2021 EMPG Funding Commitment Letter as well as the EMPG Annual Time Certification Form. Commissioner Brooker inquired as to whether or not Mr. Naegeli is prepared for the Corona Virus. Mr. Naegeli stated he and Karen Morey, Director of Public Health would use the same protocol as the Eboli Virus that Sanders County has in effect.

Commissioner Cox left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Brooker joined the Board at 2:10 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA
February 27, 2020**

Commissioner Cox proceeded to audit County Payroll at 9:30 a.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$487,150.07. (County Payroll is on file in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder)

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer; Glen E. Magera, Commissioner and Carol Brooker, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: South Hill Ridge Major Subdivision. The Board executed the preliminary plat approval documents for South Hill Ridge Major Subdivision. Discussion was held on a request for an Agriculture Exemption from Randal L. Sharp. Commissioner Brooker motioned that the Board is not in opposition to Randal L. Sharp's Agriculture Exemption request. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Further discussion was held on a comment received on the revisions to the Sanders County Subdivision Regulation, Fees and Buildings for Lease or Rent. The Board will follow up with a letter on the comments dated February 17, 2020 from Mark and Kathleen French.

The Board met with Claude Burlingame, Commissioners Council to discuss: an ordinance Mr. Burlingame has provided to the County on the request of Amber Bear Inn. The first reading of Ordinance 2020-01 An Ordinance to Extend the Hours of Play for Video Gambling Machines at the Amber Bear Inn to Include the Hours Between 2:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., Daily is scheduled for March 3, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. Further discussion were held on the bids that were received for the County's Legal Advertising. Mr. Burlingame provided Montana Code Annotated to the Board as well as recommendations.

ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS

Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve February 5-6th, 13 & 19th, 2020 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA
March 03, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 03, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer and Glen E. Magera, Commissioner.

As it was 11:00 a.m. and the time and place as advertised for the decision on the County Legal Advertising bid, Commissioner Magera motioned to award the 2020 County Legal Advertising bid to the Sanders County Ledger. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board read the first reading of proposed Ordinance 2020-01 An Ordinance to Extend the Hours of Play for Video Gambling Machines at the Amber Bear Inn to Include the Hours Between 2:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., Daily. Also in attendance was Gary Carson, Citizen. Gary Carson commented that he was not opposed to the ordinance for Amber Bear Inn and does not see how it would affect anyone other than the Amber Bear Inn. The Board advised Mr. Carson that the next reading would be March 18, 2020.

The Board adjourned at noon and resumed the regular session at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS

Commissioner Magera motioned to adopt Amended Resolution 2019-24 A Resolution for Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Amendments. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Magera motioned to adopt Resolution 2020-02 Disposition of Bodies Burial of Persons on Private Property. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Magera motioned to reappoint Kim Bergstrom to the Sanders County Fair Commission for a two year term. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA March 04, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, March 04, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer and Glen E. Magera, Commissioner.

The Board met with Ashley Blaylock, GIS/Rural Addressing to discuss: updates with GIS. Ms. Blaylock is learning the Guardian Map system for the Sheriff's office, which will result in Ms. Blaylock being able to create her own maps. Ten computers have been updated with the new Windows 10 software. Ms. Blaylock has 5 more computers scheduled to be updated by June 30, 2020. Further discussion was held on ink purchases for County printers. Ms. Blaylock advised that she orders ink for some departments and some departments order their own. Ms. Blaylock would like the ordering to be consistent. The Board advised Ms. Blaylock that it can be brought to the attention of the department heads at their quarterly meeting scheduled for March 11, 2020. The question will be asked if department heads would like to order their own ink or would they prefer Ms. Blaylock to order all the departments ink.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 42 days without incident. Open County Positions: Solid Waste Truck Driver, the open position closes today, March 4, 2020. Assistant Election Clerk, interviews are scheduled for tomorrow, March 5, 2020. Weed Control Desk Clerk, posted externally until March 9, 2020. Further discussion was held on the upcoming Performance Appraisals due on March 12, 2020, by all County employees.

The Board adjourned at noon and resumed the regular session at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Brooker joined the Board at 1:30 p.m.

The Board met with Pete Bishop, Agent, Bishop Insurance Service to discuss: Montana Association of Counties (MACo) transition to Workers' Compensation Insurance with Seitz Insurance. Also in attendance were: Rich Wallace,

Director of Human Resources and Brenda Franck, Deputy, Recordings/Payroll. Further discussion was held on the County obtaining a quote from Montana State Fund as part of the MACo Work Comp Risk Retention Group with Seitz Insurance Agency.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA
March 05, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, March 05, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer; Glen E. Magera, Commissioner and Carol Brooker, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: revisions to the Sanders County Subdivision Regulations, Fees and Buildings for Lease or Rent. Ms. Maudrone submitted the regulations to council for review. Ms. Maudrone provided the comments and recommendations that were received back on the Sanders County Subdivision Regulations, Fees and Buildings for Lease or Rent. Ms. Maudrone provided emails received from Dan Rowan, Mayor, City of Plains, Montana requesting that Sanders County donate the Old Jail Museum that is located in Plains, Montana to the City of Plains, Montana. The Board advised Ms. Maudrone to follow up with Claude Burlingame, Commissioners Council to have him draw up a Quit Claim Deed for the Old Jail Museum.

ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS

Commissioner Magera motioned to approve February 20, 24, & 27th, 2020 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Cox proceeded to audit County Claims at 1:30 p.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$93,934.59. (County Claims are on file in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder)

The Board met with Jonathan Mahrt, Auditor, Denning, Downing and Associates to discuss: his findings from the recently completed audit. Also in attendance were: Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools and Jessica Connolly, Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Mahrt advised he had completed the 2019 Financial Statement and Federal Audit. He advised that this year Denning, Downing and Associates would be giving the County an unmodified opinion on both, fairly stated in all respects, based on reasonable assurance. He also provided some background which included the following: the program reviewed this year, was the forest reserve. Next year the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development loan for the Solid Waste Refuse Disposal District will be reviewed. Mr. Mahrt looked at controls in different departments including: District Court, Justice Court, Treasurer's Office, Claims and Payroll. Mr. Mahrt advised the control systems in place are adequate. Lastly, Mr. Mahrt went over all the findings that were noted in 2018 and all have been remedied. Mr. Mahrt stated there are no findings in the 2019 audit.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer

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