

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA**  
**January 5, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Michael Feiger, District Ranger, Cabinet Ranger District to discuss: district updates. Mr. Feiger provided a briefing on the Montana Forest Action Plan. The Cabinet Ranger District will be proposing the Lego WUI Restoration and Hazardous Fuels Mitigation project. This project is on the Elk Creek/Rice Draw area SSE of Heron, MT. The proposal is for 152 acres of commercial and non-commercial treatments in three units adjacent to private lands in the vicinity of Elk Creek. Updates were also provided on wildland fire, recreation, vegetation management/timber sale activity, the Kootenai National Forest, and the workforce.

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

The Board examined the County journal vouchers for the end of 2020. Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera examined and approved the Journal Voucher Detail report for the accounting period of 13/2020.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: a proposed Wildlife Hazardous Mitigation plan. Also in attendance were: Travis Pfister, acting Fire Management Officer, Lolo National Forest, via teleconference, and Randy Garrison, Manager, Penn Stohr Airport, via teleconference. Due to important individuals needed for the conversation and their absence, the Board rescheduled the meeting for Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

The Board adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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 7, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, January 7, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: a proposed Floodplain Variance request for B&B Mini Storage. Jennifer Ekberg will put it on the Agenda for next week.

Commissioner Cox left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

The Board met with Nate Kegel, United States Forest Service, and Jared Koskela, Engineer, Lolo National Forest Services to discuss: Schedule A and a Maintenance Plan between Sanders County and Lolo National Forest. Also in attendance were: Ben Bache, Foreman, Road District No. 1 & 2, and Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services. Nate Kegel and Jared Koskela presented the Schedule A and a Maintenance Plan. Mr. Kegel provided additional information on the Great American Outdoors Act. This act will provide funds for the forest service to differ maintenance for Thompson River Road, and the ACM Road in Thompson Falls, Montana.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve December 15, 16, 22, and 31, 2020 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

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

The Board met with Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian to discuss: a department update. Shawn Sorenson provided information on projects/activities and business updates. Statistics are as follows: Inspections- 181 licensed establishments 30% inspected, Temporary Events- 2 so far in fiscal year 2021, Soil/Site analyses- 39 in calendar year 2020, Wastewater Permits- 97 permits so far in fiscal year 2021, Water/well permits- 70 permits so far in fiscal year 2021, Local Subdivision Reviews- 37 so far in fiscal year 2021, Junk Vehicles- 120 vehicles so far in fiscal year 2021, and Food Training- three classes planned in fiscal year 2021.

Commissioner Cox joined the Board at 2:00 p.m.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources to discuss: 11 days without incident. Mr. Wallace provided an OSHA reportable injury summary for 2020 and 2019 as a comparative. Open County Positions: Dispatch Lead, posted internally only. Detention Officer, posted internally and will likely go external Tuesday, January 11, 2021.

The Board met with Bryce Myrvang, Agent, All Day \$49 Montana Registered Agent, LLC via Zoom, and Jon Spear, All Day \$49 Montana Registered Agent, LLC via Zoom to discuss: an agreement between Sanders County and All Day \$49. Also in attendance were: Claude Burlingame, Commissioners Council; Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools, and Kimberly Patton, Deputy Treasurer. Claude Burlingame advised he will provide an assurance letter or some sort of memorandum of understanding to include the Treasurer and Sanders County, Montana Board of Commissioners to All Day \$49. Jon Spear requests an example of a vehicle registration receipt from Mrs. Scribner. Mrs. Scribner will provide a receipt by the end of today.

#### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to appoint Nicholas Lawyer as Health Officer to the Sanders County Board of Health for the remainder of Dr. Jack Lulack's term ending October 13, 2022. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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 12, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: a Floodplain Variance request for B&B Mini Storage. Commissioner Cox motioned to grant the Floodplain Variance for B&B Mini Storage. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

#### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to approve Landowner Fuels Reductions Cost-Share Agreement No. 178 between Sanders County and Hollis Lollar. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Naomi Leisz, County Attorney requested to meet with the Board as she was not scheduled, to discuss: the Sanders County Refuse Hauling bid that was awarded to Knerr Inc., contingent on Knerr Inc., receiving the necessary certification and required documents from the Public Service Commission. Ms. Leisz stated that the County has the right to award the bid to Knerr Inc.

The Board adjourned at 10:45 a.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Cox joined the Board at 1:35 p.m.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: a proposed Wildlife Hazardous Mitigation plan. Also in attendance were: Travis Pfister, acting Fire Management Officer, Lolo National Forest, via teleconference; Randy Garrison, Manager, Penn Stohr Airport, via teleconference; Lance Bowser, Robert Peccia and Associates (RPA); Ian Wargo, RPA; Dr. Greg Hanson, Clark Fork Valley Hospital via teleconference; Judy Arneson, Resident, and Naomi Leisz, County Attorney. Lance Bowser provided Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidance. Ms. Maudrone presented that the Town of Plains will be seeking a change of use and variance for placement of the sewer lagoons within the Airport Affected Area of the Plains Airport. The County is seeking guidance for mitigation of the possible increase of wildlife mainly avian species, attracted to the water. The County does not want to jeopardize FAA funding. Commissioner Cox asked who would be responsible for mitigation and would enforcement be possible. Ms. Leisz states that the County would have the City of Plains sign off on conditions of approval for the Wildlife Hazard Mitigation Plan. Inquiries were made on the distances between the current lagoon to the river and the proposed location of the new lagoon to the river. Randy Garrison stated the current lagoon is 5,600 feet from the middle of the lagoon to the airport. The proposed location of the new lagoon to the airport is 2,250 feet. Commissioner Brooker agrees that the County will require the Town of Plains to execute conditions of approval. Travis Pfister stated overall the forest service supports this endeavor. Dr. Greg Hanson states the hospital needs a sewer system and an airport. The hospital needs the ability to have fixed-wing aircraft. Mr. Garrison stated that the airport is moving forward with obtaining GPS instrumentation. Commissioner Brooker stated that the Town of Plains should pay for the lagoon wildlife study as well.

The Board met with Lance Bowser, RPA, and Ian Wargo, RPA to discuss: the preliminary plans, funding needs as well as the final scoping and final designs for Penn Stohr and Thompson Falls Airports. Also in attendance were: Mike Nichols, Member, Thompson Falls Airport Advisory Board; Gene Pope, Member, Thompson Falls Airport Advisory Board; Douglas Robichaud, Member, Thompson Falls Airport Advisory Board; Daniel Shultz, Resident; Dan Normandeau, Member, Thompson Falls Airport Advisory Board (joined 4:30 p.m.).

Commissioner Brooker left the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

The Board adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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 13, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 17 days without incident. Mr. Wallace provided a 3-Step Risk Assessment to the Board. Mr. Wallace would like County employees to answer the risk assessment before conducting potential tasks that could create risks. This is a tool that is proposed

to help County employee safety. Open County Positions: Dispatch Lead, the Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action form for William Brown effective February 26, 2021 as the Dispatch Lead. Detention Officer, posted externally January 12, 2021. Mr. Wallace is assisting Jerome McDonald, Nichol Scribner, and Jessica Connolly with the Big Sky Rail Authority on financial statements that can be provided to the County commissioners for review.

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

As it was 2:00 p.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the Sanders County Board of Health (BOH) Meeting. In attendance were: Glen E. Magera, Member; Carol Brooker, Member; Anthony B. Cox, Member; Dr. Robert Gregg, Member; Nicholas Lawyer, Member; Bina Eggensperger, Member, via teleconference; Karen Morey, Director of Public Health; Sandra Gubel, Tobacco Prevention Specialist, and Tina Scott, Administrative Assistant, Environmental Health. Nicholas Lawyer motioned to approve November 24, 2020, December 1, 2020, and December 15, 2020 special meeting minutes. Dr. Robert Gregg seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. New Business: Sandra Gubel presented the COVID-19 ad campaign which consisted of four ads in the Sanders County Ledger for the month of December 2020. Four more ads will be published in the Sanders County Ledger in the month January of 2021. Mrs. Gubel and Commissioner Brooker provided information on current Public Health bills that are introduced and drafted for legislation. These bills consisted of House Bill (HB) 106 a local governing body, local board of health, or DPHHS may not enact or enforce any regulation, rule, or ordinance that alters, expands, or modifies the prohibitions provided for in 50-40-104 or that alters, expands, or modifies the definitions provided in 50-40-103. Applies retroactively to any regulation, rule, or ordinance adopted by a local governing body, a local board of health, or DPHHS. HB 106 would reverse all local CIAA protocols that include e-cigarettes and/or a smoking distance provision. HB 121 defines local governing body. Removes the ability for local Board of Health to adopt rules or regulations. Instead, makes it so that Local Boards of Health can propose rules or regulations to a local governing body. Also, allows a governing body to amend a directive, mandate, or order given by a local Board of Health during a time of emergency or disaster. HB 137 prohibits local governing units, DPHHS and local Boards of Health from establishing or continuing any policy on alternative nicotine products or vapor products that is different from, or addition to, any requirement under the provisions of 50-40-103(8) or the Youth Access to Tobacco Products Control Act. Applies retroactively to any regulation, rule, or ordinance adopted by a local governing body, a local Board of Health, or DPHHS HB 137 would reverse all local policies that prohibit the sale of flavored vapor products and alternative nicotine products and/or prohibitions of self-service displays of such products. HB 144 removes penalties for law enforcement officers who choose not to aid state or local health officers. HB 145- Boards of Health can only issue recommendations and not orders. Mr. Lawyer advised that the Clark Fork Valley Hospital will start to administer COVID-19 vaccines to group 1b (individuals age 70 and above, and 18-69 with certain high risk conditions) starting Monday, January 18, 2021. Karen Morey advised the state has notified her that 100 doses are on their way for group 1b. Mr. Lawyer advised that kids under the age of 16 are not qualified to get the vaccine at all. Commissioner Magera advised the Board that Mr. Lawyer was appointed by the Board as the Sanders County Board of Health Health Officer. Dr. Gregg inquired about vaccine administration. Ms. Morey stated that she has six hours upon opening a box of vaccines to administer the vaccines. Ms. Morey stated she can administer one vaccine in 30 minutes. There was no further comment. There was no public present. The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

The Board adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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Glen E. Magera, 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 14, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: a Wildlife Hazardous Mitigation Plan for the sewer lagoon in Plains, Montana. Ms. Maudrone will follow up with Dan Rowan, Mayor, Town of Plains, Richard Gebhardt, Lawyer, Town of Plains, and Shari Johnson, Engineer, Town of Plains. Further discussion was held on a proposed amendment to the covenants for Riverview Terrace Subdivision.

Commissioner Cox left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management requested to meet with the Board as he was not scheduled, to discuss: a resolution for an emergency declaration. Commissioner Brooker motioned to adopt Resolution 2020-01 Sanders County Emergency Declaration. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox joined the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:30 p.m.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to appoint Mary Reed to the Trout Creek Park District. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to appoint Todd Meagher to the Trout Creek Park District. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to approve January 5, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources to discuss: the Montana State Fund training update. Also in attendance were: Matt Dombach, Member, Sanders County Employee Safety Committee (SCESC); Bill Naegeli, Member, SCESC; Debbie Roller, Member, SCESC; Karen Morey, Member, SCESC, and Ashley Bache, Member, SCESC.

The Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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 20, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

As it was 10:00 a.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the Sanders County Refuse District Board meeting. In attendance were: Glen E. Magera, Member; Anthony B. Cox, Member; Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District; Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary, and Kathy Conlin, Billing Clerk/Recycling Assistant. Commissioner Cox motioned to approve December 16, 2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Unfinished Business: Kathy Conlin advised the Town of

Plains, MT has not paid their tax-exempt bill that was sent out November 4, 2020. New Business: Jason Peterson provided bidding specifications for a proposed new refuse truck. Commissioner Magera requested Mr. Peterson provide the truck specifications to Ben Bache, Foreman, Road District No. 1 & 2 for review. There was no further comment. There was no public present. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 24 days without incident. Mr. Wallace advised that the OSHA 300 has been completed and will be submitted online. The Safety Land game is to kick off today with an email from Ashley Bache to all employees. Open County Positions: Detention officer, posted externally January 12, 2021. First review of applicants will take place on January 27, 2021. Mr. Wallace presented a revised HR Personnel Action form for William Brown. The HR Personnel Action form executed on January 13, 2021 had the wrong pay amount for Mr. Brown. The Board has a consensus to execute the revised HR Personnel Action form for William Brown with the revised hourly pay rate.

The Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:30 p.m.

### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to appoint the following entities: Montana State Extension, Sanders County Weed District, and Noxon-Cabinet Shoreline Coalition for a three-year term ending January 31, 2023 to the Sanders County AIP Task Force. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox left at 2:00 p.m.

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

The Board adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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 21, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: a Wildlife Hazardous Mitigation Plan for the City of Plains, Montana. Ms. Maudrone will follow up with Naomi Leisz, County Attorney to discuss financial responsibility of the Wildlife Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Ms. Maudrone presented Cottonwood Creek Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Cox motioned to grant preliminary plat approval for Cottonwood Creek Minor Subdivision with the following conditions and finding of fact and conclusions: 1) That 30 foot easement along Cottonwood Creek Road and Cross Road be granted to Sanders County and noted on the face of the final plat to create a standard half width right-of-way road easement for county roads. 2) That a controlled-access easement be established on the Cottonwood Creek Road and Cross Road frontages of these lots noting on the face of the plat that all approached onto county maintained roads require a permit. 3) 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. 4) 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. 5) 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. 6) 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. Further discussion was held on weed plans for subdivisions. Commissioner Magera is open to the idea of charging a per acre rate for monetary security.

The Board met with Pam Walling, Marketing Coordinator, Montana Association of Counties and Joanne Romasko, Health Care Trust Administrator, MACo to discuss: introductions of Joanne Romasko a new employee at MACo. Further discussion was on the MACo Health Care Trust insurance. Also in attendance was Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources.

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

#### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to approve January 7 & 12, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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 27, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools to discuss: County journal vouchers and a review of the budget. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve the County Journal Voucher Detail Report for the accounting periods of October, November, and December 2020. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Brooker discussed the Paradise Improvement District. Mrs. Scribner will follow up with Jessica Connolly, Chief Financial Officer on the Paradise Improvement District. Mrs. Scribner would like to start a list of individuals the County will no longer accept checks from due to the checks bouncing. Commissioner Magera inquired with Mrs. Scribner about a check reader for the Treasurer's office. The Board has a consensus for Mrs. Scribner to start a list of individuals the County will no longer accept checks from due to insufficient funds.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 31 days without incident. Safety Training on the new 3-Step Risk Assessment program is tentatively scheduled for February 23, 2021. Open County Positions: Mr. Wallace and Shawna Chenoweth will take a first look at applicants today for the Detention officer position. Mr. Wallace has requested a claim history and projection from Morgan Hirschenberger, PayneWest Insurance on the County's Health insurance.

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:25 p.m.

Commissioner Cox did not join the Board at 1:25 p.m.

Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools requested to meet with the Board as she was not scheduled, to discuss: the Hot Springs Library Foundation and the Preston Hot Springs Town-County Library. Mrs. Scribner contacted the Hot Springs Library Foundation and they are willing to assist the Preston Hot Springs Town-County Library with the purchase of new printers.

Commissioner Cox joined the Board at 1:35 p.m.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to execute the Task Order for COVID Immunization Services. Task Order No. 21-07-4-31-141-0 between Montana Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS) and Sanders County. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Also in attendance were: Judy Arneson, Resident; Stacy Kandel, Resident; JJ Hunsekker, Resident; Katherine Dewitt, Resident and Peggy Bates, Resident. Stacy Kandel stated that the vaccines are not FDA approved and are only for emergency use. Judy Arneson thanked the Board for explaining what Task Order No. 21-07-4-31-141-0 between Montana DPHHS and Sanders County entails. Katherine Dewitt stated that she hopes that the vaccine is as good as they say it is. Peggy Bates advised that she had COVID, and it is real. I appreciate the Board stating that Sanders County will not mandate vaccines.

The Board has a consensus to remove Mary Reed from the Trout Creek Park District as she does not live in the district.

The Board adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Magera proceeded to audit County Payroll at 3:00 p.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$520,153.35. (County Payroll is on file in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder)

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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 28, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, January 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: the Sanders County Park Commission. Also in attendance were: Julie Molzahn, Chair, Sanders County Park Commission, and Kathy Warrington, Resident. Julie Molzahn stated the Sanders County Park Commission is working on amending the master plan. The main issue is trespassing on the County’s parkland. Ms. Maudrone provided Section 4 of a master plan and the MCA for County Board of Park Commissioners Title 7 Chapter 16 Part 23. Commissioner Brooker stated that the County has problems with enforcement when it comes to trespassing issues. Commissioner Brooker inquired about Rainbow Lake. Who owns the vault toilet? A tree did some damage due to our last storm. Ms. Maudrone with contact the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. Ms. Maudrone requested to postpone further discussion until the County Attorney could be present. Ms. Maudrone was unable to locate the original Master Plan for the Sanders County Park Commission. She did find minutes where the Master Plan was adopted. Kathy Warrington stated she received a letter from Commissioner Anthony B. Cox. Ms. Warrington was told that six t-posts of hers were on County parkland. She moved the posts. Her neighbor is trespassing as well, and no one has addressed that issue. Ms. Warrington is tired of the County saying this is a neighborhood dispute.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the Sanders County Independent Consultant Agreement between Sanders County and Pinnacle Research. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board has a consensus to execute the 2020 Department of Environmental Quality Annual Production Report for Opencut Mining.



Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve January 13, 14, 20, & 21, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management to discuss: a department update. Mr. Naegeli provided an update on the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). The Board has a consensus to execute the Sanders County federal fiscal year 2021-2022 EMPG Funding Commitment letter. The Board has a consensus to execute the EMPG Annual Time Certification and EMPG Annual Phone Justification Form. The Board has a consensus to execute the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 Certification of Title III expenditures and the Assurances for Non-Construction Programs.

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

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 were: Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools; Annie Wooden, the Sanders County Ledger, and Randy Garrison, the Printery. County Printing Bids were received from the Sanders County Ledger for Montana Code Annotated (MCA) less 15 percent of the allowable charges as a bid for publishing the legal advertising of Sanders County for the period of February 1, 2020, to January 31, 2021. It was noted that the County Printing bid had a bid for County Legal Advertising. The Printery bid was for MCA less 29 percent for the County Printing contract. Commissioner Cox motioned to award the County Printing bid to the Printery from February 1, 2021, to January 31, 2022, and to void the Sanders County Ledger bid due to the incorrect bid placed in the County Printing envelope. Commissioner Brooker 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, 2021, to January 1, 2022, and the Sanders County Ledger less 25 percent of the allowable charges for County Printing. It was noted that the County Legal Advertising bid has a bid for County Printing. It was further noticed that neither bidder enclosed information on a Statement of Ownership, Management, and Circulation. Commissioner Cox motioned to take the matter under advisement until February 2, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

The Board adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

The Board held the 2021 Employee Service Award Ceremony at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Conference room. Those recognized for their years of service were: Lee Smith- 25 years, Martin Spring- 15 years, Candace Fisher- 10 years, Rich Owens- 10 years, Glen Magera- 10 years, Brad Kinzie- 5 years, Sandra Gubel- 5 years, Jill Lundstrom- 5 years, Tim Kelly- 5 years, Tristan Franck- 5 years, and Tina Scott- 5 years.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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 2, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Michael Feiger, District Ranger, Cabinet Ranger District to discuss: district updates. Mr. Feiger provided updates on COVID-19 in the Cabinet Ranger District, wildland fire, recreation, vegetation management/timber sale activity, range-noxious weeds, the Kootenai National Forest, and the workforce for the district.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: subdivision noxious weed plans. Also in attendance was Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management. Ms. Maudrone would like to develop a standard fee, per acre of vegetation covering that will be used in determining the monetary guarantee needed, in the event that a subdivision wants to go to final plat into the off-season for weed identification and treatment. Mr. Naegeli is advising and obtaining cost estimates for chemicals and labor. The Board has a consensus to have fees site-specific. Ms. Maudrone advised the Board that tonight the Sanders County Park Commission will be holding a public hearing on a Master Plan for the Sanders County Park Commission at 7:00 p.m.

The Board adjourned at noon 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 Legal Advertising bid, Commissioner Cox motioned to re-bid the Notice to Call for Bids on County Legal Advertising because the two bids that were received were not complete per the advice of the County Attorney and therefore are rejected. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Also in attendance were: Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools, and Annie Wooden, the Sanders County Ledger.

Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools requested to meet with the Board as she was not scheduled, to discuss: abatement of taxes. Mrs. Scribner presented a request for abatement for Tax No. 300458. Commissioner Brooker motioned to abate the taxes for Tax No. 300458. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to reappoint Carl Benson to the Plains Airport Advisory Board for a three-year term. Commissioner Cox 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- 37 days without incident. Open County Positions: Detention Officer, interviews are planned for Tuesday, February 9, 2021. District Court Deputy Clerk, posted internally until Thursday, February 4, 2021. Mr. Wallace provided a HR Personnel Action Form for Paul Delong's resignation effective January 20, 2021. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Paul Delong's resignation effective January 20, 2021. Mr. Wallace presented a HR Personnel Action Form for Tristan Franck. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for the resignation of Tristan Franck effective March 29, 2021.

The Board met with Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian to discuss: updates in Environmental Health. Also in attendance was Rich Wallace, Director of HR. Mr. Sorenson has a Request for Proposals out on a Mold Assessment for an office on the first floor. The deadline for submittals is January 29, 2021. Mr. Sorenson has a septic issue in Perma, Montana. The property owner has a site approved for septic. However, based on Mr. Sorenson's site visit and the surveyors indicated location of the approved drain field, Mr. Sorenson is not willing to issue a permit in the approved location due to the minimal available space, steep side slopes, presence of an old root cellar, and the silty/clayey soils. Mr. Sorenson recommends the property owner speak directly with the Department of Environmental Quality, Subdivision Program to request their assistance in resolving what he observes to be an approval that he can not permit as written.

The Board requested to meet with Johnny Knerr, Knerr Inc., via teleconference as he was not scheduled, to discuss: the Sanders County Refuse Hauling bid. Mr. Knerr provided a status on obtaining the appropriate documents from the Public Service Commission (PSC). If a hearing is scheduled with the PSC Mr. Knerr requests the attendance of Claude Burlingame, Commissioners Council, and Commissioner Anthony B. Cox to be present on behalf of Sanders County, Montana.

The Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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 11, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: legislative bills LC 0763, LC 2326, and Senate Bill 165. Ms. Maudrone advised the Sanders County Park Commission adopted the amended Master Plan on Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 6 days without incident. Open County Positions: Mr. Wallace presented a HR Personnel Action Form for James "Brandon" Colwell. Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for James "Brandon" Colwell starting Tuesday, February 16, 2021, as a part-time Detention Officer. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Mr. Wallace provided a HR Action Form for District Court. Commissioner Cox motioned to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Miriam Smith effective March 26, 2021, as a full-time District Court Deputy Clerk as Ms. Smith is currently a part-time employee. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Mr. Wallace presented a HR Action Form for the Sanders County Refuse Attendant Lead position. Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Nicole Thompson starting February 26, 2021, as the Sanders County Refuse Attendant Lead. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Further discussion was on Justice Court job description changes proposed by Doug Dryden, Justice of the Peace. Mr. Wallace is conducting follow-up on the positions at this time.

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

Commissioner Cox joined the Board at 1:35 p.m.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute Landowner Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Agreement No. 179 between Sanders County and Jody Panattoni. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-2 A Resolution Authorizing the Application and Administration of the USDA RBDG Grant. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve January 27-28, 2021, and February 2, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the 2021 Contract for County Printing between Sanders County and The Printery. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board requested to meet with Karen Morey, Director of Public Health via teleconference as she was not scheduled, to discuss: Governor Greg Gianforte's press conference he held on February 10, 2021. Governor Gianforte will be lifting the mask mandate effective Friday, February 12, 2021. The Board has a consensus to send out a letter via email to all County employees.

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

Commissioner Magera proceeded to audit County Claims at 2:00 p.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$200,271.47. (County Claims are on file in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder)

The Board met with Abigail Lane, Acting District Ranger, Lolo National Forest to discuss: Ms. Lane is the new acting District Ranger for the Lolo National Forest. Further discussion was on district updates: timber salvages and district projects.

The Board adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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 17, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

As it was 10:00 a.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the Sanders County Refuse District Board meeting. In attendance were: Glen E. Magera, Member; Carol Brooker, Member; Anthony B. Cox, Member; Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District; Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary, and Kathy Conlin, Billing Clerk/Recycling Assistant. Commissioner Cox motioned to approve January 20, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Unfinished Business: Kathy Conlin states the Town of Plains, Montana has not paid their November 4, 2020, tax-exempt bill. Mrs. Conlin will again follow up with the Mayor of Plains, Montana. Jason Peterson stated Knerr Inc. needs to have scheduled a hearing before the Public Service Commission. There is no time frame of when this hearing may be scheduled. In the meantime, Republic Services of Missoula still has the hauling contract with Sanders County until July 31, 2021. The Board has a consensus to send a letter to Republic Services of Missoula stating this fact. Recycling Report: 52 bales of Cardboard, 10 bales of Aluminum Cans, 250 tons of Metal Pile, and 2 ½ pallets of Batteries. There was no public present. There was no further 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- 12 days without incident. Open County Positions: District Court Clerk (part-time) is posted externally until February 25, 2021. Treasurer's Clerk is posted externally until later today. Further discussion was on a pay issue with an individual that transferred from one department to another department.

The Board adjourned at 12:35 p.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:40 p.m.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the Cooperative Agreement between Sanders County and the Montana Department of Health and Human Services to establish a payment schedule for maximizing the disbursement of funds to the Sanders County Board of Health (BOH). Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to appoint Rodney D. Harmon to the Western Sanders County TV District for a three-year term. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Jerry McDonald, Board of Director, Sanders County Representative, Big Sky Rail Authority to discuss: an update on the Big Sky Rail Authority. Also in attendance were: Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources; Diane McDonald, Resident; Donna McQueen, Resident, and Miriah Kardelis, the Sanders County Ledger.

Commissioner Magera inquired if the rail authority had received any commitment from Montana Rail Link or Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railway Company. Mr. McDonald stated that informal meetings have occurred. Commitments have not been made. Mr. Wallace advised that the Big Sky Rail Authority Strategic Plan subcommittee will be sending out a survey to the rail authority board members that will have approximately twenty-two questions.

The Board adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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 18, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: a monetary guarantee for subdivision noxious weed plans during the off-season. Also in attendance was Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management. Ms. Maudrone and Mr. Naegeli advised that they have two current subdivisions that need a monetary guarantee for a Noxious Weed Subdivision Revegetation plan. The Board has a consensus for Ms. Maudrone to move forward and try the estimates on the two subdivisions that are ready. Ms. Maudrone presented Weber Minor Subdivision for preliminary plat approval. Commissioner Brooker motioned to grant the variance request from Sanders County Subdivision Design and Improvement Standards VII-E(b) Lots- No lot may be divided by a public road, alley or utility right of way easement for Weber Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve the preliminary plat approval of Weber Minor Subdivision with the following conditions, findings of facts, and conclusions: 1) That 30-foot easement along Elk Creek Road be granted to Sanders County and stated on the face of the final plat to create a standard half-width right-of-way for a full-width road easement for county roads. 2) That a controlled-access easement be established on the Elk Creek Road frontage of these lots stating on the face of the plat that an approach permit must be obtained from the County prior to beginning any work to create a new access. 3) That 60-foot easement along Upper River Road be granted to Sanders County and stated on the face of the final plat to create standard full-width right-of-way road easement for county roads. 4) That a controlled-access easement be established on the Upper River Road frontage of these lots stating on the face of the plat that an approach permit must be obtained from the County prior to beginning any work to create a new access. 5) 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 the final plat. 6) That the subdivider contacts the Sanders County Land Services Department for a Noxious Weed and Revegetation Plan and completes initial treatment prior to final plat approval. 7) That the subdivision complies with the Sanders County Subdivision Regulations for Fire Protection. The exact method of compliance must be determined and met prior to final plat approval. 8) 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 Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Further discussion was held on B & B Mini Storage. Commissioner Brooker motioned to lift the condition of Dry Flood Proofing for B & B Mini Storage. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to approve February 11, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Larry Lack, Member, Upper Columbia Conservation Council (UC3) to discuss: an update on the meeting held for February 2021.

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

As it was 1:30 p.m. and the time and place as advertised, the Board proceeded to open the sealed bids for County Legal Advertising. Also in attendance was Annie Wooden, the Sanders County Ledger. County Legal Advertising Bids were received from the Sanders County Ledger for Montana Code Annotated (MCA) less 30 percent of the allowable charges as a bid for publishing the legal advertising of Sanders County for the period of February 1, 2021, to January 31, 2022. The Clark Fork Valley Press bid MCA less 35 percent of the allowable charges as a bid for publishing the legal advertising of Sanders County for the period of February 1, 2021, to January 31, 2022. It was noted that both bids had the required paperwork to submit bids. Commissioner Brooker motioned to take the County Legal Advertising bids under advisement until Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Morgan Hirschenberger, PayneWest Insurance to discuss: a benefits renewal strategy for Sanders County. Also in attendance were: Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources, and Brenda Franck, Deputy, Recordings/Payroll. Mr. Hirschenberger will follow up with Allegiance with a reasonable renewal offer and a deadline for Allegiance to respond, Life Insurance add-ons for employees, dental plan upgrades, and a new Plan 3 for Sanders County.

The Board adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools to discuss: County journal vouchers and a review of the budget. The Board examined the County Journal Voucher Detail Report for January 2021. Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera examined and approved the Journal Voucher Detail Report for the accounting period of January 2021. Further discussion was on an election recall proposed for the Sanders County Sewer District at Paradise.

As it was 10:00 a.m. and the time and place as advertised for the decision on the 2021 County Legal Advertising Bid, Commissioner Cox motioned to award the 2021 County Legal Advertising Bid to the Sanders County Ledger. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Also in attendance was Annie Wooden, the Sanders County Ledger.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

The Board has a consensus to appoint Dale Bartelmey to the Area on Aging, Area VI, as the Sanders County representative.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 1 day without incident. Open County Positions: District Court Clerk (part-time) interviews will likely happen next week or the week after. Treasurer's Clerk (full-time) interviews are scheduled for Monday, March 1, 2021. Six interviews will be held. Further discussion was held on the potential for a Maintenance Assistant to cover Maintenance for approximately 240 hours a year.

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

The Board met with Ben Bache, Foreman, Road District No. 1 & 2 to discuss: the mechanics duties and position for Road District No. 1 and 2. The two mechanics repair and service the Sanders County Refuse District, Sheriff's office, Sanders County Weed District, the Sanders County Bookmobile, as well as all the vehicles and equipment for Road District No. 1 and 2. This also includes all the scheduling and invoicing. Also in attendance was Dave Montelius, PayneWest Insurance.

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

The Board met with Dave Montelius, PayneWest Insurance, and Shannon Chamberlain, Montana Association of Counties via teleconference to discuss: Sanders County insurance for special districts. Also in attendance were: Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools, and Lisa Wadsworth, Accounts Payable/Claims. Shannon Chamberlain explained her definition of special districts that are covered under Sanders County's policy. Which is a board that is appointed by the Commissioners and runs monetary decisions by the Board and cannot levy their own money. Lisa Wadsworth inquired about the property schedule that was conducted. Why weren't any red flags raised when properties are labeled as district-owned. Mrs. Chamberlain advised that MACo would not know enough information to do that. Commissioner Brooker asked for information on where MACo's coverage changed. Commissioner Brooker stated the boards and districts have always been covered under Sanders County's policy. Mrs. Chamberlain explained that the boards and districts that can levy their own money and do not have to seek the Board's approval have to obtain their own policy. Mrs. Chamberlain does not quite remember when this occurred but the insurance requirements have changed. The boards and districts that are currently under Sanders County's policy need to acquire their own but will be covered until July 1, 2021, after July 1, 2021, they will be removed. Mrs. Wadsworth requested a certificate of insurance for the Plains/Paradise TV District. Mrs. Chamberlain will provide the certificate to Mrs. Wadsworth. Mrs. Wadsworth requested clarification on the Plains Cemetery District that received damage during a wind storm. Mrs. Chamberlain stated that the Plains Cemetery did not have building coverage. Therefore, the gravestones, the fence, and the flag pole are not covered. Mrs. Wadsworth advised she provided a list of items to the appraiser that needed to be covered, she thought the list of items was added to the list for coverage. Mrs. Chamberlain stated that they were not. Mrs. Wadsworth inquired to the appraiser's values if they differ from hers on replacement costs. Mr. Montelius stated that if you know the replacement values are not accurate you need to correct them and let MACo know the correct amount you would like added. Don't take the appraisal for face value. Mrs. Wadsworth asked on the volunteer fire districts, what does the policy cover. Mrs. Chamberlain stated that the policy covers directors and officers. Mrs. Wadsworth inquired about the airport liability. Mr. Montelius stated MACo does not want to cover the airport's liability; PayneWest Insurance covers the liability.

Commissioner Cox joined the Board at 3:00 p.m.

The Board adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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 25, 2021**

Commissioner Magera proceeded to audit County Payroll at 10:00 a.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$528,209.66. (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 25, 2021, at 10:50 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

Doug Dryden, Justice of the Peace requested to meet with the Board as he was not scheduled, to discuss: District Court Judge Deborah “Kim” Christopher and James Manley would like to pass an order stating that the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Sanders County Courthouse are restricted and firearms are not permitted. Mr. Dryden would like to recommend the District Court Judges only restrict Firearms for the 1st Floor and 3rd Floor Courtrooms. The Board advised that the County has a different policy for the Courthouse. Mr. Dryden will provide that information to the judges.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: property up Prospect Creek that has conflicting statements, stating an Ag Exemption and then a Family Conveyance Exemption. Ms. Maudrone stated the certificate of survey claims properties were created on the Family Conveyance Exemption. A Land Covenant states the properties were created on an Agriculture Exemption. Ms. Maudrone will research and continue the discussion on Tracts 1, 2, and 3 of COS 383 for next week.

The Board adjourned at noon and resumed the regular session at 2:15 p.m.

Commissioner Magera proceeded to audit County Claims at 2:15 p.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$48,503.59. (County Claims are on file in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder)

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to approve February 17-18, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to approve Jeffery S. Reed Sr. as an alternate to the Sanders County Tax Appeal Board for a three-year term. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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  
March 2, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 7 days without incident. Mr. Wallace informed the Board that Northern Industrial Hygiene, Inc. conducted a Mold Assessment in the Courthouse in specific rooms that had possible issues. Northern Industrial Hygiene, Inc. advised that mold issues found were due to plants located in room 108, and sprinkler heads need to be changed and pointed away from the Courthouse when operating. Open County Positions: District Court Clerk (part-time) six external candidates have applied. Interviews will likely occur next week or the week after. Treasurer’s Clerk, Commissioner Cox motioned to execute



the HR Personnel Action Form for McKenna Wallace starting March 4, 2021. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. The Board has a consensus to hire Tonia Ortega in the Clerical Pool starting March 4, 2021.

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

Matt Jaramillo, Owner, Big Sky Network, and Doug Whiplinger, Big Sky Network requested to meet with the Board as they were not scheduled, to discuss: alley's in Paradise, Montana that Big Sky Network would like to run cabling in. With this cabling, law enforcement and emergency management services would have access to wi-fi that they do not currently have. Approximately 15-poles would need to be erected to enable wi-fi services. The Board advised Big Sky Network to put together a map with pole locations and get together with Ben Bache, Foreman, Road District No. 1 & 2 for approval. Commissioner Brooker advised Big Sky Network to follow up with GreatWest Engineering to obtain a map of the new sewer system's placement. Mr. Jaramillo advised that he is constructing the new website for Paradise, MT. Commissioner Brooker recommended having The Paradise Center as well as local businesses on the site. Commissioner Cox recommended getting in touch with Randy Garrison who owns the Printery to work with him on historical photos on the website. Mr. Garrison publishes a yearly calendar that has historical photos of Paradise, MT.

### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute Landowner Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Agreement No. 180 between Sanders County and Dan Miles. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to execute the Amended Fiscal Year 2021 Extension Services Agreement between Montana State University Extension and Sanders County, Montana. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the 2021 Contract for County Legal Advertising with the Sanders County Ledger. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Connie Foust, Resident to discuss: a proposed ordinance for a Second Amendment Sanctuary in Sanders County, Montana. Also in attendance were: Dave Brown, Resident; Karen Brown, Resident; Tom Rummel, Sheriff; Ken Matthiesen, Plains/Paradise Rural Fire District; Terry Caldwell, Resident; Terrence Caldwell, Resident; John Dossett, Resident; Bob Brown, Representative District 7, Montana State Senate; Bruce Hunn, Resident; Lee Ziegler, Resident; Charlotte Beaudry, Resident; Nancy Mehaffie, Resident; Art Hassan, Resident; Kathleen Hassan, Resident; Linda Hohenstein, Resident; Bev Cuvillier, Resident; Gerald Cuvillier, Resident; Lorilee Cuvillier, Resident; Judy M. Arneson, Resident; Shawn Fielders, Resident; Charee Fielders, Resident; Mary Reed, Resident; Karen Rash, Resident; Mary Halling, Resident; Richard Crain, Resident; Jeffery Reed, Resident; Donnie Croft, Resident; Jeanine Croft, Resident; Annie Wooden, the Sanders County Ledger; Kate Hardman, Resident; JJ Hunnsekker, Resident; Claude Burlingame, Commissioners Council; John Bauscher, Resident, and Naomi Leisz, County Attorney. Connie Foust advised that she is a member of Free Americans that got together when former Montana Governor Steve Bullock was in office and legislation was changed for elections in Montana. Ms. Foust then turned the presentation over to Shawn Fielders. Shawn Fielders provided background on his life and working career. Mr. Fielder stated a proposed ordinance for Sanders County, Montana has 100% Supreme Court backing in regards to a second amendment sanctuary county. Other counties and states have adopted a second amendment sanctuary ordinance. The current political climate is volatile on our second amendment rights. Commissioner Brooker asked Connie Foust if she had shown her proposed ordinance at the state level. Ms. Foust stated that she had not. Senator Bob Brown stated that the Republican party has taken concerns and ideas to the Secretary of State on nine different bills. Commissioner Brooker asked Senator Brown about a sanctuary state. The House and the Attorney General need to direct and look at all Presidential orders to see what is unconstitutional. Senator Brown is in approval of a sanctuary state. I haven't read the proposed ordinance. I don't think there is anything wrong with the County stating Sanders County is a Sanctuary County. Commissioner Magera stated individuals need to take a look at HB 560 and HB 258. Senator Brown stated that he believes those two bills will pass. Commissioner Magera asked Ms. Foust if she drafted the ordinance herself or used someone else's. Ms. Foust stated that she obtained the ordinance elsewhere and the ordinance was tested for legal form. Naomi Leisz inquired why this was an ordinance and not a resolution. Gerald Cuvillier stated that our rights should not be infringed upon. Please uphold the second amendment. JJ Hunnsekker stated that in House Resolution 127 there is a list of everything that is proposed to be taken away from the rights of citizens. Mary Halling stated that this would affect her in Plains, Montana. Mr. Fielders didn't state that he also worked for the Department of Defense. Many individuals in this room are veterans and have been in countries where rights were taken away from their citizens. Ms. Halling would like at the County level proof that our second amendment is supported. Lorilee Cuvillier stated that she has

served in three wars. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) make their own laws. We need to make a statement to the ATF, to stop. Donnie Croft would like the second amendment sanctuary to be passed at the County level because the State can turn from red to blue. Jeanine Croft stated that preventing is easier than infringement of the second amendment. Bruce Hunn stated that within the last year religion has been restricted as well as freedom of speech. To let our firearms be gone after at the federal level is dangerous. We want you, the Board to support us on this at the local level and to take a stand. We have the potential to start in Sanders County. Sheriff Tom Rummel stated that you all know how I stand on the second amendment. That is the hill I will die on. There is one reason the government takes its citizen's guns. That's to make citizens subjects. I see what comes out of Washington and it bothers me. A vehicle has the same ability to kill a human being but Washington is not going after our vehicles. Senator Brown stated he completely supports what Connie Foust is trying to do. We do have bills at the state level in regards to counties and municipalities stating that the federal government cannot overrule the state. Sanders County can make a resolution stating that we are in support of the second amendment. John Bauscher stated a well-armed society is a polite society. John Dossett stated that he was born in New Zealand and became a U.S. Citizen in 2004. New Zealand has had its third buyback program. Criminals still have their guns. I still would like to defend my family. If the government takes that right away, you can't defend your family. Australia has the same problem New Zealand has. Mary Reed stated the government takes a little of your rights away at a time so that you don't notice they're gone until it's too late. Nancy Mehaffie stated that Senator Brown mentioned that he has seen a lot of bills. However, none of those bills have a sanctuary state in them. There are approximately two months left in the legislature. This is the starting point, the County adopting an ordinance. Judy M. Arneson stated that we are making it so that all of our American military will have died in vain. Mr. Bauscher stated the second amendment is not for hunting. It's for a militia. Bev Cuvillier stated that schools need to teach the constitution, not sports. Richard Crain stated that he visited Germany and went to the concentration camps. It was the most horrible experience to see where people were tortured, killed, and starved. Germans didn't think this would happen either. We have to stop it before it's too late. Ms. Halling cited House Bill (HB) 102. The proposed ordinance for a second amendment sanctuary is the same as HB 102. Senator Brown stated that HB 102 passed and became law. Ms. Hohenstein asked what can the group do to inform the Board. Commissioner Magera stated that he counted 32 people in this room that are for a second amendment sanctuary county. However, the Board has received 36 emails stating that individuals are opposed to a second amendment sanctuary county. Commissioner Magera would like Senator Brown and Ms. Foust to provide additional resolutions and documentation to what other counties in Montana have adopted. Ms. Foust asked how did people that are against the ordinance know about this meeting and get a copy of her proposed ordinance. Commissioner Brooker and Commissioner Magera advised Ms. Foust that the Commissioners' Agenda is public and anything sent into the Courthouse is public record. Ms. Foust stated that she wants to give her children and grandchildren freedom and liberty. Members of the audience wanted to hear a comment that the Board has received from an individual that opposes a second amendment sanctuary county. Commissioner Magera read an emailed comment from John and Karen Thorson. Lorilee Cuvillier stated slavery was legal. It was unconstitutional. The Constitution is the supreme law. Senator Brown would like the County to make a statement to the state, not a resolution or an ordinance. Mrs. Leisz asked on these states that adopted ordinances what are the documents that they used. Senator Brown stated a resolution is a statement to the state. Get other counties on board. You could get 1/2 the other counties onboard quick if you adopted a resolution. Mrs. Reed inquired if more signatures were acquired would it mean more to the Board. Commissioner Brooker stated that she would like Senator Brown to provide more research and to provide guidance from his legal advisors. Ms. Croft stated that we should plant a flag as a community and make a statement. Mrs. Reed asked the Board what their thoughts are on passing an ordinance. Commissioner Magera stated what bothers him is the word ordinance. Commissioner Magera would like additional documentation from Senator Brown and Ms. Foust. Ms. Foust asked why Commissioner Magera doesn't like the word ordinance in this instance. Ms. Leisz stated the ordinance that Ms. Foust provided is unclear. The language needs to be cleaned up, it's vague, and doesn't apply to the County.

The Board adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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  
March 4, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: the agriculture exemption on tracts 1, 2, and 3 of COS 383. Ms. Maudrone believes that the Board intended to lift the Agriculture Exemption on Tracts 1 and 2, once the Department of Environmental Quality Sanitation review was completed on Tracts 1 and 2.

Doug Dryden, Justice of the Peace requested to meet with the Board as he was not scheduled, to discuss: a proposed standing order on weapons in the Sanders County Courthouse. The Board has a consensus to support and approves Doug Dryden's ordering the Courtroom restricted to firearms while the court is in session.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

The Board has a consensus to execute the Road Project Agreement between Sanders County, Montana and the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Lolo National Forest for Ferry Landing Recreation Area Parking Expansion.

Commissioner Cox motioned to approve February 24-25, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to reappoint Dewey Duffel to the Western Sanders County TV District for a three-year term. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Bob Brown, Representative District 7, Montana State Senate; Paul Fielder, Representative, House District 13, and Denley Loge, Representative, House District 14 to discuss: a legislative update. Also in attendance were: Greg Hinkle, Citizen; Dick Mosher, Citizen; Carolyn Hidy, Clark Fork Valley Press; Melinda Ferrell, Sanders County Democratic Party; Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools; Shawna Chenoweth, Supervisor, Detention/Dispatch; Tom Rummel, Sheriff; Kathleen S. Hassan, Citizen; Art Hassan, Citizen; Ken Matthiesen, Free American; Jeff Reed, Citizen; Mary Reed, Citizen; Judy Arneson, Citizen; Stacy Kandel, Sanders County Republic Central Committee (SCRCC); Catherine Dewitt, Citizen; Donna McQueen, SCRCC; Carla Neiman, Clark Fork Valley Hospital (CFVH); Dr. Greg Hanson, CFVH; Lark Chadwick, Citizen, and Miriah Kardelis, the Sanders County Ledger. Introductions were made by Senator Bob Brown, and Representatives Denley Loge, and Paul Fielder. Nichol Scribner thanked Representative Fielder for his support in the legislature for Montana's elections. Mrs. Scribner addressed House Bill (HB) 613 stating that if it were to pass it would create an undue burden on counties in regards to tribal voting. Senator Brown did not believe it would pass because of the cost associated. Representative Fielder advised he introduced HB 144 revising laws for preserving authority to sheriff's constables and peace officers who do not assist a state or local health officer. Kathleen Hassan referenced HB 162. Representative Fielder sponsored this bill to eliminate the state tax on social security income. Montana gets \$100 million from social security taxes. Representative Fielder is forecasting revenue updates if the revenue continues to trend the way it has been going. Carolyn Hidy advised if there is any action or discussion in changing the legislative schedule. Commissioner Brooker stated other states have 60-day legislation. Next year is 30-days of budget. Senator Brown stated that there are budget people and policy people. They don't work the same. Lark Chadwick stated that last year there were approximately 3,000 bills. Is there any talk of capping the number of bills that are proposed? Representative Loge stated that he proposed a bill to put a limit on the number of drafts a bill can have. I don't think there should be limits on the number of bills proposed, just bill draft so that you don't limit representation for your constituents. Senator Brown advised that there are bill draft requests which are different from bills that are proposed. Melinda Ferrell asked Senator Brown how do you believe that you are supporting jobs, the economy, and working families in Sanders County. Senator Brown responded by stating he doesn't care if his name is on any bills. I believe that we're doing well. Mrs. Ferrell asked if Senator Brown believes that giving tax breaks to the wealthy is beneficial when in fact it burdens the poor. Senator Brown stated that wealthy people pay me. Representative Loge stated that there are incentives to bring outside investors. Sanders County is an Opportunity Zone, that creates incentives to bring money into a community. Judy

Arneson requested clarification on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 ordinance discussion. Senator Brown stated that he has not read the ordinance. He has not yet contacted his legal advisors. Commissioner Brooker stated the ordinance was poorly written. Ms. Arneson stated that she is concerned the matter is being thrown under the bus. Representative Fielder brought up HB 258 which revises laws related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories. Representative Fielder has also corresponded with the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and the Good Neighbor Authority to speed up the process on timber sales. Representative Fielder is working on support for mining. He is working on bills to increase our freedoms, increase jobs, and increase taxes. Stacy Kandel stated to Senator Brown and Representatives Fielder and Loge that they are being closely watched on how they vote and for what. There is a definite rhino problem in this Country. Representative Loge can you convince me why HB 202 should be supported. Representative Loge stated it's a once-in-a-lifetime kill so that individuals are satisfied with their kill. You can still get a cow moose and a ewe. Mrs. Kandel stated it sets a precedence. In the future are we only going to be able to kill one bull elk? Representative Loge, you voted no on HB 113 this upset a lot of us greatly. Representative Loge, I voted no on HB 113 because instead, I voted yes on HB 427. I felt that I could vote on 427 over 113.

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

Commissioner Magera joined the Board at 1:45 p.m.

The Board met with Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management to discuss: an update on the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant.

The Board met with Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian to discuss: updates in Environmental Health. Mr. Sorenson advised that Food and Drug Administration (FDA)'s Retail Program Standards apply to the operation and management of a retail food regulatory program that is focused on the reduction of risk factors known to cause or contribute to foodborne illness and the promotion of active managerial control of these risk factors. Staff took initial steps to standardize in 2016 and 2017, but have since been inactive as the workload has increased. A meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2021, with the FDA with the intent to establish a realistic standardization timeline. Statistics are as follows: Inspections- 183 licensed establishments 6% inspected, Temporary Events- 2 so far in fiscal year 2021, Soil/Site analyses- 8 so far in calendar year 2021, Wastewater Permits 111 permits so far in fiscal year 2021, Water/Well Permits- 80 permits so far in fiscal year 2021, Local Subdivision Reviews- 51 so far in fiscal year 2021, Junk Vehicles- 122 vehicles and 1 mobile home incentive so far in fiscal year 2021, and Food Training- three classes planned in fiscal year 2021.

The Board met with Ashley Bache, GIS/Rural Addressing to discuss: an update in GIS/Rural Addressing. Ms. Bache has provided 160 addresses since the beginning of the fiscal year. The NextGeneration 911 Grant is extended until 2022. Sanders County's maps are more up to date than the state's Cadastral program. Mrs. Bache has updated Dispatches maps and all the County's computers minus the Weed District. Mrs. Bache is receiving requests from individuals wanting to name their driveways. The Board has a consensus that individuals have to accept what Mrs. Bache provides to them for emergency services in regards to subdivisions and roads. Mrs. Bache can also charge for site visits for each address that she has to provide. Further discussion was on roads that Mrs. Bache has on file but could not physically locate. Commissioner Brooker advised Mrs. Bache to follow up with the United States Postal Service.

The Board conducted an interview at 3:00 p.m. for the open board position for the Sanders County Board of Health. Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary was not in the room so no meeting minutes were taken.

The Board conducted an interview at 3:45 p.m. for the open board position for the Sanders County Board of Health. Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary was not in the room so no meeting minutes were taken.

The Board adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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**  
**March 10, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 9:35 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer, and Anthony B. Cox, 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 2021 Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Act (BaRSAA) Tax Allocation. Also in attendance was Amber Miskowitz, Citizen. Ben Bache provided an update on Krueger Road in Plains, Montana. Further discussion was held on Payment in Lieu of Taxes. Jennifer Ekberg provided the road foreman with the 2022 Fiscal Year Montana Department of Transportation yearly Fuel Tax Certification of Road Mileage maps.

The Board met with Department Heads for their quarterly meeting. In attendance were: Amber Miskowitz, Citizen; Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools; Tom Rummel, Sheriff; Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian; Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources; Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District; Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management; Ashley Bache, GIS/Rural Addressing, and Mark Lincoln, Coordinator, Sanders County Weed District. Nichol Scribner introduced McKenna Wallace as a new Deputy Treasurer. Old Business: Mr. Wallace reminded department heads that an email was sent out on March 4, 2021, as a reminder that the appraisal period ends March 30, 2021. Employee's signed appraisals need to be signed and submitted to Mr. Wallace by April 30, 2021. New Business: Safety Rounds were conducted at the Sheriff's office on March 8, 2021, and the Courthouse on March 9, 2021. Montana State Fund Safety Champions Training is 10- two-hour sessions. Department heads and supervisors shall participate to strengthen the safety culture for Sanders County. Department Head Updates: Nichol Scribner stated that the Auditor is here and is making rounds. Business is as usual in the Clerk and Recorders, Elections, and Treasurer's office. The second half of taxes are mailed out in May. This year is an assessment year with the Department of Revenue (DOR) and the DOR is out making its rounds. Sanders County property values are at an all-time high. Shawn Sorenson asked when will we see the consequences on the property taxes because of the influx of people moving here. Mrs. Scribner stated November 2021. Mr. Sorenson stated that because people are naming their prices and property is being sold so fast, isn't that an unfair way to tax people? Mrs. Scriber stated that yes it was. It can make locals taxed out of living here. Mark Lincoln stated right now the priority is hiring the Weed District's seasonal employees. Juli Thurston stated that there are ongoing health and nutrition available. 4H is holding classes and events at a club level. Ashley Bache has had a high number of addresses assigned. Mrs. Bache is currently working on two grants. Bill Naegeli stated that he has submitted the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant. Mr. Naegeli is getting ready to visit the fire chiefs in Sanders County to execute the Co-op with the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. Mr. Sorenson stated that construction season did not slow down at all this year. A new food co-op is starting up. Since July 1, 2020, 80-wells have been permitted. Sheriff Rummel is working with Jennifer Ekberg to put items from the Sheriff's office on Public Surplus, an auction website. Application Data Systems, Inc. (ADSi) training will be scheduled for the County Attorney's office, as well as Detention and the Deputies. Sanders County has one Deputy Sheriff at the academy and one will enter the academy in April when the other Deputy comes back at the end of March. Jason Peterson stated the Refuse District is business as usual. Commissioner Cox stated that Kathy Conlin is taking volunteers for Thompson Falls Beautification Days. Commissioner Magera stated that the Road Department's road bids will be out fairly soon because fuel prices are rising. The Weed District purchased two new vehicles. Rush Skeleton will go to a one-man crew if not re-funded this year through grants.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:38 p.m.

Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools requested to meet with the Board as she was not scheduled, to discuss: the Sanders County AIP Task Force grants. Commissioner Cox will follow up with Kim Bergstrom and Susan Drumheller on the Sanders County AIP Task Force grants.

The Board met with Greg Hinkle to discuss: his proposed alternative to the second amendment sanctuary ordinance for Sanders County, Montana. Also in attendance were: Zita L Kennedy, Citizen; Christine Munday, Citizen; Amber Miskowitz, Citizen; Chris Stough, Citizen; Mary Reed, Citizen; Nancy Mehaffie, Citizen; Gail Hinkle, Citizen; Catherine Dewitt, Citizen; Neal Buckhouse, Citizen; Linda Hohenstein, Citizen; Connie Foust, Citizen, and John Dowd, the Sanders County Ledger. Greg Hinkle advised that he was a former Representative for Senate District No. 9, he's not a lawyer, and is a second amendment advocate. Mr. Hinkle presented Senate Bill (SB) 277 generally revising laws related to state's rights, House Bill (HB) 258 revising laws related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories, HB 436 generally revise firearms laws, HB 504 generally revise firearms and weapons laws, and HB 560 establish the Montana second amendment preservation act. Mr. Hinkle requests that the Commissioners write to the House and Judiciary Committee to support SB 277, HB 258, 436, 504, and 560.

Commissioner Cox advised that Doug Dryden, Justice of the Peace brought down a standing order from the district court Judges for Sanders County proposing to prohibit firearms and weapons from the Courthouse. The Commissioners as well as Mr. Dryden are proposing the whole third floor and the second floor Justice Courtroom be prohibited from firearms and weapons while court is in session. Commissioner Cox stated that he agrees with Mr. Hinkle and believes the County should go the route that Mr. Hinkle is proposing. Chris Stough stated that the resolution stating that Sanders County, Montana supports the second amendment doesn't carry well. Commissioner Cox and Commissioner Magera will you support this and write to the Judiciary Committee? Commissioner Magera stated yes. Commissioner Cox stated that he will have to read the bills that were presented. I do support the second amendment. Chris Stough asked if the Board would formally support. Stacy Kandel inquired if a letter of support was submitted for HB 258. Commissioner Cox stated that one was not submitted because Senator Brown and Connie Foust did not follow up with the Board with the documentation that was requested. Connie Foust stated that she found out this morning that this meeting was being held by the Board. We want an ordinance, not a resolution. A resolution doesn't have teeth. The state of Montana is changing. There is a lot of rhinos. We still want to move ahead with the ordinance. Mr. Hinkle stated let us work towards passing bills through the state first. Ms. Kandel stated she doesn't see why we can't do both, as a second layer. We need to support our constitutional Sheriff. Commissioner Magera stated Sanders County needs to wait for the legislature. Mr. Stough stated radicals are pushing, timeliness is a factor. Commissioner Cox advised he received correspondence from Senator Steve Daines and Senator Jon Tester stating they are against House Resolution 127. Kathleen Hassan requested clarification on HB 258 and HB 560. The Board has a consensus to write letters of support for the proposed bills pending review of the bills.

The Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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  
March 11, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 16 days without incident. Mr. Wallace provided the Board with the results on the safety rounds conducted in the Sheriff's office and the Courthouse by the Sanders County Employee Safety Committee's members. Open County Positions: District Court Clerk (full-time), the Board has a consensus to accept the resignation of Stephanie Molzohn effective April 29, 2021. District Court Clerk (part-time) interviews are today and Monday. Weed Sprayer (full-time, seasonal) there has been no interest to date. Fairgrounds Administrative Assistant has had two applicants to date. Courthouse Maintenance (backup), the Board has a consensus to hold off till the next budget year. Mr. Wallace is working with Chris Magliochetti to provide a University of Montana, Missoula health check day to County employees and spouses in April or May, more information to come.

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

Doug Dryden, Justice of the Peace requested to meet with the Board as he was not scheduled, to discuss: the courthouse banning firearms and weapons. Further discussion was on relocating the Justice Court offices to downstairs on the first floor.

Commissioner Magera proceeded to audit County Claims at 2:25 p.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of 234,890.41. (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 has completed the 2020 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 assurances. He also provided some background which including the following: the program reviewed this year, was the Sanders County Refuse District bonds for the System Improvements Project. Mr. Mahrt looked at controls in the Weed District and made some recommendations. Mr. Mahrt stated there are two findings in the 2020 audit. Preliminary findings show a corrective action plan on the Weed District's internal controls and the Road Department's Floating Mill Levy.

The Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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  
March 16, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Willy Peck to discuss: updates on work in the national forests. Mr. Peck advised that through collaboratives with Mineral and Sanders County, Montana 100 million board feet have been salvaged. 8,000 acres is proposed in four different timber salvage projects. To date, 20,000 acres have been brought forward by the collaboratives. The collaboratives missions are to improve the economy in rural communities. Mr. Peck requested the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) statistics for Sanders County. The Board will have Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools follow up with Mr. Peck.

The Board met with Michael Fieger, District Ranger, Lolo National Forest to discuss: district updates. Also in attendance was Willy Peck. Updates were as follows: the forest service employees are signed up through the County Health Department COVID-19 outreach and are coordinating with the Forest Service Safety Officer. Further discussions were held on the wildland fire/prescribed fire, recreation, vegetation management/timber sale activity, range-noxious weeds, transportation management/roads/engineering, minerals, the Kootenai National Forest, workforce, and the office/public engagement.

Commissioner Brooker joined the Board at 11:10 a.m.

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

Commissioner Cox did not join the Board at 1:30 p.m.

As it was 1:30 p.m. and the time and place as advertised, the Board proceeded to open sealed bids for the 2021 Chemical bid. A bid was received from Nutrien Solution. Commissioner Brooker motioned to take the bid under advisement until Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox joined the Board at 1:35 p.m.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute Amended Resolution 2021-2 A Resolution Authorizing the Application and Administration of the USDA-RBDG Grant. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Ben Bache, Foreman, Road District No. 1 & 2 requested to meet with the Board as he was not scheduled, to discuss: Kruger Road in Plains, Montana. Commissioner Brooker discussed Tie Plant Road in Paradise, Montana, and the railroad crossing on Tie Plant Road. Mr. Bache discussed four trailers and a Broom Bear that Road District No. 1 & 2 owns and would like to sell. The Board has a consensus for Mr. Bache to work with Jennifer Ekberg to put the items on the Public Surplus auction website. Mr. Bache provided an estimate for a camera surveillance system that he would like at the Hot Springs Airport and Road District No. 1's shop. The Board has a consensus for Mr. Bache to purchase the surveillance system for both locations. Further discussion was on graders for all three Road Districts. The Board has a consensus for Road Districts No. 1 & 2 to lease one new grader and renew a lease on one grader. The Board has a consensus for Road District No. 3 to return the lease on the old grader and to lease one new grader.

The Board conducted an interview at 3:00 p.m. for the open board position for the Sanders County Fair Commission. Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary was not in the room so no meeting minutes were taken.

The Board conducted an interview at 3:45 p.m. for the open board position for the Sanders County Fair Commission. Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary was not in the room so no meeting minutes were taken.

The Board adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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  
March 17, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer, and Carol Brooker, Commissioner.

As it was 10:00 a.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the Sanders County Refuse District Board meeting. In attendance were: Glen E. Magera, Member; Carol Brooker, Member; Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District; Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary, and Kathy Conlin, Billing Clerk/Recycling Assistant. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve February 17, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Unfinished Business: Commissioner Magera inquired with Jason Peterson on the Plains Refuse Roll-off site equipment lease that ends in April 2021. Mr. Peterson has a quote from Titan Machinery and will be obtaining a quote from Western States Equipment. Jason Peterson advised the Board that the Public Service Commission rescheduled the hearing for Knerr Inc. to sometime in June 2021 for Knerr Inc's attorney to prepare for the hearing. Republic Services inquired with Mr. Peterson in regards to their hauling contract that ends June 31, 2021, with Sanders County. Mr. Peterson will follow up with Republic Services as soon as he obtains more information. New Business: Jennifer Ekberg presented Refuse Appeals for Tax ID No. 2675, 300531, and 300844. The Board has a consensus to deny all three appeals due to it not being the County's jurisdiction for what Mr. Jim Brown is requesting. Nichol Scribner will follow up with the Sanders County Refuse District after obtaining the appropriate paperwork and reaching out to the Department of Revenue. Recycling Report: 76 bales of Cardboard, 8 bales of Aluminum Cans were shipped on 3-11-2021, the Metal Pile was crushed and shipped at approximately 400 tons (no invoice as of yet), and 2 pallets of Batteries were shipped on 3-11-2021 (no invoice as of yet). There was no public present. There was no further 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- 5 days without incident. Open County Positions: District Court Clerk (full-time), the Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Cathy Johnson starting March 18, 2021. District Court Clerk (part-time), the Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Tonia Ortega starting March 30, 2021. Weed Sprayer (full-time), no interest to date and closes externally April 1, 2021. Fairgrounds Administrative Assistant, two external applicants as of today. The external posting closes today as well. Further discussion was held on the University of Montana Health Check Day. Mr. Wallace is working with Chris Magliochetti to set a date in April or possibly May. Right now, Mr. Magliochetti's questions are focused on masks, social distancing policies, and his students' concerns.

Commissioner Cox joined the Board at 11:35 a.m.

Commissioner Cox left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:30 p.m.

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

#### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to appoint Craig Lien to the Hot Springs Airport Advisory Board for a three-year term. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to appoint Chuck Stephens to the Hot Springs Airport Advisory Board for a three-year term. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to appoint Ted Forkum to the Sanders County Fair Commission for a two-year term. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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 March 25, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: tracts 1, 2, and 3 of COS 383. The Board and Katherine Maudrone requested Jennifer Ekberg look into the Board's previous minutes for further documentation for COS 383. Ms. Maudrone will research documentation on the Department of Environmental Quality approval for COS 383. Further discussions were held on Prospect Creek RV Park and Smith/Carr Minor Subdivision's upcoming public hearings.

Ben Bache, Foreman, Road District No. 1 & 2 requested to meet with the Board as he was not scheduled, to discuss: weight limits. The Board as well as Mr. Bache have a consensus to address weight limits before they are imposed next season.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 13 days without incident. Open County Positions: Weed Sprayer (full-time), one applicant to date with a closing date of April 1, 2021. Fairgrounds Administrative Assistant, the Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Haley Cole starting Monday, April 12, 2021.

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

The Board met with Matt Dombach, Maintenance to discuss: Justice Court offices relocating to a different floor in the Courthouse. Also in attendance were: Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources, Doug Dryden, Justice of the Peace, Peggy Bates, Citizen, and Catherine Dewitt, Citizen. Mr. Dryden doesn't want to relocate the Justice Court offices. Commissioner Brooker inquired with Mr. Dryden on a service window for Justice Court. Mr. Dryden stated that a service window is not a priority for him but he would like one if possible. Mr. Dombach will obtain quotes for a service window and will work with Mr. Dryden on the project.

The Board met with Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools to discuss: County journal vouchers and a review of the budget. Also in attendance were: Peggy Bates, Citizen, and Catherine Dewitt, Citizen. The Board examined the County Journal Voucher Detail Report for February 2021. Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera examined and approved the Journal Voucher Detail Report for the accounting period of February 2021.

The Board met with Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management to discuss: an update on the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant. Mr. Naegeli advised that he would be attending a FEMA class fairly soon. Further discussion was held on Brit Training for County employees.

### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to execute Task Order Amendment No. 2 for Task Order No. 20-07-6-11-048-0 for adequate staffing to complete services for Public Health Emergency Preparedness. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to reappoint Alan Dettwiler to the Sanders County Weed District for a two-year term. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to award the 2021 Chemical bid to Nutrien Solutions per the recommendations of the Sanders County Weed District board. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools requested to meet with the Board as she was not scheduled, to discuss: Sanders County's option tax. All Day \$49 Montana Registered Agent, LLC inquired with Mrs. Scribner to negotiating the County's option tax. The Board has a consensus that the County will not negotiate the Option Tax with All Day \$49 Montana Registered Agent, LLC.

The Board adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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 March 31, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: an inquiry about doing a Family Conveyance Exemption on a parcel created through an exemption, lifting an Agriculture Exemption on Prospect Creek for tracts 1, 2, and 3 of COS 383. Next week is the hearing on Prospect Creek RV Park. April 8, 2021, the Board will take a look

at the preliminary approval of Caldwell Subdivision, as well as the staff report for Smith Subsequent Minor Subdivision. Further discussion was on River West Estates Phase 3, and an update on Paradise aggregated lots.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 13 days without incident. Open County Positions: Weed Sprayer (full-time), one applicant to date with a closing date of April 1, 2021. Fairgrounds Administrative Assistant, the Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Haley Cole starting Monday, April 12, 2021.

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

### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to approve March 2-11, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian to discuss: the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG) Groundwater Investigation Program, through prioritization of applications by an independent steering committee, researches specific hydrogeologic issues throughout the state. Focus areas are water quantity and quality in existing and new development for agriculture, commercial, and residential uses. The program operates on a 3-year cycle. Sanders County is part of an MBMG groundwater characterization study, which will provide detailed mapping and analysis of groundwater resources in Sanders County. When complete, information from the study can be used to identify a specific water quantity, any quality problem, and submit a research application to the Ground Water Investigation Program (GWIP). Right now, Senate Bill 199 is in the legislature, an act providing for the Montana Local Food Choice Act; exempting certain homemade food producers from food licensure, permitting, certification, packaging, labeling, and inspection regulations as well as certain other standards and requirements; providing exceptions to certain requirements. The Board is encouraged to read the bill and send comments to legislators. Mr. Sorenson provided updates on open and closed businesses, as well as areas of interest in Sanders County. Statistics are as follows: Inspections- 183 licensed establishments 12% inspected, Temporary Events- 2 so far in fiscal year 2021, Soil/Site Analyses- 14 so far in calendar year 2021, Wastewater Permits- 126 permits so far in fiscal year 2021, Water/Well Permits- 96 permits so far in fiscal year 2021, Local Subdivision Reviews- 52 so far in fiscal year 2021, Junk Vehicles- 122 vehicles and 1 mobile home incentive so far in fiscal year 2021, and Food Training- three classes planned for fiscal year 2021.

The Board met with Neal Ewald, Chief Operating Officer, Green Diamond Resource Company (GDRC) to discuss: an introduction of Green Diamond Resource Company. The company is a fifth-generation family-owned operation since 1890 out of Puget Sound, Washington, where it has 350 employees. GDRC purchased 291,000 acres to grow timber as a generational asset. GDRC's interest is in timber, conservation easements, block management for public access, carbon offsets, and expanding value in timber by improving inventory. GDRC will have limited control of the ACM road where it will be open to the public with business fees for corporate projects. Rock, grazing units, and outfitters are also assets to the company. GDRC doesn't plan to make any changes right away. Commissioner Magera inquired with Mr. Ewald about grazing and weed issues. Mr. Ewald stated that grazing will continue and invasive weeds have been discussed. GDRC is open to communication and will continue between GDRC and the County Weed District. GDRC has hired American Forest Management to manage these issues.

As it was 5:30 p.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the public hearing on the Regional Economic Development Needs Assessment at the Sanders County Courthouse. In attendance were: Glen E. Magera, Commissioner; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner; Rich Wallace, Acting Secretary; Lisa Fried de Reyes, Executive Director, Sanders County Community Housing Organization (SCCHO); Karen Thorson, Paradise Elementary School Preservation Committee (PESPC); Mark Sheets, Mayor, City of Thompson Falls; Ernie Scherzer, SCCHO; Carol Seilhymer, SCCHO; John Thorson, PESPC; Deb Achatz, SCCHO; Miriah Kardelis, the Sanders County Ledger; Marty Humphreys, SCCHO; Tom Humphreys, SCCHO; Jason Moore, Montana Co-op; Heather Kaufman, Montana Co-op; Ray Brown, Sanders County Community Development Corporation; Billie Lee, Regional Consultant, Mission West Community Development Partners (MSCDP); Jim Thaden, Executive Director, MWCDP; Brenna Fulks, Community and Economic Development Director, MSCDP; Leonard Malin, Business Development Director, MSCDP, and Jim Jacobson, SCCHO. Commissioner Magera then turned the meeting over to Billie Lee who discussed the regional approach to efforts in Lake, Mineral, and Sanders Counties as combined partners alongside local and tribal governments. A discussion was held on the development and approach of projects and support of potential grants to support the communities needs. Billie Lee advised those in attendance that this hearing is to obtain public comment identifying the needs and priorities of Sanders County citizens and communities in Infrastructure, Housing, and Economic Development and advise local stakeholders of potential funding

sources. Funding sources discussed included the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Montana CDBG Housing Program, and the Montana CDBG Public and Community Facilities Program. Public Comments as follows: Lisa Fried de Reyes offered the Noxon low-to-mid level income housing projects. Mark Sheets suggested support for Phase 3 and Phase 4 of the City of Thompson Falls, Montana's sewer project. John Thorson raised support for the Paradise Center's HVAC replacement. Ernie Scherzer called for a Public Growth Policy for Sanders County. Ms. Lee showed a slide on project Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT Analysis). Ms. Fried de Reyes described in more detail the Noxon Housing Project. Mr. Sheets stated that the City of Thompson Falls needs \$15 million to complete the wastewater project. There is also the need for well water storage, replacement of water mains, repairing street surfaces, and ADA compliance issues that need addressing at Wild Goose Park. Commissioner Brooker discussed the needs of the Western Sanders County TV District needing equipment on the west end of the County to bring the equipment to current standards. Support is needed for the Thompson Falls Trails Committee, the Sheriff's office needs another building, and improvement is needed for road access to the Clark Fork Valley Hospital in Plains, Montana. Mr. Scherzer emphasized the needs for the TV District as well as the Sheriff's office. Jason Moore and Heather Kaufman are involved with the Co-op in Hot Springs, Montana, and discussed supporting the "food side of things," and Co-Op housing efforts. Mr. Moore and Ms. Kaufman want to see more community action partnerships with tiny homes, housing for homeless and veterans who are homeless, and support of the tribe in communities. Ray Brown stated that the tribal council members were invited to this meeting but unfortunately had scheduling conflicts. Mr. Brown provided a list of projects. These projects included the Deep Creek Outdoor Recreation Facility, a Growth Policy for the City of Plains, Montana, the Noxon apartments, Grange Hall renovations, a Sanders County Growth Policy, Phase 3 & 4 sewer extension for the City of Thompson Falls, a low-income funding program for Thompson Falls as well as a new well, upgraded streets, and stormwaters, upgraded ADA facilities at Wild Goose Landing, upgrades to the community park, tennis courts, pickleball and housing development for the workforce and transitional housing, capital improvements, marketing, signage and elevator ADA access for the Paradise Center, equipment upgrades for the Plains Golf Course and the Western Sanders County TV District, the Town of Hot Springs, Montana would like road and stormwater upgrades, and the Montana Co-op requests housing co-op development. Rich Wallace was asked about the request by the Big Sky Rail Authority for monies for a feasibility study. Mr. Wallace added that the request for monies is not for a full study, but a portion of the study. Mr. Wallace also added that a project of merit would be available for grant monies for an eventual station in either Thompson Falls, Plains, or Paradise, Montana. The monies are needed for the one-stop for Sanders County. John and Karen Thorson presented the Paradise Center report and capital needs presentation. Included in the discussion was an update on renovations and improvements, repurposing, and a discussion on the HVAC replacement needs. Commissioner Magera left the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

The Board adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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**  
**April 6, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Michael Feiger, District Ranger, Cabinet Ranger District via teleconference, and Abigail Lane, Acting District Ranger, Lolo National Forest to discuss: district updates. Mr. Feiger provided updates on COVID-19 in the Cabinet Ranger District, wildland fire, recreation, vegetation management/timber sale activity, range-noxious weeds, the Kootenai National Forest, and the workforce for the district. Ms. Lane provided updates on prescribed burning and tree planting. Further discussion was on the new Lolo National Forest District Ranger Dave Wroblewski, Mr. Wroblewski is scheduled to start sometime in May 2021.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 25 days without incident. Open County Positions: Weed Sprayer (full-time), two interviews are scheduled. Mr. Wallace presented Robin Burcham for going the Sanders County Mile. The Board has a consensus to award the Going the Sanders County Mile to Robin Burcham even though she is an employee of the state of Montana. Open enrollment for Health Benefits is scheduled for June 3, 2021. Performance Appraisals are due on April 30, 2021.

Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools requested to meet with the Board as she was not scheduled, to discuss: the Thompson Falls Airport. Commissioner Cox and Mrs. Scribner discussed the donation received for the Thompson Falls Airport and what the funds were for. Further discussion was on the Sanders County Weed District's deposit. The Weed District now has deposit forms in triplicate and Mrs. Scribner will pick the deposit up every Tuesday.

The Board adjourned at 12:15 p.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:30 p.m.

Claude Burlingame, Commissioners Council requested to meet with the Board as he was not scheduled, to discuss: the Sanders County Refuse District's hauling contract. Also in attendance was Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services.

As it was 2:00 p.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the public hearing on Prospect Creek's Proposed 15-Space RV Park. In attendance were: Glen E. Magera, Commissioner; Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner; Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services; Shawn Rowland, Consultant, Rowland Environmental Consulting; Paul Walker, Landowner, Prospect Creek; Valerie Walker, Landowner, Prospect Creek; Eve Stuckey, Landowner, Prospect Creek; Jay Stuckey, Landowner, Prospect Creek; Peggy Bates, Citizen; Karen Ferguson, Landowner, Prospect Creek; Kevin Bush, Business Owner; Jerry Kennedy, Landowner, Prospect Creek; Bebe Townsend Kennedy, Landowner, Prospect Creek, and Claude I. Burlingame. Commissioner Magera then turned the meeting over to Shawn Rowland. Mr. Rowland presented the 15-RV Space, 5-cabins, and 19-undeveloped campsite RV Park. Katherine Maudrone clarified only the 15-RV spaces are for review at today's hearing. Mr. Rowland continued his presentation stating that the roads will be built to County standards and water and wastewater review will go before the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Sanders County Sanitarian. Valeria Walker inquired about the 12-ft road. Mr. Rowland advised that it is a one-way road. Because this RV Park is held to public water standards the water is rigorously sampled on a routine basis. Paul Walker inquired about stormwater. Mr. Rowland stated that the developers cannot increase stormwater. Jay Stuckey inquired what the roads were going to be built out of. Mr. Rowland stated that they will be gravel roads. Mr. Walker voiced concern about stormwater and seasonal runoff. Mr. Rowland stated that the RV Park was going to have vegetated swales constructed to contain stormwater. Non-Degradation calculations are submitted to DEQ and the Sanders County Sanitarian for review. Valerie Walker inquired about the number of years for this floodplain. Mr. Rowland stated a 100-year floodplain. Mrs. Walker stated that Prospect Creek is underestimated in its volatility. Mr. Walker inquired about the definition of floodplain vs. stormwater. Katherine Maudrone advised that individuals can submit their concerns to the County which will also be forwarded to DEQ and the Sanders County Sanitarian for water and wastewater. Katherine Maudrone presented her staff report containing finding of facts, conclusions, and proposed conditions based on the Environmental Assessment, Community Impact Report, and Summary of Probable Impacts and Supplemental Material. Ms. Maudrone read a letter submitted by Ralph Flamming and adjacent landowner. Mrs. Walker stated this RV Park affects even persons down the river. I see there is going to be a pit privy. This ground is porous. Kevin Bush stated that the pit privy is a cement vault toilet. Jerry Kennedy thanked Katherine Maudrone for her work and information on this project. In the future, I would ask the County to send correspondence to all adjacent landowners. Eve Stuckey inquired if we can halt this project. It seems like this project is being rushed. I haven't heard any concerns of the landowners whose drinking water is being

affected. The creek is constantly moving. I don't want this development to happen. Mr. Stuckey inquired how many feet is the main drain field from the creek. Mr. Rowland stated it's well over 100-feet. Mr. Walker asked who did the Perc test. Mr. Rowland stated that he did the test. Commissioner Cox inquired can there be a condition in the floodplain for expansion in the future. Ms. Maudrone stated she did not know if that could happen legally. Mrs. Walker stated Katherine Maudrone's report doesn't address the cumulative effect. Mr. Walker requests another public hearing for other landowners to attend. Commissioner Magera closed the public hearing at 3:18 p.m. Commissioner Cox motioned to continue the public hearing on the proposed Prospect Creek 15-Space RV Park for Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

As it was the place as advertised, the Board proceeded to open sealed bids received for Asphalt, Magnesium Chloride, and Road oil. An Asphalt bid was received from Knerr Inc. Commissioner Cox motioned to award the 2021 Asphalt bid to Knerr Inc. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Magnesium Chloride bids were received from Dustbusters Inc. and We Dust Control. Commissioner Cox motioned to take the Magnesium Chloride bid under advisement until Wednesday, April April 14, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. A Road oil bid was received from Idaho Asphalt Supply. Commissioner Cox motioned to take the Road oil bid under advisement until Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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  
April 8, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: preliminary plat approval for Caldwell Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Cox motioned to grant preliminary plat approval for Caldwell Minor Subdivision with the following conditions, findings of facts, and conclusions: 1) That a controlled-access easement is established on the Upper River Road frontage of these lots stating on the face of the plat that a driveway approach permit must be obtained from the County prior to beginning any work to create new access. 2) That this subdivision files a Waiver of the Rights to Protest a Rural Special Improvement District for the construction, maintenance, and other improvements of roads with the final plat. 3) That the subdivider contacts the Sanders County Land Services Department for a Noxious Weed and Revegetation Plan and completes initial treatment prior to final plat approval. 4) That the subdivision complies with the Sanders County Subdivision Regulations for Fire Protection. The exact method of compliance will be determined, based on the Fire Risk Rating and Sanders County Community Wildlife Protection Plan, and met prior to final plat approval. 5) 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. Ms. Maudrone provided the final plat for Cole Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Cox motioned to approve the Subdivision Improvement Agreement 2021-05 for Cole Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Cox motioned to grant the final plat for Cole Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Ms. Maudrone presented the final plat for Cottonwood Creek Minor

Subdivision. Commissioner Cox motioned to execute the Noxious Weed Management Plan for Cottonwood Creek Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Cox motioned to execute the Subdivision Improvement Agreement No. 2021-04 for Cottonwood Creek Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Cox motioned to grant final plat approval of Cottonwood Creek Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Further discussion was on the Sanders County Park Commission. Ms. Maudrone requested input on a Sanders County Park Land Trespassing policy. Commissioner Magera recommended the Park Commission write a violation letter after a review by the County Attorney, followed by non-compliance as well by the County Attorney. Ms. Maudrone requested an Administrative Assistant for Land Services. She would like the individual to start scanning historical subdivision documents and take over the traffic counter duties. Ms. Maudrone will follow up with Mr. Wallace to discuss the position.

The Board met with Naomi Leisz, County Attorney, and Tom Rummel, Sheriff to discuss: the Sanders County Coroner position. Also in attendance were: Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources, and Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools. Naomi Leisz inquired if it's too late to make the Coroner position its own position separate from the Sheriff. Sheriff Rummel stated he doesn't mind relinquishing his duties. Nichol Scribner stated a resolution would be needed to split the Elected position. Then the Elected position would go on the 2021 ballot. Ms. Leisz stated that she has a few Coroner Inquests right now. Commissioner Magera recommends having quarterly meetings between the Coroner, Deputy Coroners, and the County Attorney, as soon as possible. Ms. Leisz requests a Coroner Policy and Procedure Manual be established. Mr. Wallace will reach out to his counterparts in other counties for their manuals.

### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to approve March 16, 17, and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:30 p.m.

Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services requested to meet with the Board as she was not scheduled, to discuss: the final plat decision for Back 40 Ranch Minor Subdivision from this morning's discussion. Commissioner Cox motioned to approve the Subdivision Improvement Agreement 2021-03 for Back 40 Ranch Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Cox motioned to grant the final plat for Back 40 Ranch Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Claude Burlingame, Commissioners Council to discuss: the Sanders County Refuse Hauling contract with Republic Services. Also in attendance was Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District. Therefore, as per MCA § 2-3-203(b), this discussion was closed to the public. (Closed session minutes are sealed and on file in the office of the County Attorney)

The Board adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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**  
**April 13, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 32 days without incident. The mold recommendations that were proposed by Industrial Hygienist is being reviewed by a working group that consists of Shawn Sorenson, Matt Dombach, and Karen Morey. The group is focusing on the two offices as well as the grounds outside of those offices. Open County Positions: Weed Sprayer (fill-time), the last interview is scheduled for tomorrow, April 14, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. Maintenance Helper (on-call), has been posted externally. District Court Judges James Manley and Deborah "Kim" Christopher have sent a directive on firearms in the Sanders County Courthouse to the Sanders County, Montana Board of Commissioners. The Board will follow up with the County Attorney on the directive. Mr. Wallace advised that he has completed a task spreadsheet for each County employee's position. Mr. Wallace will provide the task spreadsheet to department heads for every employee to complete their own task review. Performance Appraisals should be finished by April 23, 2021, and submitted for final delivery to Mr. Wallace on April 30, 2021. Mr. Wallace and Kathy Conlin are working with Chris Magliochetti on the University of Montana Health Check Day scheduled for April 22, 2021, for County employees.

The Board met with Butch Lieber, Subdivider, River West Estates Subdivision (RWES), and Nancy Lieber, Subdivider, RWES to discuss: River West Estates Subdivision. Also in attendance was Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services. Mr. Lieber provided a map of the preliminary approved subdivision plat to the Board. There are three lots left in Phase II which has an expired preliminary plat approval. Mr. Lieber requests the three lots for a proposed subsequent minor subdivision, as the lots have completed septic and wells. Katherine Maudrone stated that completing the second ingress and egress road will be a priority. Ms. Maudrone agreed to submitting a subsequent minor and will work with the Lieber's surveyor to determine how to proceed with the remaining lots. Ms. Maudrone will provide Mr. and Mrs. Lieber with the County fees for a subsequent 4-lot minor subdivision and Ricky Hagedorn will amend the plat to reflect the changes discussed.

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

As it was 2:00 p.m. and the time and place, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the continued public hearing on the proposed Prospect Creek 15-Space RV Park. In attendance were: Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services; Shawn Rowland, Consultant, Rowland Environmental Consulting; Peggy Bates, Citizen; Kevin Bush, Subdivider; Karen Ferguson, Subdivider; Ray Brown, Sanders County Community Development Corporation (SCCDC); Jay Stuckey, Landowner; Eve Stuckey, Landowner; Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian; Valerie Walker, Landowner; Paul Walker, Landowner; John Dowd, the Sanders County Ledger; Floyd Peterson, Citizen, and Michael Baxter, Citizen. Commissioner Magera advised those in attendance that Commissioner Brooker must abstain from this meeting due to not being present at the first public hearing. The public is allowed three to four minutes to comment and must follow up with written comments to Sanders County Land Services. Valerie Walker asked about the process for plat approval. Does the opportunity to comment end now? Commissioner Magera stated that this is preliminary and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) conditions must be met before final approval. Katherine Maudrone advised at the close of the hearing the comment period is closed as well for the subdivision platting review. Any written comments will be in the final submission to MDEQ, or comments can be directly made to MDEQ. Minutes from both hearing dates will be made available upon request. Jay Stuckey stated the onsite impact visit was July 2020, the map provided was dated February 26, 2021. Was a map provided at the impact meeting? Shawn Rowland stated a map was provided at the meeting. Mr. Stuckey asked what changed from July 2020 to February 2021 to require a new map? Mr. Rowland stated that units remain the same, and all agencies are informed. Mr. Stuckey stated page 15 of the report speaks of sanitation. Last week we were discouraged to ask specific questions. Mr. Rowland stated that the Montana Code Annotated (MCA) requires a preliminary sanitation process by MDEQ, with specific guidance. Now is the time for a preliminary review, very site-specific tests were completed with the assistance of Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian. All calculations are not submitted with the subdivision review, but will be refined when sent to MDEQ. Mr. Stuckey read in the Ledger about out-of-county fee enacted for refuse. How will that apply for RV Park users? Commissioner Cox stated that the RV Park will charge per user on their fee. Paul Walker stated that he has formal letters to submit from the Walker's and an absent neighbor. Mr. Walker is concerned that only adjacent landowners were contacted. He is also concerned that sewage running downhill to those property owners as well. Flood levels change yearly, and last year levels were quite low when this report was filed. Mr. Walker showed pictures of a



washed-out cabin and banks that were flooding. Prospect Creek constantly changes and brings problems. The sewage is a problem and our concern, especially in January and February. This is our home, and we've been here forever. Eve Stuckey stated that there is a point in Walker's letter that she would like to point out as well, and that's travelers will dump more waste into the system. Also, how many people live there now? It's an eyesore. Kevin Bush stated that they have cleaned a lot up, and have done a lot of work. Commissioner Cox stated that it is improving and more buildings will be removed. Mr. Walker stated he appreciated the point, but that is not the point. It comes back to the dumping of sewage. Mr. Bush stated there are only one or two septic tanks. Mr. Walker proposed making the site a dry camp. People would be more supportive. Ray Brown stated that SCCDC just wrapped up a lengthy process of what the needs are in the community. Such as RV Parks and hook-ups. The need is for a facility designed by an engineer because folks will dump wherever. Quick calculations show \$100,000 a year's economic benefit. Mrs. Walker stated if the tanks are limited could a pumping station be positioned across the highway? Mr. Rowland stated that they are not catering to an open dumping site. This RV Park is limited to individual campers. Mr. Walker requested the developers rethink the RV Park being a dry camp. Floyd Peterson asked if there is a dump station in the Thompson Falls area. The answer around the room was no. Mr. Brown stated that all are currently full and Sanders County needs a dump station. Mr. Walker stated that Prospect Creek is the wrong place for a proposal. Commissioner Cox proposes a condition stated that unsightly structures will be removed before any final approval. Commissioner Cox motioned to add a condition stating that unsightly structures will be removed before any final approval. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Cox and Mr. Rowland reiterated that the MDEQ requires the removal or upgrade of all current systems. Mr. Walker asked if all structures have approved systems? Commissioner Cox stated he would like to see the developers contain motorized activity near the river access. Commissioner Magera stated all comments have been heard. Commissioner Magera closed the hearing at 2:35 p.m. Commissioner Cox motioned to take the public hearing under advisement until Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Ms. Maudrone asked if anyone else had written comments. Mr. Brown provided Ms. Maudrone with his. Ms. Maudrone stated that letters can also be submitted directly to MDEQ during the sanitation review, which will follow.

The Board adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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**  
**April 14, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Lance Bowser, Robert Peccia & Associates (RPA), and Ian Wargo, RPA to discuss: the Plains (Penn Stohr) and Thompson Falls Airports. Also in attendance was Lisa Wadsworth, Accounts Payable/Claims. The Board has a consensus to execute the Agreement to Furnish Engineering Services, Engineering Task Orders #1-#4, Record of Engineering Selection and Contract Negotiations, SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance, Sponsor Certifications, Recommendation of Award to American Road Maintenance, Inc., and a Request for FAA Approval of Agreement for Transfer of Entitlements (NPE Transfer from S34 to RVF) for Plains (Penn Stohr) Airport. The Board has a consensus to execute the Agreement to Furnish Engineering Services, Engineering Task Orders #5-#11, Record of Engineering Selection and Contract Negotiations, SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance, Sponsor Certifications, and a Recommendation of Award to L.H.C., Inc., for the Thompson Falls Airport.

As it was 11:00 a.m. and the time and place as advertised for the 2021 Magnesium Chloride and Road Oil bid, Commissioner Brooker motioned to award the 2021 Magnesium Chloride bid to We Dust Control. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Brooker motioned to award the 2021 Road Oil bid to Idaho Asphalt Supply, Inc. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:40 p.m.

Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools requested to meet with the Board as she was not scheduled, to discuss: Tax ID No. 5250. Nichol Scribner would like to follow up with Claude Burlingame for council. Further discussion was on the credit card company that Sanders County utilizes for transactions. Mrs. Scribner proposed changing the County's credit card company from Certified Payment to Montana Interactive. The Board has a consensus to change the County's credit card services to Montana Interactive.

As it was 2:00 p.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the Sanders County Board of Health (BOH) Meeting. In attendance were: Glen E. Magera, Member; Carol Brooker, Member; Anthony B. Cox, Member; Pepper Dorscher, Member; Nicholas Lawyer, Member; Bina Eggenesperger, Member; Dr. Robert Gregg, Member; Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian; Tina Scott, Administrative Assistant, Environmental Health; Karen Morey, Director of Public Health; Sandra Gubel, Tobacco Prevention Specialist; Melissa Cady, Manager, Sanders County Fair, and Kim Bergstrom, Member, Sanders County Fair Commission. Dr. Robert Gregg motioned to approve January 13, 2021 meeting minutes. Bina Eggenesperger seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. New Business: Kim Bergstrom requested a couple of BOH members to assist the Sanders County Fair Commission with the drafting of an Infectious Disease Plan for the Sanders County Fairgrounds. Commissioner Magera inquired if the Sanders County Fair Commission is still moving forward with erecting Plexiglass on the booths. Melissa Cady advised that she and Randy Woods are still moving forward with installing the Plexiglass. Ms. Bergstrom stated bathrooms are being upgraded to better sanitizing surfaces. Pepper Dorscher and Nicholas Lawyer both volunteered to assist the Sanders County Fair Commission with an Infectious Disease Plan. Sandra Gubel provided a summary of COVID-19 advertisements that Mrs. Gubel, and the Sanders County Ledger have coordinated to publish. Bina Eggenesperger recommends putting facts on the website about the vaccines, and how/why they were developed rapidly. Mrs. Gubel provided information on proposed, pending, and passed public health legislation. Including Senate Bill (SB) 398, a bill generally revising vaping laws. Current Tobacco Prevention projects include Thompson Falls Beautification Days from April 15-17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and Earth Day April 22, 2021. Karen Morey provided the Communicable Disease Reporting for signatures. Dr. Gregg motioned to execute the Communicable Disease Reporting. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. To date, the Sanders County Health Department has provided 437 Moderna Immunizations, with 170 having completed the 2-dose COVID-19 vaccine. Twenty Janssen vaccines have been administered. In stock, the Sanders County Health Department has 600 doses of Moderna and 380 doses of Janssen. Mr. Lawyer advised that there is a six in one million chance that an individual will develop blood clots because of the Janssen vaccine. An individual tested for the Plague and Brucella. The tests came back negative. Shawn Sorenson proposed a Request for Variance for Ronald R. Stovall for Section 16, Township 24, Range 31, Lot 3, Block 1. Bina Eggenesperger motioned to approve the Request for Variance for Ronald R. Stovall for Section 16, Township 24, Range 31, Lot 3, Block 1. Dr. Gregg seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. A discussion was held on compliance with statutes and rules for wastewater, subdivision approvals, solid waste, recreational vehicles, junk vehicles, and similar environmental protection. A summary of the impact of noncompliance with the Sanitation Act in the current real estate market, and in general well, drainfields, and sewer systems not complying is impacting sales. Mr. Sorenson provided information on the Ground Water Investigation Program, future research opportunities, and the status of the current groundwater characterization study. Hopefully, the team will be able to finalize the characterization study this summer. There was no further comment. There was no public present. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

The Board met with Jake Santee, Field Representative, Senator Daines to discuss: Mr. Santee is the Field Representative for Lake, Glacier, Mineral, and Sanders County. The Board and Mr. Santee discussed the Montana Water Rights Protection Act passed by Congress and signed into law in December 2020, Payment in Lieu of Taxes, and firewood permits.

The Board adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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**  
**April 15, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: Salish Shores IV Phase 3 and 4 Subdivision. Commissioner Cox motioned to approve the Subdivision Improvement Agreement 2021-06 for Salish Shores IV Phase 3 Subdivision. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Cox motioned to approve the Subdivision Improvement Agreement 2021-07 for Salish Shores IV Phase 4 Subdivision. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Cox motioned for final plat approval of Salish Shores IV Phase 3 Subdivision. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Cox motioned for final plat approval of Salish Shores IV Phase 4 Subdivision. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

As it was 11:00 a.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the public hearing on Smith Subsequent Minor Subdivision. In attendance were: Glen E. Magera, Commissioner; Carol Brooker, Commissioner; Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner; Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services; Marc Carstens, Carstens Surveying; Jeannette Carr-Smith, Developer, and Mark Smith, Developer. Commissioner Magera then turned the meeting over to Marc Carstens who presented Smith Subsequent Minor Subdivision. Katherine Maudrone provided the staff report containing findings of facts, conclusions, and proposed conditions based on the Environmental Assessment, Community Impact Report, and Summary of Probable Impacts and Supplemental Material. Commissioner Magera closed the hearing at 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Brooker motioned to grant preliminary plat approval of Smith Subsequent Minor Subdivision with the following conditions, find of facts and conclusions: 1) That the intention of Access Easement "A" be identified as Parkland as it is a separate tract of land, being dedicated to meet Subdivision Requirements. 2) Include on the face of the final plat the requested language from the Bonneville Power Administration comment letter dated January 22, 2021. 3) These new lots must participate in the existing road maintenance agreements filed with COS 3222MS & COS 3387MS for Powerline Bay Rd. and Alpinestars Dr. 4) All rural mail boxes must be placed at the junction of Powerline Bay Rd. and MT Hwy 200. It is the landowners' responsibility to maintain and keep this area open for year-round delivery. This must be noted on the face of the final plat. 5) That the subdivision complies with the Sanders County Subdivision Regulations for Fire Protection. The exact method of compliance must be determined and met prior to final plat approval. 6) That the subdivider develops and implements Noxious Weed and Revegetation Plan, provides for initial treatment of weeds, and files the approved plan with the final plat. 7) 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 is incorporated in the CC&R's. 8) 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. 9) That the subdivision complies with the design standards adopted by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the Sanders County Wastewater Regulations. Prior to Final Plat approval all lots less than 20-acres in size must be approved by the Montana DEQ as the reviewing authority under MCA 76-4-101. 10) 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 Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to reappoint Jim Newman to the Sanders County Fair Commission for a two-year term. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute Landowner Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Agreement No. 181 & 182 between Sanders County and Scott Welch. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to approve March 31, 2021, Board meeting minute. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board conducted an interview at 3:00 p.m. for the open board position on the Sanders County Fair Commission. Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary was not in the room so no meeting minutes were taken.

The Board conducted an interview at 3:45 p.m. for the open board position on the Sanders County Fair Commission. Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary was not in the room so no meeting minutes were taken.

The Board adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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  
April 20, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Ashley Bache, GIS/Rural Addressing to discuss: Ashley Bache's Performance Appraisal Review. Therefore, as per MCA § 2-3-203 (3), this discussion was closed to the public. (No meeting minutes were taken)

The Board met with Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management to discuss: Bill Naegeli's Performance Appraisal Review. Therefore, as per MCA § 2-3-203 (3), this discussion was closed to the public. (No meeting minutes were taken)

The Board met with Jennifer Ekberg, Executive Assistant to discuss: Jennifer Ekberg's Performance Appraisal Review. Therefore, as per MCA § 2-3-203 (3), this discussion was closed to the public. (No meeting minutes were taken)

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

As it was 1:33 p.m. and after the time and place as advertised for the decision on Prospect Creek proposed 15-space RV Park, Katherine Maudrone briefly reviewed letters received both for and opposed to the RV Park. All letters will be submitted to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality for consideration. Commissioner Cox motioned to grant preliminary plat approval of Prospect Creek 15-space RV Park with the following conditions, findings of facts, and conclusions: 1) That the intention of Access Easement "A" be identified as Parkland as it is a separate tract of land, being dedicated to meet Subdivision Requirements. 2) Include on the face of the final plat the requested language from Bonneville Power Administration comment letter dated January 22, 2021. 3) These new lots must participate in the existing road maintenance agreements filed with COS 3222MS & COS 3387MS for Powerline Bay Rd. and Alpinestars Dr. 4) All rural mailboxes must be placed at the junction of Powerline Bad Rd. and MT Hwy 200. It is the landowners' responsibility to maintain and keep this area open for year-round delivery. This must be noted on the face of the final plat. 5) That the subdivision complies

with the Sanders County Subdivision Regulations for Fire Protection. The exact method of compliance must be determined and met prior to final plat approval. 6) That the subdivider develops and implements Noxious Weed and Revegetation Plan, provides for initial treatment of weeds and files the approved plan with final plat. 7) 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. 8) 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. 9) That the subdivision complies with the design standards adopted by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the Sanders County Wastewater Regulations. Prior to final plat approval all lots less than 20-acres in size must be approved by the Montana DEQ as the reviewing authority under MCA 76-4-101. 10) 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. Commissioner Brooker abstained due to her absence at the public hearing. The motion was passed unanimously. Also in attendance was Jay Stuckey, Landowner and Eve Stuckey, Landowner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: Katherine Maudrone’s Performance Appraisal Review. Therefore, as per MCA § 2-3-203 (3), this discussion was closed to the public. (No meeting minutes were taken)

The Board met with Karen Morey, Director of Public Health to discuss: Karen Morey’s Performance Appraisal Review. Therefore, as per MCA § 2-3-203 (3), this discussion was closed to the public. (No meeting minutes were taken)

The Board adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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  
April 21, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

As it was 10:08 a.m. and the after the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the Sanders County Refuse District Board Meeting. In attendance were: Glen E. Magera, Member; Carol Brooker, Member; Anthony B. Cox, Member; Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District, and Kathy Conlin, Acting Secretary/Billing Clerk/Recycling Assistant. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve the March 17, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Unfinished Business: Old Millings could be utilized at the Transfer Station for dust control. The Transfer site burn area needs to be sprayed for weeds. Kathy Conlin stated the Thompson Falls Beautification Days brought in a lot of tires and paint. The old Transfer Station site still needs to be cleaned up. Guidance from the Department of Revenue is needed concerning permanent RV camping on the property. The Forest Service has picked up loads of tires from the National Forest lands. New Business: Mrs. Conlin will be mailing data sheets in June for the bi-annual business assessment preparations. The annual E-Waste Event will be sponsored by Blackfoot on Saturday, June 9, 2021, from 9:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Thompson Falls Transfer Station. Recycling Report: 11 bales of Cardboard (46 bales shipped on 3/23/21, 33 bales shipped on 3/25/21, and 314 bales shipped on 4/2/21), 2 bales of Aluminum Cans (2.1

tons shipped on 3/19/21), 100 yards of Metal (446 tons shipped on 3/19/21), and ¼ pallet of Batteries (2.55 tons shipped on 3/19/21). There was no further comment. There was no public present. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The Board met with Kathy Conlin, Receptionist to discuss: Kathy Conlin's Performance Appraisal Review. Therefore, as per MCA § 2-3-203 (3), this discussion was closed to the public. (No meeting minutes were taken)

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

#### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

The Board met with Morgan Hirschenberger, PayneWest Insurance via Zoom to discuss: Sanders County's Health Insurance additions and updates. Also in attendance were: Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources, and Brenda Franck, Recordings/Payroll.

The Board adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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 April 22, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, April 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: Agricultural Exemption, COS 383 tracts 1, 2, and 3. Ms. Maudrone advised the tracts will go through Minor Subdivision Review prior to residential development. Ms. Maudrone requested printing ten of the Sanders County Park Commission's booklets utilizing the Sanders County's Land Services budget. The Board has a consensus for Ms. Maudrone to utilize that budget line.

The Board met with Doug Dryden, Justice of the Peace to discuss: proposed job descriptions and grade changes for Justice Court employees. Also in attendance were: Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources; Jeff Lundberg, Clerk/Restitution Officer, and Carl Marquardt, Clerk/Restitution Officer. Doug Dryden and Rich Wallace have additional follow-up information to obtain.

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

The Board met with Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian to discuss: Shawn Sorenson's Performance Appraisal Review. Therefore, as per MCA § 2-3-203 (3), this discussion was closed to the public. (No meeting minutes were taken)

As it was 2:10 p.m. and after the time and place as advertised, the Board proceeded the open the sealed bids for the Ferry Landing Parking Lot Expansion Project. A bid was received from Haskins Excavating, LLC for \$31,410.00. Commissioner Cox motioned to take the Ferry Landing Parking Lot Expansion Project under advisement until Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., pending review by the Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District, Lolo National Forest. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Commissioner Cox joined the Board at 3:05 p.m.

#### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to approve April 6 & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to reappoint Dallas Deardorff 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 to discuss: mandatory training for the new Employee Task Review. Also in attendance were: Tina Scott, Administrative Assistant, Environmental Health; Ashley Bache, GIS/Rural Addressing; Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian; Doug Dryden, Justice of the Peace; Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management; Kimberly Patton, Deputy Treasurer; Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services, and Karen Morey, Director of Public Health (joined at 3:45 p.m.). Mr. Wallace provided employee task review instructions/overview, how it works, and the roll-out process.

The Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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  
April 28, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer, and Carol Brooker, Commissioner.

The Board met with Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools to discuss: cash has balanced for January, February, and March 2021. The Board has a consensus to approve the County Journal Voucher Detail Report for the accounting period of March 2021. Further discussion was on delinquent property taxes. Mrs. Scribner would like to take an assignment out on Tax ID No. 5250. Mrs. Scribner provided a list of the 2017 Delinquent properties with no assignments. The Board has a consensus for Mrs. Scribner to send out letters to start the assignment process.

As it was 10:30 a.m. and the time and place as advertised for the bid decision on Ferry Landing Parking Lot Expansion Project, Commissioner Brooker motioned to award the Ferry Landing Parking Lot Expansion Project bid to Haskins Excavating, LLC per the recommendation made by the Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District, Lolo National Forest. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve April 13-15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and April 20-21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, Board meeting minutes. 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- 47 days without incident. Open County Positions: Maintenance Supervisor, Matt Dombach has resigned from his position effective May 5, 2021. Mr. Wallace provided an alternative approach to filling the vacant position. The Board will consider the alternative approach. Mr. Wallace advised the Board that when the County moved from EBMS to PayneWest Insurance for the County's health insurance the County lost the Employee Assistance Program. Mr. Wallace will follow up with PayneWest Insurance to see if there is a program with the current provider. Mr. Wallace has introduced and rolled out the new Courthouse Employee Task Review. Performance Appraisals are due April 30, 2021.

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

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: a general inquiry on subdividing up Henry Creek Road in Plains, MT. Also in attendance was Catherine Dewitt, Citizen. Further discussion was held

on Katherine Maudrone requesting an Administrative Assistant for her department. Ms. Maudrone will follow up with Rich Wallace, Director of HR on the hiring of an Administrative Assistant.

The Board adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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  
May 6, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, May 6, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: Ponderosa Preserve Subdivision. Also in attendance were: Ron Warren, Rocky Mountain Surveyors, and Steve Burbach, Developer. Commissioner Brooker discussed meeting with Montana Rail Link (MRL) in regards to Tie Plant Road, provided a cost estimate, and advised Mr. Burbach and Mr. Warren, Sanders County would maintain the road within the crossing approaches after completion. Ron Warren asked if it's possible to do the two y-crossings as one project, then could we do the two main crossings separately? Ms. Maudrone proposes to amend the preliminary approval to a phased development. Commissioner Brooker stated that MRL is only dealing with the County, and the County will apply for a cost/share. The County will have to pay their portion and Mr. Burbach will have to reimburse the County. Mr. Burbach inquired if the first railroad crossing could be constructed of wood until there is enough traffic to replace it with concrete. Commissioner Brooker will follow up with MRL. Ms. Maudrone then presented a request for legal access via Bald Eagle Lane to private land through the United States Forest Service (USFS). The USFS will provide the legal road number to Ms. Maudrone later tomorrow. Further discussion was on the Sanders County Park Commission. Ms. Maudrone inquired if the Sanders County Park Commission could utilize the firewise monies for parkland. The Board has a consensus for the Sanders County Park Commission to utilize the firewise monies to cleanup the parkland.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 56 days without incident. PayneWest Insurance advised Mr. Wallace that the Montana State Fund Premium for Sanders County was decreased by \$40,000.00 due to the County's ex-modification factor moving from 1.48 to 1.30. The County's safety culture is paying off. Open County Positions: Maintenance Supervisor, one external applicant has submitted. Mr. Wallace will be obtaining quotes for lawn services. Maintenance Helper (part-time/on-call), no applications have been submitted. Heavy Equipment Operator (Road District No. 2), one external application has been received. Sanders County Refuse Recycling Lead, no applicants thus far. Mr. Wallace advised that the County no longer has Sapphire's services due to the change in insurance providers. However, the County does have an employee assistance program through Guardian. Mr. Wallace will notify all County employees of the available program.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to execute Task Order No. 22-07-4-31-141-0 between the State of Montana Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS) and Sanders County, Montana for the Immunization program. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.



Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute Task Order No. 21-07-31-141-0 Amendment No. 2 for COVID Immunization Services between MT DPHHS and Sanders County, Montana. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to approve April 22 & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to reappoint Rube Wrightsman to the Preston-Hot Springs Town County Library Board for a 5-year term. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at noon and resumed the regular session at 1:00 p.m.

The Board met with Chad Campbell, Regional Director Northwest Montana, U.S. Senator Jon Tester's office to discuss: an update on Sanders County's current projects. Further discussion was held on the Veteran's Affairs Board, Secure Rural Schools, and the Montana Water Rights Protection Act.

The Board met with Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian to discuss: Environmental Health. Shawn Sorenson has updated the administrative assistant position job description for Environmental Health to accurately reflect the technical KSA's that the current employee performs. The current position reflects more of a person with the duties on par with an Environmental Health Technician position. Mr. Sorenson requests that compensation needs to be increased to accurately reflect the work performed, experience, and technical capacity of the individual. The Board advised Mr. Sorenson to work with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources. Mr. Sorenson provided information on project/activities and business updates. Statistics are as follows: Inspections- 183 licensed establishments 15% inspected, Temporary Events- 3 so far in fiscal year 2021, Soil/Site Analyses- 27 so far in calendar year 2021, Wastewater Permits- 157 permits so far in fiscal year 2021, Water/Well Permits- 115 permits so far in fiscal year 2021, Local Subdivision Reviews- 60 so far in fiscal year 2021, Junk Vehicles- 53 vehicles and 3 mobile homes in fiscal year 2021, and Food Training- three classes planned for fiscal year 2021.

The Board met with Dan Lucas, Western Region Department Head, Montana State University (MSU) Extension, and Juli Thurston, Agent, MSU to discuss: a proposed restructuring of the Sanders County Extension office. Mrs. Thurston would like to work part-time as a 4-H Agent and have a full-time Agriculture/Consumer Science Agent, and a half-time Snap-Education Agent. The Board will take the matter under consideration.

The Board met with Julie Molzahn, Chair, Sanders County Park Commission to discuss: trespassing on Sanders County Parkland. Also in attendance were: Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services, and Naomi Leisz, County Attorney. Mrs. Molzahn provided information to the County Attorney on trespassing violations in Heron, and Plains, Montana that are ongoing and have not been remedied. Mrs. Molzahn and the County Attorney will provide information to form a parkland policy for trespassing. Further discussion was held on the Sanders County Park Commission parkland next to the Heron Rural Fire District. The Heron Rural Fire District would like to obtain some of the parkland's property to expand the Heron Rural Fire District. Naomi Leisz will conduct research and will follow up with the Sanders County Park Commission.

Naomi Leisz, County Attorney requested to meet with the Board as she was not scheduled, to discuss: the County Attorney's office purchasing a printer from Kelley Connect. A discussion was held on lease vs buying a printer. Ms. Leisz will obtain a quote from Kelley Connect on buying a printer outright from the company.

The Board adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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**  
**May 12, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Acting Presiding Officer.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to appoint Anthony B. Cox as Acting Presiding Officer while Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer is absent. Commissioner Cox 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- 63 days without incident. De-escalation Training is tentatively scheduled for June 17, 2021, with two-morning sessions. Open County Positions: Maintenance Supervisor, one external application was submitted. An interview is scheduled for May 19, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. Maintenance Helper (part-time/on-call), no applications have been submitted. Heavy Equipment Operator (Road District No. 2), three external applications have been received. Sanders County Refuse Recycling Lead, no applicants thus far. Mr. Wallace provided a HR Personnel Action Form for Tonia Ortega. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Tonia Ortega's resignation effective April 29, 2021. Mr. Wallace provided a HR Personnel Action Form for Dwight Miller. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Dwight Miller's retirement effective May 14, 2021. Further discussion was on the County conducting pre-hiring screening tests. Mr. Wallace is in the process of developing skill tests in coordination with Sanders County Job Service.

The Board adjourned at 11:00 a.m. 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. 183 between Sanders County and Ray Stevens. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve a 1-year contract extension to Saints Towing & Wrecker Service, LLC for the Sanders County Junk Vehicle Hauling Contract, as well as a \$0.25 rate increase for mileage. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Doug Ferrell, Kootenai Stakeholders Coalition; Erin Clark, Western MT Field Director, MT Wilderness Association; Allie Maloney, Northwest MT Field Director, MT Wilderness Association; Angelo Alderete, Kootenai Stakeholders Coalition; Phil Hough, Kootenai Stakeholders Coalition, and Juli Thurston, Agent, MSU Extension to discuss: an update on the Kootenai Stakeholders Coalition. Also in attendance was Katherine Dewitt, Thompson River Drainage District. Erin Clark provided an update on the MT Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act and the Lincoln Prosperity Project. Mr. Ferrell provided an update on the Cube Iron Cataract Coalition. Mr. Alderete stated the Education Committee for the Kootenai Stakeholders Coalition is updating the list of endorsements.

Katherine Dewitt requested to meet with the Board as she was not scheduled, to discuss: Thompson River Road. Ms. Dewitt inquired if the County has any plans to grade Thompson River Road. Commissioner Brooker advised Ms. Dewitt that the state of Montana, the forest service, and the County owns Thompson River Road. The County owns from Highway 200 to mile marker 17. The sections Ms. Dewitt inquired about specifically are not owned by the County.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: Final Plat approval of West View Estates III Minor Subdivision, having met all conditions of preliminary approval. Also in attendance was Ron Warren, Rocky Mountain Surveyors. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve the Final Plat of West View Estates III Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Ms. Maudrone presented Hannan Minor Subdivision for Final Plat approval, having met all conditions for preliminary approval. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve the Final Plat of Hannan Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Ms. Maudrone presented Salish Shores IV Re-plat Phase 5 & 6 for Final Plat approval, having met all conditions for preliminary approval. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve the Salish Shores IV Re-plat Phase 5 & 6 for Final Plat approval. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Ms. Maudrone provided Resolution 2021-03. Commissioner Brooker motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-03 A Resolution for Road Easement Application and Acceptance on Corona Road, No. 1025. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Ms. Maudrone presented Resolution 2021-04. Commissioner Brooker motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-04 A Resolution for Road Easement Application Coyote Gulch Road No. 13951 (also known as Bald Eagle Lane (per Sanders County's Rural Addressing)). Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Further discussion was on Ms. Maudrone hiring an Administrative Assistant.

The Board adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Anthony B. Cox, Acting 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  
May 19, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

As it was 10:00 a.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the Sanders County Refuse District Board meeting. In attendance were: Glen E. Magera, Member; Carol Brooker, Member; Anthony B. Cox; Member; Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District; Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary; Kathy Conlin, Billing Clerk/Recycling Assistant, and Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR). Commissioner Cox motioned to approve April 21, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Unfinished Business: Jason Peterson advised that the Sanders County Weed Department has sprayed the grass outside the Transfer Station fence for weeds but not inside the fence. Commissioner Magera stated he and Mr. Peterson are conducting a walk-through today to close the old Transfer Station and turn it over to Thompson River Lumber. Commissioner Cox voiced that Knerr Inc. filed for a Temporary Permit with the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC). The hearing is set for June 2, 2021, Commissioner Cox is requested to go before the MT PSC on behalf of Knerr Inc. Mr. Peterson requested an invitation for bid be sent to the Sanders County Ledger for a new tandem cabover cab, roll-off truck for the Sanders County Refuse District. The Board has a consensus for Jennifer Ekberg to submit the bid to the Sanders County Ledger for next week's paper. New Business: Kathy Conlin inquired could the forklift be utilized by the 406Recycling during the E-Waste Event on June 5, 2021. The Board has a consensus for the forklift to be utilized by 406Recycling during the E-Waste Event on June 5, 2021. Mrs. Conlin met with Jami Epperson, Montana Department of Revenue to go over all closed and new businesses in Sanders County, Montana for the data sheets that will be sent out the first week of June 2021, for the business assessment bi-annual update. Mrs. Conlin presented the Refuse Appeal for Tax ID no. 306316. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve the removal of the refuse fee on Tax ID no. 306316 as well as a refund in the amount of \$160.00 for this year's fee that was paid. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Magera inquired with Mr. Peterson on the tipping fees that are charged to the Sanders County Fair. Mr. Peterson advised that the Refuse District has never charged the Sanders County Fair. The Board has a consensus to discuss the tipping fees with the Sanders County Fair Manager during this year's budget meetings. Mr. Peterson will track how much the Fairgrounds dumps in refuse. Commissioner Cox spoke with the forest service on a burn pile that reignited at the Trout Creek roll-off site. The forest service requested that the Sanders County Refuse District only burn piles in the fall. Mr. Peterson advised due to the volume the burn piles get the Refuse District must burn in both the spring and the fall. Mr. Peterson will relocate the burn pile at the Trout Creek roll-off site so that a burn pile will not move onto forest service land in the future. Commissioner Cox discussed paving the new Sanders County Refuse Transfer Station in conjunction with the paving project at the Thompson Falls Airport. Mr. Peterson would like to at least pave the area at the Transfer Station that the public drives on. Rich Wallace and Mr. Peterson discussed updating the hiring wage for the Sanders County Refuse District employees. Mr. Wallace will follow up with his counterparts at other counties to get pay rates. Recycling Report: 16 bales of Cardboard (21 bales were shipped out on 5/4/2021), 20 loose yards of Aluminum Cans,

150 yards of Metal, and 1 1/3 pallet of Batteries. There was no further comment. There was no public present. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of HR to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 70 days without incident. Open County Positions: Maintenance Supervisor, interview this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Maintenance Helper (part-time/on-call), no applications have been submitted. Heavy Equipment Operator (Road District No. 2), four external applications have been received. Sanders County Refuse Recycling Lead, no applications have been received. Sanders County Refuse Attendant, no applications have been received. Mr. Wallace provided an update on his Maintenance duties around the Courthouse. The back sprinklers are operational, a few adjustments are needed. 4 Seasons Yard Care will be submitting an estimate to maintain the Courthouse lawns. Black Jack Power Wash will be at the Courthouse tentatively on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, to power wash the Courthouse windows. Further discussion was on the Secure Warrant Training that was held for Sanders County Sheriff Department employees.

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

Commissioner Brooker did not join the Board at 2:00 p.m.

The Board met with John Marshall, Coordinator, Sanders County DUI Task Force, and Jennifer McPherson, Member, Sanders County DUI Task Force to discuss: the Sanders County DUI Task Force 2021/2022 Annual Plan. The Board has a consensus to execute and approve the Sanders County DUI Task Force 2021/2022 Annual Plan. Further discussion was on Sanders County not having any compliance checks in the last three years. Commissioner Magera will follow up with the Sheriff's Department.

Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder requested to meet with the Board as she was not scheduled, to discuss: the monies that the County has received due to COVID-19.

The Board conducted an interview at 3:00 p.m. for the open Maintenance Supervisor position. Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary was not in the room so no meeting minutes were taken.

The Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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  
May 20, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: amending Resolution 2021-04. Commissioner Cox motioned to adopt amended Resolution 2021-04 A Resolution for Road Easement Application for Coyote Gulch Road No. 13951 (also known as Bald Eagle Lane (per Sanders County's Rural Addressing)). Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Further discussion was on office space for Ms. Maudrone and her proposed Administrative Assistant. The Board is vacating their offices and relocating to the Commissioners Conference Room to free up additional offices.

The Board met with Julie Molzahn, Chair, Sanders County Park Commission, and Peter Reinschmidt, Member, Sanders County Park Commission to discuss: the Sanders County Park Commission giving the Heron Rural Fire District parkland. Also in attendance were: Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services, and Claude Burlingame,

Commissioners Council. The Sanders County Park Commission will follow up with the Heron Rural Fire District to obtain a site map of the land that they are requesting. At the June 2021 meeting the Sanders County Park Commission will decide in regards to the land if it is necessary or needed for Park services, and then will release it to the County for sale to the Heron Rural Fire District.

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

### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve May 6 & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to reappoint Dan Normandeau to the Thompson Falls Airport Advisory Board for a three-year term. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools to discuss: abatement of Mobile Home property. The Board has a consensus for Mrs. Scribner to send out letters to delinquent taxpayers for 2015 and 2016. Commissioner Cox motioned to abate taxes on Tax ID no. 302060; 306018, and 301130. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Further discussion was held on Tax ID no. 307112. Commissioner Cox motioned to cancel the taxes due on Tax ID no. 307112, for \$1,369.90 due to possible criminal activity. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Tom Rummel, Sheriff; Lanny Hensley, Undersheriff, and Shawna Chenoweth, Supervisor, Detention/Dispatch to discuss: the Sheriff Department's building. Shawna Chenoweth advised that she hired an engineer that conducted an assessment and has provided her with proposals to build onto the Sheriff's Department. Proposals included building onto the Sheriff's Department where the old playpen is currently located and making that add on two stories. Or building onto the entrance of the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Rummel requested building a pole building out at the Sanders County Refuse District Transfer Station inside the gates to secure Sheriff's Department storage. Sheriff Rummel and Mrs. Chenoweth will obtain additional cost estimates for all the projects and will continue this discussion on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Magera inquired about compliance checks in Sanders County. Sheriff Rummel advised that Detective Martin Spring conducts compliance checks for Sanders County and is currently working on setting up compliance checks soon. Commissioner Magera advised that the Sanders County DUI Task Force would like to obtain the DUI statistics for Sanders County. Sheriff Rummel and Undersheriff Hensley stated that they will follow up with the Sanders County DUI Task Force. Commissioner Magera inquired with Sheriff Rummel and Undersheriff Hensley on Stonegarden. Undersheriff Hensley will be submitting claims for mileages and wages for the Sheriff's Department employees before the end of this year's budget. Commissioner Magera then requested Jennifer Ekberg leave the room and closed the meeting per MCA 2-3-203 to discuss a personnel matter. Jennifer Ekberg left the room. Therefore, meeting minutes were not taken.

The Board adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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**  
**May 26, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools to discuss: the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act funds.

Commissioner Brooker left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-05 Sanders County Budgetary Authority Resolution. 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- 77 days without incident. An employee De-escalation Training is scheduled for June 17, 2021 with two sessions. Open County Positions: District Court Clerk (part-time), seven external candidates so far. Will have a first review of the applicants on June 1, 2021. Heavy Equipment Operator (Hot Springs), four external applicants so far. The position is still seeking additional candidates. Sanders County Refuse Recycling Lead, no applicants thus far. Land Services Administrative Assistant, the open position goes external tomorrow Thursday, May 27, 2021. Mr. Wallace provided a HR Personnel Action Form for Tamra Weltz's resignation from Justice Court. The Board has a consensus to accept the resignation of Tamra Weltz from Justice Court. Further discussion was on the 2021-2022 Budget.

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

The Board met with Dave Montelius, PayneWest Insurance and Shannon Chamberlain, Montana Association of Counties (MACo) to discuss: the MACo Property and Casualty Trust 2021-2022 renewal meeting. Also in attendance was Lisa Wadsworth, Accounts Payable/Claims.

The Board adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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**  
**May 27, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: noxious weed re-vegetation plans. The Board has a consensus to approve the Noxious Re-vegetation Plans for Cottonwood Creek Minor, Back 40 Minor, and Tuma Minor Subdivisions. Bill Naegeli will be on the west end of the County today doing noxious weed identification for Weber Minor and Caldwell Minor Subdivisions, as well as inspecting South Hill Ridge for successful treatment. Further discussion was on the Administrative Assistant position and office space.

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

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve May 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources requested to meet with the Board as he was not scheduled, to discuss: the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority. The Board has a consensus to send a letter to the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority.

The Board met with Karen Morey, Director of Public Health to discuss: a department update. Also in attendance was Peggy Bates, Citizen. Ms. Morey advised that all her department’s Performance Appraisals are complete and Lisa Richmond has done an excellent job for the department. COVID-19 vaccines are going well. Almost 1,000 vaccines have been administered. Public Health has received \$29,000.00 from an immunization grant to cover COVID-19 expenses. On Monday and Wednesday’s Ms. Morey is offering walk-in vaccine clinics. A Pfizer Vaccine is coming to target 12-16-year olds. Ms. Morey is looking into hiring a WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor. Ms. Morey is working with the County’s CFO to complete a journal voucher to balance out the funds in the PHEP Grant. Further discussion was on eliminating the County’s Facebook page for COVID-19.

The Board adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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  
June 1, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Michael Feiger, District Ranger, Cabinet Ranger District to discuss: district updates. Mr. Feiger provided updates on COVID-19 in the Cabinet Ranger District, wildland fire, recreation, vegetation management/timber sale activity, range-noxious weeds, the Kootenai National Forest, and the workforce for the district.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 83 days without injury. A Safety Round will be conducted tomorrow June 2, 2021 at the Sanders County Fairgrounds. Open County Positions: District Court Clerk (part-time), there are a total of seven external applicants so far. Heavy Equipment Operator (Road District No. 2), four external applicants so far. The County is still seeking additional applicants. Sanders County Recycling Lead, no applicants. Sanders County Refuse Attendant, one external application so far. Administrative Assistant (Land Services), five external applications so far. Mr. Wallace advised the Board that Matt Dombach, Maintenance would be back today June 1, 2021. 4 Seasons Yard Care is scheduled to come do that yard maintenance. Mr. Dombach will need to follow up with 4 Seasons Yard Care. Black Jack Power Wash is scheduled June 19, 2021, to do the outside windows of the Courthouse.

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.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to execute Landowner Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Agreement No. 188 between Sanders County and Dawn Gandalf/Susan McFarland. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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  
June 3, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: a petition to abandon the public road easement from Paradise to McLaughlin Creek Road through Linda Tibbles property. Ms. Maudrone has a legal description provided by the Commissioners Council. Commissioner Magera will compile his site visit findings. Next week Ms. Maudrone will meet with Jennifer Ekberg to schedule the public hearing. The Sanders County Park Commission had Black Jack Power Wash clean the interior and exterior of Riverside Park and Cherry Creek's vault toilets. The Park Commission had a discussion with Arthur Potts, Avista on collaborating together in development of parkland on the Vermillion Point lots and Columbia River Estate river lot. Mr. Potts will take it to Nate Hall, Avista to schedule a site visit with the Commission. Further discussion was held on Weber Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Cox motioned to approve the Subdivision Noxious Weed Plan for Weber Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Brooker motioned to grant final plat approval of Weber Minor Subdivision having met all conditions of preliminary approval. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Discussion was continued on office relocation with the addition of an Administrative Assistant for the Sanders County Land Services department.

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

The Board met with Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian to discuss: legislation was approved last session on food regulations. The Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is committed to providing guidance on the new food statutes. They have not provided any information so Sanders County can proceed with special events (Plains Day, Homesteaders Days, etc). Until DPHHS provides clear legal interpretation and guidance, staff cannot implement new legislation in good faith and with confidence that legal requirements will be met. An anticipated legislative change for nondegradation rules was not approved, and Circular 12A and 12B were repealed. The circulars allowed specific field work to approve non-connectivity to seasonal surface water. This will create a hardship for some wastewater approvals. Trigger value rules were not approved, which means trigger analysis must be performed for any surface water within 1/2 mile downgradient from a drainfield. This will continue to create a hardship for some wastewater approvals. A posting was submitted to the Montana Environmental Health Association requesting interested RS contractors provide budgetary estimates for conducting inspections. The post was not an offer, but a request for information so the fiscal year 2022 budget could contain a placeholder for inspection assistance. It is estimated that at least 100 hours of inspection assistance would be beneficial based on current workload. Statistics are as follows: Inspections- 183 licensed establishments 20% inspected, Temporary Events- 5 so far in fiscal year 2021, Soil/Site Analyses- 30 so far in calendar year 2021, Wastewater Permits- 190 permits so far in fiscal year 2021, Water/Well Permits- 130 permits so far in fiscal year 2021, Local Subdivision Reviews- 67 so far in fiscal year 2021, Junk Vehicles- 147 vehicles and 3



mobile home incentives so far in fiscal year 2021, and Food Training- three food classes scheduled. Two have been held and the last one for this year is to be determined.

The Board met with Claude Burlingame, Commissioners Council to discuss: the Sanders County Refuse Hauling contract. Also in attendance were Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District; Walter Klein, Knerr Inc., and Mitzi Hart, Knerr Inc.

Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District and Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources requested to meet with the Board as they were not scheduled, to discuss: Refuse District employee wages.

The Board adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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  
June 9, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met Department Heads for their quarterly meeting. In attendance were: Tom Rummel, Sheriff; Shawna Chenoweth, Supervisor, Detention/Dispatch; Melissa Cady, Manager, Sanders County Fair; Matt Dombach, Maintenance; Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools; Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources; Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian; Mark Lincoln, Coordinator, Sanders County Weed District, and Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services. Old Business: none at this time. New Business: Rich Wallace provided an update on the Task Review Program that he introduced to Department Heads in April. The deadline for employee submittals will be June 30, 2021. Department Head Updates: Nichol Scribner stated that 97% of taxes have been collected. Motor vehicle titling is still increasing. The State's license plate machine broke, so plates are not coming in at this time. Department Head's 2021-2022 proposed budgets are due to Jessica Connolly by June 15, 2021. Melissa Cady advised that a Monster Truck event will be at the Sanders County Fairgrounds Father's Day weekend. Razz Construction will be a new sponsor this year for the 2021 Sanders County Fair. Rich Wallace stated that the County has a few open positions at this time in the Road Departments, the Refuse District, an Administrative position in Land Services, and District Court. With the Boards approval, Mr. Wallace will be conducting writing, grammar, and customer service proficiency tests for all applicants for open positions. Shawn Chenoweth has a new inmate yard, Detention and Dispatch are fully staffed. Matt Dombach stated that he has completed all safety maintenance, mold remediation downstairs on the first floor is next. Sidewalks also need to be repaired. Tom Rummel advised that the Sheriff's Department just received two new trucks from Dave Smith Motors. Three Deputies attended the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) Training. The Sheriff's Department is looking into building a pole building out at the Sanders County Refuse District Transfer Station to house evidence and impounds. Shawn Sorenson stated that his office is busy and staff is prioritizing based on public health and contractual obligations. Katherine Maudrone has several subdivision proposals, floodplain permits, and RV Park proposals coming through her office. Sanders County has been promoted as a tourist attraction so more individuals are coming to Sanders County. Ms. Maudrone is working on the new sewer lagoons with the Town of Plains, Montana. Mark Lincoln is looking into expanding relations between the Sanders County Weed District and the United States Forest Service. The Kalispell Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT) contract is complete. The Missoula MDOT contract is not complete and the Weed District will probably have to subcontract to complete the contract by the deadline. Commissioner Cox advised that Knerr Inc. will be hauling the refuse for the Sanders County Refuse District starting July 1,

2021. The largest bids right now are for the Sanders County Refuse District new truck and Thompson Falls Airport Paving Project. Commissioner Magera stated that the new truck for the Refuse District is a retriever truck. Hot Springs Airport will be paved soon due to a grant the airport received.

Claude Burlingame, Commissioners Council requested to meet with the Board as he was not scheduled, to discuss: the Sanders County Refuse District Hauling Bid. Also in attendance were: Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management, and Johnny Knerr (via teleconference). Mr. Burlingame requested clarification on the hauling trucks that Knerr Inc. would be utilizing.

The Board adjourned at 12:20 p.m. and resumed the regular session at 3:00 p.m.

The Board met with Tom Rummel, Sheriff, and Shawna Chenoweth, Supervisor, Detention/Dispatch to continue the discussion on a building for the Sheriff's Department. Shawna Chenoweth provided proposals and cost estimates from Schutz Foss Architects, P.C., as well as Valence Technologies. Sheriff Rummel is waiting back on quotes for a fifty by eighty-foot with four inches of concrete floor pole building.

The Board adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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  
June 10, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: noticing and scheduling the public hearing to abandon a road easement in Paradise, Montana. Jennifer Ekberg will notice and schedule the public hearing. Ms. Maudrone provided the Subdivision Noxious Weed Plan for Caldwell Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Cox motioned to approve the Subdivision Noxious Weed Plan for Caldwell Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Ms. Maudrone provided Moose Hollow Noxious Weed Plan. Commissioner Magera recommends the subdivider reaching out to a ground contractor for the noxious weeds. Ms. Maudrone presented Tuma Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Cox motioned to approve the final plat approval of Tuma Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-06 A Resolution Adopting Sanders County Sheriff Capital Improvements Plan. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

As it was 1:30 p.m. and the time and place as advertised, the Board proceeded to open the sealed bids for the new truck for the Sanders County Refuse District. Bids were received from SWS Equipment for a 2023 Western Star 4900 SA in the amount of \$197,155.00; from SWS Equipment for a Kenworth T800 in the amount of \$227,280.00, and from SWS Equipment for a Peterbilt 567 in the amount of \$225,144.00. Commissioner Cox motioned to take the bids under advisement until Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Also in attendance were: Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District, and Roger Beatty, Montana Territory Manager, SWS Equipment.

As it was 2:00 p.m. and the time and place as advertised, the Board proceeded to open the sealed bids for the Sanders County Fair Cleaning Contract. No bids were received. Also in attendance was Melissa Cady, Manager, Sanders County Fair.

Commissioner Magera proceeded to audit County Claims at 2:00 p.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$273,308.83. (County Claims are on file in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder)

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 6 days without injury. Open County Positions: District Court Clerk (part-time), three interviews today and one next Monday. Heavy Equipment Operator (Road District No. 2), four external applicants so far. The County is still seeking additional applicants. Sanders County Recycling Lead, no applicants. Sanders County Refuse Attendant, one external application so far. Administrative Assistant (Land Services), six external applications so far. The first review will be on Monday, June 14, 2021. Mr. Wallace provided Human Resources Action Forms for Sanders County Refuse Attendants: Lonnie Jennings, Cindy Lidtke, Robert Patch, Jesse Lentz, Ben Bewick, and Paul Delong for pay increases. The Board has a consensus to approve all six employees' pay increases.

The Board adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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  
June 16, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

As it was 10:00 a.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the Sanders County Refuse District Board Meeting. In attendance were: Glen E. Magera, Member; Carol Brooker, Member; Anthony B. Cox, Member; Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District; Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary, and Kathy Conlin, Billing Clerk/Recycling Assistant. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve May 19, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Unfinished Business: Commissioner Magera discussed the garbage at the Sanders County Fairgrounds with Melissa Cady. Mr. Peterson is keeping track of the garbage hauled away at the Sanders County Fairgrounds. Kathy Conlin provided information on the E-Waste event which collected almost five tons of electronics. The event was sponsored by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). Mrs. Conlin would like to propose a Household Hazardous Event every five years with MDEQ. Mrs. Conlin has mailed out all this year's Business Assessment datasheets. New Business: Bid Decision for the New Garbage Truck for the Sanders County Refuse District. Mr. Peterson advised the Board that he recommends accepting the Western Star truck bid from SWS Equipment. Commissioner Cox motioned to award the New Garbage Truck bid for the Sanders County Refuse District to SWS Equipment on the Western Star with the additional locking rear differentials, gear ratio change, upgrade from H.P. to 565 ISX, tire chain hanger, pintle hitch rear end with hitch, plumbing and plug, boom work lights LED, LED work lights mounted on the outside hoist, boom up light in dash, amber rotating strobe installed on-cab, switch in cab, dual strobe on back of hoist, and aluminum 18x18x36 double door left-hand toolbox. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Recycling Report: none at this time. There was no further comment. There was no public present. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The Board adjourned at 10:50 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, the Board proceeded to open the sealed bids for the Sanders County Refuse Transfer Site Paving Project. Also in attendance were: Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District, and Sam Weyers, LHC, Inc. Bids were received from Wood's Crushing & Hauling Inc., in the amount of \$143,499.00; from Noble Excavating Inc., in the amount of \$120,879.00, and from LHC, Inc., in the amount of \$120,000.00. Commissioner Brooker motioned to take the bids under advisement until Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with John Thorson, Member, Paradise Elementary School Preservation Committee (PESPC); Karen Thorson, Member, PESPC, and Judy Stamm, Member, PESPC to discuss: the Lease between Sanders County and the PESPC. Judy Stamm provided the yearly rent fee to Sanders County from the PESPC. Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera turned the meeting over to Karen Thorson. Mrs. Thorson provided an update on the PESPC including a progress report for 2020-2021, the Art Center, general improvements accomplished as well as future general improvements needed, the Community Center, the Visitor Center, and what the PESPC is working on next. John Thorson provided the budget proposed for the capital improvements program for 2021.

### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-06 A Resolution Adopting Sanders County Sheriff Capital Improvements Plan. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Doug Dryden, Justice of the Peace requested to meet with the Board as he was not scheduled, to discuss: Justice Court employee pay.

The Board adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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 June 17, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: Carr-Smith Minor Subdivision and compliance for final plat approval. The Sanders County Park Commissioner will not have a meeting in July. Further discussion was held on an Administrative Assistant for Land Services. Interviews are scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2021.

Randy Woods, Chair, Sanders County Fair Commission via teleconference requested to meet with the Board as he was not scheduled, to discuss: a litigation matter. The Board has a consensus for Mr. Woods to execute the settlement.

The Board adjourned at noon 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 Refuse Transfer Site Paving Project. Commissioner Cox motioned to award the bid to LHC, Inc., pending available funding. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

As it was 2:00 p.m. and the time and place as advertised, the Board proceeded to open the sealed bids for the Sanders County AIP Herbicide Treatment. A bid was received from Clean Lakes Inc., in the amount of \$86,279.61. Commissioner Cox motioned to take the bid under advisement until Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Also in attendance was Larry Lack, Member, Sanders County AIP Task Force.

#### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to approve May 26-27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and June 1, & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board has a consensus to renew the used 2015 Caterpillar 420F2ST Backhoe Loader for the Sanders County Refuse District from Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation.

Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management requested to meet with the Board as he was not scheduled, to discuss: Caldwell Minor Subdivision. The property owner has released two biologicals onto 60-acres. Mr. Naegeli will be drafting a Subdivision Improvement Agreement soon.

The Board adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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 June 22, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools to discuss: the County journal vouchers for May 2021. Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera examined and approved the Journal Voucher Detail Report for the accounting period of May 2021.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 8 days without incident. Also in attendance was Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services. Mr. Wallace and Ms. Maudrone proposed starting the applicant at \$13.00 an hour with an evaluation in six months, followed by a \$1.00 an hour increase. The Board has a consensus to offer the qualified candidate the position as an Administrative Assistant for the Land Services Department. Open County Positions: Mr. Wallace presented a HR Personnel Action Form for District Court for the part-time Deputy Clerk position. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Karen McKenzie starting July 7, 2021. Mr. Wallace presented a HR Personnel Action Form for the Refuse District Recycling Lead position. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Shayne Gregory Starting July 3, 2021, with no cost of living increase for the 2021 budget. Heavy Equipment Operator (District No. 1), still seeking applications.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:30 p.m.

#### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

The Board has a consensus to execute the Junk Mobile Home Incentive Program Application and Release of Claim for Jodee Goetz.

The Board has a consensus to execute the 2022 Sanders County Weed Management Plan.

Commissioner Brooker joined the Board at 1:45 p.m.

The Board met with Dan Rowan, Mayor, Town of Plains to discuss: the Plains Public Library. Also in attendance were: Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools, and Richard Gebhardt, Attorney, Town of Plains via teleconference. Commissioner Brooker asked Mayor Rowan how the library was acquired. Mayor Rowan advised the library was donated to the Town of Plains to be utilized specifically as a library. The Maintenance funds come out of the Town of Plains's general funds and the employees are paid out of the levy. Nichol Scribner advised that the levy has since sunset. Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the Interlocal Library Agreement between the County of Sanders and the Town of Plains. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management to discuss: a department update. Mr. Naegeli inquired with the Board as to continuing the employment of John Hamilton as the Public Information Officer during fire season. Mr. Naegeli would like to utilize the Title III funds for Mr. Hamilton's position. The Board has a consensus for Mr. John Hamilton to continue as the Public Information Office during fire season and for payment withdrawn from Title III funds. Further discussion was on the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant. Mr. Naegeli has submitted the grant and it has been approved. The funding amount has not been released as of yet.

The Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, 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  
June 24, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: the Wild Coyote Subdivision. Ms. Maudrone provided a Subdivision Noxious Weed Plan for the Wild Coyote RV Park. Commissioner Cox motioned to approve the Subdivision Noxious Weed Plan for the Wild Coyote RV Park. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Further discussion was held on Caldwell Minor Subdivision. The Board has a consensus to support Ms. Maudrone's two suggestions for meeting requirements to treat noxious weeds prior to final plat approval.

The Board met with Ray Brown, Executive Director, Sanders County Community Development Corporation (SCCDC) to discuss: Mr. Brown's request for continued fiscal sponsorship for SCCDC for 1) \$10,000.00 to cover Mr. Brown's medical insurance premium, 2) \$10,000.00 to support the business needs assessment, and 3) \$10,000.00 for general operations. The Board advised Mr. Brown that they would consider his requests.

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

Commissioner Cox did not join the Board at 1:30 p.m.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

As it was 1:30 p.m. and the time and place as advertised for the decision on the Sanders County AIP Herbicide Treatment Bid, Commissioner Brooker motioned to award the 2021 Sanders County AIP Herbicide Treatment to

Clean Lakes Inc., per the recommendation made by the Sanders County AIP Task Force. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-07 Cancellation of Warrants in the Clerk and Recorder's Office. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve June 9-10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the Garbage Hauling Contract between Sanders County and Knerr, Inc. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Commissioner Magera proceeded to audit County Claims at 2:00 p.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$580,767.25. (County Claims are in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder)

ATTEST:

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Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer

Nichol Scribner  
Clerk & Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools

BY: \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary  
Jennifer Ekberg