

**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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA  
July 1, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, July 1, 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: Phase II of Baldy Mountain Reserve Subdivision. Also in attendance were: Ron Warren, Surveyor, Rocky Mountain Surveyors, and Paul D. Waccholz, Subdivider. Commissioner Cox motioned to approve the final plat of Phase II Baldy Mountain Reserve Subdivision. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. A discussion was on Riverside Park in Plains, Montana. Calls, emails, and letters have been received on the noise and fireworks that are occurring at the park. Commissioner Brooker will follow up with the County Attorney on the Sanders County Park Commission's ability to enforce violations.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 17 days without injury. Also in attendance was Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools. Mrs. Scribner and Mr. Wallace discussed the Plains Library. Mr. Wallace will follow up with the Town of Plains to get additional information on the Plains Library. Open County Positions: Administrative Assistant, the open position is reposted until July 9, 2021. Heavy Equipment Operator (District No. 1), the open position is posted until July 9, 2021. Heavy Equipment Operator (District No. 2), interviews are proposed for July 20, 2021. Refuse Attendant, Mr. Wallace presented a HR Personnel Action Form. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Tim Johnson starting July 15, 2021. Breast Feeding Consultant, Mr. Wallace presented a HR Personnel Action Form. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Haylie Baird on-call/as needed. Mr. Wallace provided a HR Personnel Action Form for Jesse Lentz. The Board has a consensus for the resignation of Jesse Lentz effective July 7, 2021, from the Sanders County Refuse District.

The Board adjourned at 12:20 p.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:45 p.m.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to appoint Renee Hofeldt to the Sanders County Weed District for a two-year term. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to approve June 9-10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and June 16-17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to reappoint Michael Mayes to the Paradise Cemetery Association for a three-year term. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to reappoint Annie Wooden to the Sanders County Salary Compensation Board for a three-year term. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to accept the resignation of Charles Chaboya from the Noxon Water/Sewer District. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to grant the funding of the match funds for \$68,765.00 to the Paradise Preservation Committee. Commissioner Cox 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: the Dixon Refuse District. Mrs. Scribner advised that the annual reports from the Dixon Refuse District to the Department of Administration have not been submitted since 2016. Mrs. Scribner completed and submitted all four reports that were past due and requested a fee waiver for the penalties.

The Board met with Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian to discuss: a proposed RV Park in Thompson Falls. Mr. Sorenson requests guidance and will have a conversation with the Department of Environmental Quality. Mr. Sorenson discussed two failed systems. One is a failed system due to a direct consequence of the homeowner's operations and maintenance issues. The second is a failure attributed to recent, and previous unknown groundwater intrusion throughout the lot. Sanders County staff has received multiple questions regarding the sale of local meat and poultry at Farmer's Markets and other venues. A guideline was written in 2020, which was recently updated to include new Department of Livestock rules. Statistics are as follows: Inspections- 189 licensed establishments 24% inspected, Temporary Events- 10 in fiscal year 2021, Soil/Site Analyses- 33 so far in calendar year 2021, Wastewater Permits- 211 permits in fiscal year 2021, Water/Well Permits- 153 permits in fiscal year 2021, Local Subdivision Reviews- 74 in fiscal year 2021, Junk Vehicles- 58 vehicles and four mobile home incentives so far in fiscal year 2021, and Food Training- two classes have been held.

Commissioner Magera proceeded to audit County Claims at 2:30 p.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$251,569.72. (County Claims are on file in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder)

Lance Bowser, Assistant Group Manager, Robert Peccia & Associates, Inc. requested to meet with the Board via teleconference as he was not scheduled, to discuss: the Thompson Falls Airport Grant No. AIP 3-30-0076-011-2020 and AIP 3-30-0076-013-2021. Mr. Bowser stated that the Thompson Falls Airport grant has not come through yet from the FAA. If the Board executes the Notice to Proceed and the Contract with LHC, Inc., at this time there is some degree of risk. Mr. Bowser stated the risks. The Board has a consensus to execute the Notice to Proceed as well as the Contract with LHC, Inc.

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**  
**July 7, 2021**

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

Commissioner Cox joined the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

The Board met with Dave Wroblewski, District Ranger, Lolo National Forest, and Michael Feiger, District Ranger, Cabinet Ranger District to discuss: district updates. Also in attendance was: Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management. Dave Wroblewski provided updates on timber sales, the Good Neighbor Authority projects for the Lolo National Forest, as well as informed the Board that the Lolo National Forest is hiring a new Wildlife Biologist. Hopefully, the individual will be able to start in September or October of this year. Michael Fieger provided updates on pre-season wildland fire planning, wildland/prescribed fire, recreation and the Great American Outdoors Act fiscal year project implementation, vegetation management/timber sale activity, and the Kootenai National Forest.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 23 days without injury. Also in attendance was Naomi Leisz, County Attorney. Open County Positions: Administrative Assistant, the open position is reposted until July 9, 2021. No new applicants as of today. Heavy Equipment Operator (District No. 1), the open position is posted until July 9, 2021. Three applications have been received so far. Heavy Equipment Operator (District No. 2), interviews are proposed for July 20, 2021. Four applications have been received so far. Refuse Attendant, Mr. Wallace presented a HR Personnel Form. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Brent Wiegele starting July 7, 2021. Naomi Leisz and Mr. Wallace discussed the Coroner position. Commissioner Brooker provided information to Ms. Leisz on a property in Paradise, Montana that has several vehicles encroaching on the County easement. Ms. Leisz will follow up with the Sheriff. Further discussion was held on Mr. Wallace attending the Clark Fork Valley Job Fair at the Thompson Falls High School. The Board has a consensus for Mr. Wallace to attend both Job Fairs.

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

The Board met with Lisa Fried de Reyes, Executive Director, Sanders County Community Housing Organization (SCCHO), and Carol Seilhymmer, Member, SCCHO to discuss: a request for American Recovery Protection Act (ARPA) funds from Sanders County, Montana. Also in attendance were: Judy Arneson, Sanders County Republican Women; Peggy Bates, Citizen, and Katherine Dewitt, Citizen. Ms. Fried de Reyes requested the funds to help fund a Preliminary Architectural Report (PAR). The Board will look into the feasibility of utilizing ARPA funds for the SCCHO.

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**  
**July 8, 2021**

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

The Board met with Christine Shelton, Librarian, Plains Library at the Plains Library in Plains, Montana to discuss: Sanders County taking over the Plains Library from the Town of Plains, Montana. Also in attendance were: Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder; Judy Hawley, Member, Plains Library Board; Nikki Erickson, Library Liaison; Myra Lindborg,

Member, Plains Library Board; Jonalie Comeau, Library Clerk; Don Stamm, President, Plains Library Board; Mikiah Cook, Library Aid; Lisa Fried de Reyes, Vice President, Plains Library Board; Tracy Hollman, Library Clerk, and Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (at 10:30 a.m.) Commissioner Magera advised that the Town of Plains, Montana will maintain the maintenance of the library. The County will take on the personnel and the financial side of the library. Nichol Scribner educated the Plains Library Board on the County budget mills, how it all works, as well as the claims process. Rich Wallace provided information on becoming a County employee, the Sanders County Human Resources Handbook, IRS Forms, insurance (health, dental, vision, etc.), Performance Appraisals, the hiring process, safety round evaluations, and the internet.

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

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

As it was 1:30 p.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the Sanders County Salary Compensation Board (SCB) Meeting. In attendance were: Glen E. Magera, Member, SCB; Carol Brooker, Member, SCB; Anthony B. Cox, Member, SCB; Annie Wooden, Member, SCB; Naomi Leisz, Member, SCB; Doug Dryden, Member, SCB; Nichol Scribner, Member, SCB via teleconference; Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary, SCB; Brenda Franck, Recordings/Payroll, and Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources. Annie Wooden called the meeting to order. Commissioner Magera motioned to approve June 17, 2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve July 9, 2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Naomi Leisz motioned to appoint Annie Wooden as the Chair of the Sanders County Salary Compensation Board. Doug Dryden seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Chair Annie Wooden called for any recommendations for Elected Official Salaries. Commissioner Brooker brought up the discussion from last year on elected officials and the proposal to receive \$2,500.00 this year. Annie Wooden discussed not giving such a big increase to elected officials so that employees could get a living wage. Commissioner Cox motioned to recommend a 5% increase. Nichol Scribner seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. There was no public comment. There was no public present. With a consensus of the SCB, the meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

As it was 2:13 p.m. and after the time and place advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the public hearing for the Sanders County Salary Compensation Board (SCB) for the Salaries of Elected Officials. In attendance were: Glen E. Magera, Member, SCB; Carol Brooker, Member, SCB; Anthony B. Cox, Member, SCB; Annie Wooden, Chair, SCB; Naomi Leisz, Member, SCB; Doug Dryden, Member, SCB; Nichol Scribner, Member, SCB via teleconference; Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary, SCB, and Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources. Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera turned the hearing over to Annie Wooden, Chair, SCB, who provided an overview of the previous SCB meeting held at 1:30 p.m., and recommended a 5% increase for elected officials. Chair Annie Wooden called for public comment. There was no public comment. The hearing closed at 2:15 p.m.

Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management via teleconference requested to meet with the Board as he was not scheduled, to discuss: a County Declaration Resolution for the 2021 fire season. Further discussion was on Sanders County moving to Stage II Fire Restrictions on Saturday, July 17, 2021.

Commissioner Magera proceeded to audit County Claims at 2:30 p.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$367,522.57. (County Claims are on file in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder)

#### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-08 Sanders County Declaration Resolution. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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  
July 13, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 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 (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 29 days without injury. Open County Positions: Administrative Assistant, two applicants have applied for the position. Heavy Equipment Operator (District No. 1), three applications received so far. Heavy Equipment Operator (District No. 2), four external applications for the open position. Interviews are scheduled for July 20, 2021. Refuse Attendant, Mr. Wallace presented a HR Personnel Action Form. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Tom McDowell starting July 15, 2021. The Board discussed the open Deputy County Attorney position and a possible internship. Commissioner Brooker then requested Jennifer Ekberg leave the room for a closed meeting. No meeting minutes were taken.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: Ponderosa Preserve Subdivision. Also in attendance were: Ben Bache, Foreman, Road District No. 1 & 2; Ron Warren, Rocky Mountain Surveyors, and Steve Burbach, Developer, Ponderosa Preserve Subdivision. Steve Burbach asked Commissioner Brooker if Montana Rail Link (MRL) had responded to the County's and Mr. Burbach's request on the crossings. Commissioner Brooker stated she has not received a response from MRL. Mr. Burbach would like to get a response from MRL before any decisions are made. Commissioner Brooker will follow up with MRL. Katherine Maudrone advised that B & P Services is dumping weekly at Riverside Park in Plains, Montana.

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

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

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-09 A Resolution Declaring Stage II Fire Restrictions. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

As it was 2:15 p.m. and after 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; Anthony B. Cox, Member; Dr. Robert Gregg, Member; Karen Morey, Director of Public Health; Sandra Gubel, Tobacco Prevention Specialist; Nick Lawyer, Member (2:15 p.m.); Bina Eggenesperger, Member (2:37 p.m.); Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary; Malia Freeman, Montana Cancer Screening Program; Jennifer Gendreau, Montana Cancer Screening Program; Peggy Bates, Citizen; Mary Reed, Citizen; Karen Brown, Citizen; Ron Warren, Rocky Mountain Surveyors, and Kate Hardman. Dr. Robert Gregg motioned to approve April 14, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. New Business: Sandra Gubel introduced Malia Freeman and Jennifer Gendreau with the Montana Cancer Screening Program (MCSP), which is a program that helps eligible women pay for breast and cervical screenings. MCSP assists eligible women in three areas: 1) MCSP will pay for eligible women to receive the necessary screenings. 2) MSCP eliminates barriers to help all women receive breast and cancer screenings. 3) patients can choose their provider and the MCSP will help to set up and schedule the appointments. Mrs. Gubel provided information on current Tobacco Prevention projects including a 2021 Youth Risk Behavior Survey conducted at Sanders County High Schools. Results included 34% have tried cigarette smoking, 50% have used an electronic vapor product, 21% have used an electronic vapor product on one or more of the past 30 days. Among students who currently vape 46% most often used a menthol-flavored product, 56% tried to quit using all tobacco products. Nick Lawyer presented the proposed final draft of the Sanders County Fair Infectious Disease Plan. A question has been brought to the State in regards to the rabbits and minx transmission of communicable diseases. Mr. Lawyer asked if the Board wants to limit seating in the grandstands. The Board has a consensus to not limit seating in the grandstands. Mr. Lawyer noted that Shawn Sorenson needs to weigh in on the review of the Sanitation aspect. Someone needs to be designated as a point of contact for medical personnel. The individual doesn't necessarily have to be at the fair the whole time. But needs to be a qualified individual that could respond to an incident if one occurred. Dr. Robert Gregg motioned to approve the proposed final draft of the Sanders County Fair &

Rodeo Infectious Disease Plan. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Mr. Lawyer then requested that if the Board reschedules a BOH Meeting they give the members at least three weeks to a months' notice. Karen Morey provided an update on COVID-19 vaccines. Sanders County is 34% vaccinated. Walk-in clinics will only be on Mondays starting the week of July 19, 2021. To date, the Health Department has given 769 Modern immunizations with 746 completing the series, 33 Janssen vaccines, and 100 doses of the Pfizer vaccine have been provided by the Lincoln County Health Department to start vaccinating those 12 years and older. The Health Department will be setting up outside the Trout Creek Fire Hall on August 14, 2021, to offer COVID-19 vaccines. In October drive-thru clinics are being scheduled for Wednesdays. Stacy Kandel asked if Karen Morey is educating parents on side effects. Ms. Morey stated the vaccine information sheet is provided. Mary Reed inquired if the County has had any reported side effects. Ms. Morey stated that nothing unusual has been reported other than the normal side effects from the vaccines. Mrs. Kandel stated that she is upset that the County is promoting childhood vaccinations especially with all the extreme adverse reactions that are occurring in children. Ms. Kandel stated she is upset that the County is using taxpayer money to push the vaccine. Mrs. Reed inquired about the money that the County receives from the state of Montana for immunizations. Mrs. Morey stated the monies are for education, outreach, supplies, etc. Mrs. Kandel stated that the County works for the citizens of the County and not the other way around. The County should not be pushing vaccines on the elderly and the adolescent. Peggy Bates stated she feels like the vaccine is being pushed and not offered. Tina Scott stated the County is not pushing the vaccine. Her personal choice is not to get the vaccine and never has the Health Department tried to persuade her views. Bina Eggenesperger requested comments only from the public. This is the time and place for public comment, not questions. Greg Hinkle stated that he was dumbfounded by how this entity is stifling questions and concerns. I worked in the Senate and the Judiciary and this never once was told to a person in our meetings. Peggy Bates stated that the money that Public Health is receiving is only being utilized one way. Mrs. Reed stated a cigarette has a warning. The vaccine is sterilizing children. From my personal experience and research, the data shows that the vaccine is worse for adolescents. Shawn Sorenson provided a request for a variance from Tax ID No. 2603, read the Variance Request Staff Report and Recommendation dated July 12, 2021. Bina Eggenesperger recommended establishing set questions for a floodplain variance request. Nick Lawyer asked about repercussions that could be imposed civilly if individuals are not following regulations. Commissioner Magera stated the County is seeking additional legal counsel at this time. Bina Eggenesperger motioned to approve the Variance Request for Tax ID No. 2603. Dr. Robert Gregg seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. There was no further comment. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The Board met with Steve Kimball, Local Government Forest Advisor, Montana Department of Natural Resource and Conservation (DNRC) to discuss: forest health and wildfires in Sanders County. Also in attendance were: Alex Wickham; Ashley Duran; Erik Warrington; Tom Patton; Peggy Bates; Claude Burlingame; Stacy Kandel and Greg Hinkle. Mr. Kimball would like to collaborate with the Sanders County Collaborative and Sanders County to work with private landowners to develop a cross-boundary project to reduce wildfire risk and improve forest health near Thompson Falls, Montana. Greg Hinkle believes this plan is long overdue. Stacy Kandel asked why this plan is not being utilized throughout the state. Also, where is the lumber going? And does the private landowner keep their tree revenue? Mr. Kimball stated that this plan is being done throughout the state of Montana. Alex Wickham stated that the logs are sent to lumber mills and if there is revenue the private owner receives the money. Peggy Bates asked what is treatment. Mr. Kimball answered treatment can be done by thinning, hand cutting, logging, and prescribed burning. Claude Burlingame asked has the federal government decided if this will be done and if it has, where else has it been done. Mr. Kimball stated that it has been done by the federal government, and one place it was utilized was in Helena, Montana. The Board has a consensus to provide a letter of support amending Grant Agreement No's: LGA-19-005 and LGA-20-007 to include contacting private landowners to assist the Forest Service and the County in developing a cross-boundary project to reduce wildfire risk and improve forest health near Thompson Falls.

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  
July 14, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Ben Bache, Foreman, Road District No. 1 & 2; Lee Smith, Foreman, Road District No. 3; Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources, and Jessica Connolly, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to discuss: the preliminary 2021-2022 budget for the Road Department.

As it was 11:00 a.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the Sanders County Refuse District 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 Jessica Connolly, CFO. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve June 16, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Old/Unfinished Business: Kathy Conlin provided an update on the business assessments that were mailed out stating that she has received a really good return. Mrs. Conlin provided more information on the Household Hazardous Waste Event that she would like to conduct with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) which would consist of an event held in September, would cost the County approximately \$3,500.00, the event would be held on a reservation system where individuals would make an appointment to bring their hazardous items to the Transfer Station, DEQ would donate their labor and manifest, and anyone could bring waste in the County minus the School District. Commissioner Magera discussed the off-season for the Sanders County Fair and refuse amounts. Jason Peterson is in the process of tracking yardage. Commissioner Cox advised Mr. Peterson that Lee Smith, Foreman, Road District No. 1 inspected the excavator that Mr. Peterson wishes to purchase for the Refuse District and Mr. Smith advises to not purchase the excavator. Commissioner Cox stated that Western States Equipment is in the process of obtaining a trade-in excavator and would advise the County when the trade-in has been brought in so that the County might inspect the equipment if the County so chooses. New Business: The Board discussed the preliminary 2021-2022 budget for the Refuse District. Recycling Report: 5 bales and 60 loose yards of Cardboard, 1 bale and 20 loose yards of Aluminum Cans, and 2 pallets of Batteries. There was no further comment. There was no public present. The meeting adjourned at noon.

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:00 p.m.

The Board met with Matt Dombach, Maintenance, and Jessica Connolly, CFO to discuss: the preliminary 2021-2022 budget for the Courthouse maintenance.

The Board met with Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools, and Jessica Connolly, CFO to discuss: the preliminary 2021-2022 budget for the Clerk and Recorder, Treasurer, and Superintendent of Schools offices.

The Board met with Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian; Tina Scott, Administrative Assistant, and Jessica Connolly, CFO to discuss: the preliminary 2021-2022 budget for Environmental Health and the Junk Motor Vehicle Program.

The Board met with Juli Thurston, Extension Agent, Montana State University (MSU) via teleconference, and Jessica Connolly to discuss: the preliminary 2021-2022 budget for MSU.

The Board met with Candace Fisher, Clerk, District Court, and Jessica Connolly, CFO to discuss: the preliminary 2021-2022 budget for District Court.

The Board met with Tom Rummel, Sheriff; Lanny Hensley, Undersheriff, and Jessica Connolly, CFO to discuss: the preliminary 2021-2022 Sheriff's office budget. Also in attendance were: Nancy Mehaffie, Sanders County Republican Central Committee; Kathleen S. Hassan, Resident Taxpayer; Arthur C. Hassan, Resident Taxpayer; Peggy Bates, Citizen; Karol Lassen, Citizen; Mary Reed, Citizen; Kate Hardman, Citizen; Catherine Dewitt, Citizen; Ken Matthisen, Free American, and Stacy Kandel, Patriot.

The Board adjourned at 5:36 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  
July 15, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 9:45 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board requested to meet with Todd Wakefield, Salish Shores Public Water System as he was not scheduled to discuss: the public water system Sanders County would like to hook up to. Mr. Wakefield advised that the engineer has resubmitted an application to Montana Rail Link and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services, and Jessica Connolly, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to discuss: the preliminary 2021-2022 budget for Land Services.

The Board met with Doug Dryden, Justice of the Peace, and Jessica Connolly, CFO to discuss: the preliminary 2021-2022 budget for Justice Court.

The Board met with Ashley Bache, Rural Addressing, and Jessica Connolly, CFO to discuss: the preliminary 2021-2022 budget for Rural Addressing.

The Board met with Naomi Leisz, County Attorney, and Jessica Connolly, CFO to discuss: the preliminary 2021-2022 budget for the County Attorney's office.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:00 p.m.

The Board met with Karen Morey, Director of Public Health, and Jessica Connolly, CFO to discuss: the preliminary 2021-2022 budget for Public Health.

The Board met with Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management, and Jessica Connolly, CFO to discuss: the preliminary 2021-2022 budget for the Office of Emergency Management.

The Board met with Shawna Chenoweth, Supervisor, Detention/Dispatch, and Jessica Connolly, CFO to discuss: the preliminary 2021-2022 budget for 911, Detention and Dispatch.

The Board met with Mark Lincoln, Coordinator, Sanders County Weed District, and Jessica Connolly, CFO to discuss: the preliminary 2021-2022 budget for the Weed Department.

The Board met with Melissa Cady, Manager, Sanders County Fair; Randy Woods, Member, Sanders County Fair Commission, and Jessica Connolly, CFO to discuss: the preliminary 2021-2022 budget for the Sanders County Fair.

The Board adjourned at 4:30 p.m. and resumed the session at 6:00 p.m.

As it was 6:00 p.m. and the time and place as advertised at the Paradise Center located at 2 School House Hill Road, Paradise, Montana, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the public hearing on the Petition to Abandon the County Road Easement located in Section 21 & 28, Township 19 North, Range 25 West, commencing at the easterly most corner of the Assemblies of God Church parcel, COS 730, thence traveling in a southeasterly direction on a road paralleling school house hill road for an approximate distance of 370 feet, thence continuing southeasterly on a two tract dirt road immediately adjacent to the north boundary of the Tibbles property, parcel A-1 and A-2 COS 1716FC, terminating at McLaughlin Creek Road. Katherine Maudrone presented her staff report. Commissioner Magera presented his letter in regards to his on-site visit on May 25, 2021, stating he was in support of the abandonment. Kelly Altmiller stated she was in support of the abandonment. Jina McHargue inquired about using an alternate route in case of a fire. Linda Tibbles stated the main road

could be utilized as an alternate route in case of a fire. There was no further comment. Commissioner Magera closed the hearing at 6:07 p.m. The Board has a consensus to take the matter under advisement until Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

The Board adjourned at 6:15 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  
July 21, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 10:05 a.m. Present were Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to appoint Commissioner Cox as Acting Presiding Officer as Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera 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- 37 days without incident. Also in attendance was Claude Burlingame, Commissioners Council. Open County Positions: Administrative Assistant interviews are scheduled for July 28, 2021. Heavy Equipment Operator (District No. 1), four applications received so far. Heavy Equipment Operator (District No. 2), four applications received so far. Mr. Wallace met with the Plains Library District to assist the library with transitioning from a Town of Plains, Montana entity to a County library. Mr. Wallace is working with the trustees on their powers and duties. Further discussion was on the Sheriff's office and the Homeland Security grant. The Board has a consensus to add \$5,000.00 to Professional Services for a Mediator.

Claude Burlingame, Commissioners Council requested to meet with the Board as he was not scheduled, to discuss: Krueger Road in Plains, Montana.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the Landowner Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Agreement No. 193 between Sanders County and Dan Lewis. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the Performance Grant Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 between Montana Disaster and Emergency Services and Sanders County. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Bob Church, GreatWest Engineering requested to meet with the Board as he was not scheduled to discuss: Beaver Creek Road Shop's new building. Mr. Church recommends running the fans, a dehumidifier, and getting a proposal from St. Clair on remedying repairs needed. Jennifer Ekberg will work with Bob Church to set up a meeting between all parties as soon as possible.

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

The Board met with Bruce Vincent, Evergreen Foundation via teleconference; Jim Petersen, Evergreen Foundation, and Julia Petersen, Evergreen Foundation to discuss: Evergreen Foundation's counties on fire efforts. Also in attendance was John Dowd, Sanders County Ledger.

The Board adjourned at 2:00 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  
July 22, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to appoint Commissioner Cox as Acting Presiding Officer as Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera is absent. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: the Subdivision Weed Plan for Smith Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve the Subdivision Noxious Weed Plan for Smith Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Ms. Maudrone would like to set up a public hearing for Phase 3 of Baldy Mountain Reserve Subdivision. Jennifer Ekberg and Ms. Maudrone will set up. A discussion was on the abandonment of the easement on the Tibbles property. Commissioner Brooker motioned to abandon only that portion of the historic road easement located in section 21 & 28, township 19 north, range 25 west, commencing at the easterly most corner of the Assemblies of God church parcel, COS 730, thence traveling in a southeasterly direction on a road paralleling School House Hill Road for an approximate distance of 370 feet, thence continuing southeasterly on a two tract dirt road immediately adjacent to the north boundary of the Tibbles property, parcel A-1 and A-2 COS 1716FC, terminating at McLaughlin Creek Road. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 11:00 a.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:30 p.m.

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

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to execute Landowner Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Agreement No. 190 between Sanders County and Kent Compton. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve July 1-8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the Cooperative Agreement between the Salish and Kootenai Housing Authority, the Tribally Designated Entity (TDHE) of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and Sanders County. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board met with Adele Sigl to discuss: Donlan Flats Road in St. Regis, Montana. Also in attendance were: Ben Bache, Foreman, Road District No.1 and 2, Jerry Sigl, Karol Cassen, Julia Green, and Stephen Green. Mrs. Sigl would like to propose speed bumps on sections of the road. Neighbors on the road put speed bumps in place but were asked to remove them due to the road being a County road. Those in attendance would like to propose the County put speed bumps on three sections of the road. The Board has a consensus for Ben Bache to place speed bumps in three sections on the road with orange flags placed before the speed bumps.

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  
July 28, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 10:05 a.m. Present were Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to appoint Commissioner Cox as Acting Presiding Officer as Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera is absent. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools to discuss: County journal vouchers and a review of the budget for June 2021. Acting Presiding Officer Anthony B. Cox examined and approved the Journal Voucher Detail Report for the accounting period of June 2021.

The Board met with Karen Morey, Director of Public Health to discuss: a department update. Ms. Morey advised the Board that Haylie Baird is the new Breast-Feeding Consultant for the County. Ms. Baird is in undergoing training at this time. The Backpack Program has undergone some changes including eliminating empty calories by no longer including juice boxes and cookies. The prices for the program have also increased.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 45 days without incident. Open County Positions: Administrative Assistant (Land Services), interviews are being held this afternoon. Heavy Equipment Operator (District No. 1) interviews will be scheduled for Wednesday, August 4, 2021. Detention, Mr. Wallace proposed to posting the open position before a person's resignation is submitted. The Board has a consensus for Mr. Wallace to post the open position. Further discussion was on the Sheriff's office and who is in charge if the Sheriff and Undersheriff are out.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 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: his clerk's pay and grade increase. Also in attendance were: Carl Marquardt, Deputy Clerk; Jeff Lundberg, Deputy Clerk; Julie Molzahn, and Vaughn Briggs, Old Jail Museum. Mr. Dryden stated that he has waited six months for a response to his request for a pay increase for his deputies as well as a grade change. The Board advised that they will provide an answer to Mr. Dryden's request on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, after the Board has had a chance to discuss it.

Julie Molzahn requested to meet with the Board as she was not scheduled to discuss: the West Lolo Complex Fire. Ms. Molzahn request that the Board meets with the incident command to be made aware of the progress of the fire, request documentation on the Delegation of Authority, daily briefings, burned area recovery specialist, contingency plans, as well as the Critical Infrastructure Report. Commissioner Cox stated he would follow up with the District Ranger for the Lolo National Forest.

The Board met with Vonn Briggs, Director, Old Jail Museum Thompson Falls to discuss: the Sanders County Historical Society and Old Jail Museum to have the opportunity to apply for the American Rescue Plan Act Funds. Also in attendance were: Dan Briggs, Citizen; Linda Parker, Volunteer, Old Jail Museum; Pat Ingraham, Museum Docent, Old Jail Museum; Catherine DeWitt, Museum Docent, Old Jail Museum; Robin Hagedorn, Treasurer, Old Jail Museum; Ray Brown, Executive Director, Sanders County Community Development Corporation, and Miriah Kardelis, Sanders County Ledger. Mrs. Briggs provided a letter requesting the funds for several projects consisting of upgrading the electrical wiring in the building, restoration of the plaster ceiling in the office/gift shop area, structural funds for climate control, funds for achieving the historical documents in the museum, adding security cameras, and fire alarms to the building.

The Board met with Bob Church, GreatWest Engineering, Ollie St. Clair, Owner, St. Clair's Construction; Mike Gallagher, St.Clair's Construction to discuss: the new Beaver Creek Shop building and building repairs. Also in attendance was Lisa Wadsworth, Accounts Payable/Claims, Clerk and Recorder. Bob Church stated insulation and the

membrane need to be replaced in the new building. One problem was that the fans were not running in the building so moisture was not controlled. Mike Gallagher advised that St. Clair Construction will replace the insulation with spray insulation with the contingency that the County will run the fans and install a dehumidifier to control the moisture. The County made some changes to the building that was not in the original plans including removing trench drains, did not add alternate heat sources, and did not run the fans even though it was highly advised. Commissioner Cox requested Mr. Church provide a percentage of what the County's responsibility for the damage of the building was. Mr. Church stated he couldn't provide a reasonable estimate for that request.

### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute Landowner Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Agreement No. 192 between Sanders County and Arthur Lacer. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. The Board adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Anthony B. Cox, Presiding Officer

Nichol Scribner  
Clerk & Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools

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

### **PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA July 29, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

Commissioner Cox motioned to appoint Commissioner Brooker as Acting Presiding Officer as Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera is absent. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services for the noticed meeting to discuss: the Airport Affected Area (AAA) Change in Use Variance for the Plains Sewer Lagoons. Also in attendance were: Barry Fowler, Landowner; Dan Rowan, Mayor, Town of Plains, Montana, and Shari Johnson, Engineer, Town of Plains, Montana. Commissioner Brooker turned the meeting over to Shari Johnson. Ms. Johnson stated that the existing waste water treatment plant/lagoons is in the AAA zone and due to riverbank erosion needs to be relocated. The new sewer lagoon location will still be in the AAA, approximately 3,000 feet closer to the airport. Wildlife is not expected to be impacted. The FAA did point out that the Town of Plains kept the lagoon on the same side as the river and this will not be creating a different flight pattern across the airport airspace for birds and waterfowl. Fencing around the new sewer lagoon will be similar to what the airport has around its property. There are no additional plans for landscaping so that wildlife is not attracted to the area. Commissioner Cox asked if there are plans to decommission the old sewer lagoon. Ms. Johnson stated that once the new sewer is up and running there are plans to decommission the site. Katherine Maudrone stated that the County and the Town of Plains are in the process of working on a Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Ms. Maudrone would like to set up a working meeting with the County Attorney and the Plains Airport Manager and the Town of Plains to develop the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Public Comment as follows: Barry Fowler stated it sounds like this is already a done deal. However, he encourages the Board to deny the Change in Use Variance for Plains Sewer Lagoons. He has lived in the area for 16 years and the area is surrounded by animals and he is concerned about the geese. They hit the power lines and feel that two bodies of water are going to be a nuisance attraction. You can't always tell flight patterns. The storage lagoon is so close to him that he is concerned about large bodies of water next to the fields. Commissioner Brooker inquired with Mr. Fowler on his notification of these meetings and the proposed new sewer lagoon location. Mr. Fowler stated that he was noticed for the subdivision only. He was made aware of this meeting. Mr. Fowler

is frustrated with the behind-the-scenes and what's going on. Commissioner Brooker stated that the County has been talking to the FAA for months, this is a long process. Ms. Maudrone stated that there was a meeting held in January 2021 and Dr. Gregg Hanson, Clark Fork Valley Hospital; Travis Pfister, United States Forest Service, and Randy Garrison, Manager, Plains Airport attended virtually. Ms. Johnson stated that the rules are outlined by the Federal Aviation State guidelines for public notice, and notices were put in the local newspaper. Mr. Fowler stated that he is not a resident of the Town of Plains and doesn't attend their meetings. Commissioner Brooker inquired with Mr. Fowler on receiving a letter from Sanders County. Mr. Fowler stated that yes, he did receive a letter from Sanders County. Mr. Fowler stated that he is concerned about the wildlife so close to the airport. Dan Rowan stated that he feels the County has been thorough in the mitigation plan. Nets can be erected over the lagoon. Ms. Johnson stated that the grass can be kept short as well. Ms. Maudrone inquired about any record of wildlife sightings at the lagoons.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: Larchwood South Shore Rural Improvement District. Ms. Maudrone advised that there is no change to the current levy, but that new lot owners need to be included in the assessment. Ms. Maudrone presented Resolution 2021-11. Commissioner Brooker motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-11 Annual Maintenance Levy for Rural Special Improvement District #1. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

The Board met with Heather Berman, Recreation and Range Staff, Lolo National Forest; Marie Errecart, Crew Leader, Youth Conservation Corp. (YCC) Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District; Kim Earhart, Lolo National Forest, and Mikey Church, Recreation Assistant, Lolo National Forest to discuss: the 2021 YCC Season. Also in attendance were: Claire Fickler; Faith Palmer; Jody Detlaff; Tyler Battles, and Jim Hanson. The crew member's presentation included accomplishments and things learned in archeology, a tree improvement program, recreation where new campground signs were erected, fire/fuels, where the crew learned how to dig fire lines and how to handle medical situations. A tour was done at the Smokejumper Center, College of Forestry. Timber, silviculture, the Travelers Rest State Park, trails, and Back Country Horseman Packing Class, as well as the Whitefish Aerial Park where a fun day was had.

The Board adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Carol Brooker, Acting Presiding Officer

Nichol Scribner  
Clerk & Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools

BY: \_\_\_\_\_, Acting Secretary  
Kimberly Patton

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA  
August 3, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 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 Dave Wroblewski, District Ranger, Lolo National Forest, and Michael Feiger, District Ranger, Cabinet Ranger District to discuss: district updates. Also in attendance were: Eric Tomasik, District Ranger, Ninemile Ranger District, and Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management. Mr. Wroblewski introduced Eric Tomasik. Mr. Tomasik is the District Ranger for the Ninemile Ranger District of the Lolo National Forest. Mr. Wroblewski provided updates on the district. Seeley Lake has ten or eleven individuals that are out due to COVID-19 exposure. Vegetation management/timber sale activity was provided on Deemer Henry, Plains, Swamp, and the Combest. The Trust for Public Lands is seeking letters of support, and Mr. Wroblewski asked the County to weigh in. Mike Feiger provided updates on COVID-19,

wildland fire/prescribed fire, recreation, vegetation management/timber sale activity, transportation management/roads/engineering, and the Kootenai National Forest.

The Board met with Dave Wrobleski, District Ranger, Lolo National Forest; Eric Tomasik, District Ranger, Ninemile Ranger District; Rob Taylor, Liaison Officer, Northern Rockies Incident Management Team, and Mark Goeller, Deputy, Northern Rockies Incident Management to discuss: the West Lolo Complex Fire in Sanders County, Montana. Also in attendance was Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management. Rob Taylor advised that the fire crew is using an indirect strategy. There is suppression difficulty. It's creating a greater than 50% chance of killing firefighters because of the terrain, fuels, and weather conditions. Aircraft is being utilized but is limited. Montana as a state in whole is a Type II priority. The West Lolo Complex is a Type II fire but has Type I teams on location. Unfortunately, 1/3 of the United States Hot Shot crews didn't register this year. Incident 209 Situation Status Summaries are reported every night. What is put into the reports dictates the resources that are utilized for this fire. Commissioner Brooker inquired when the Baer Team would be brought in. Mr. Wrobleski stated that first a suppression team will be brought in, then the Baer Team. Mr. Taylor stated that the National Guard arrived this morning. The National Guard will assist fire crews and law enforcement. Commissioner Cox asked why the Thorne Creek fire wasn't put out in the first 48 hours. Mr. Wrobleski stated there were 35 fires at the same time due to lightning brought on by a thunderstorm. The priority was on fires heading for populated areas and would have the greatest impact.

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 as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the Sanders County Board of Health (BOH) Special Meeting. In attendance were: Glen E. Magera, Member; Carol Brooker, Member; Anthony B. Cox, Member; Dr. Robert Gregg, Member via teleconference; Nicholas Lawyer, Member via teleconference; Pepper Dorscher, Member via teleconference; Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian; Karen Brown, Citizen; Mary Reed, Citizen, and Catherine DeWitt, Citizen. Commissioner Magera turned the meeting over to Shawn Sorenson. Mr. Sorenson advised Rocky Mountain Surveyors submitted a plan to install a wastewater system outside of the floodplain but a site that is within 100 feet of the floodplain. Mr. Sorenson has discussed the variance request with other county Sanitarians and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. Out of all the variance requests the County has approved in the last 20 years this variance request is unlikely to be affected by the floodplain. Dr. Robert Gregg motioned to approve the variance request submitted by Tax ID No. 2603. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Nicholas Lawyer opposed the motion. Motion passed. Dr. Gregg asked Mr. Lawyer why he opposed the variance request. Mr. Lawyer stated that he doesn't believe the variance request meets all the rules for approval. Shawn Sorenson stated the rules do allow the BOH to pass a variance. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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

### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the Contract for Services between Sanders County and Cottrell's Construction. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the Delegation of Authority effective July 31, 2021, to the Incident Command Type I Team. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox joined the Board at 2:40 p.m.

The Board met with the Water Districts of Sanders County to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). In attendance were: Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools; Karen Brown, Citizen; Mary Reed, Citizen; Catherine DeWitt, Citizen; Dan Briggs, Woodside Park Water/Sewer District; Kristy Beaty, Member, Woodside Park Water/Sewer District; Doug Cooper, Director, Trout Creek Water Service; Lori Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer, Trout Creek Water Service; James Irgens, Member, Noxon Water District; Stephanie VanVleet, Member, Noxon Water District; Duane Jensen, Member, Heron Water District; Marian Stonehocker, Trout Creek Water Service; Jim Stonehocker, Trout Creek Water Service; Janice Barber, Member, Paradise Sewer, and Terry Caldwell, Paradise Water and Sewer. Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera introduced the Sanders County, Montana Board of Commissioners and turned the meeting over to Commissioner Carol Brooker. Commissioner Brooker discussed the Sanders County Capital Improvements Planning Update that was completed in March of 2019 for the Water/Sewer Districts. Commissioner Brooker advised because of ARPA funds this is a great opportunity to improve the County's Water/Sewer Districts. Dan Briggs stated that the Woodside Park subdivision has experienced an explosion of growth and the water system is greatly under pressure because of the growth. Nichol Scribner stated that there is approximately \$2,352,808.00 available. Terry Caldwell stated that the Paradise Sewer had a breakdown in the system and the sewer district borrowed approximately \$5,000.00 from the water district. Would the sewer district be able to receive

those funds through ARPA to reimburse the water district? The Board and Mrs. Scribner did not know the particulars of that request. Mr. Cooper asked if the proposals go to Sanders County or the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation? Commissioner Brooker advised the proposals need to come to the Board of Commissioners. Stephanie VanVleet stated that Noxon needs an engineer. Water is being trucked in right now. Commissioner Magera stated the Capital Improvements Planning Update stated everyone needs to update their mapping. Now would be the time to get that completed. Duane Jensen stated that Heron Water District needs a new well. Mr. Briggs stated Woodside Park needs a complete overhaul. The waterline is only three inches and is grossly under capacity. Catherine DeWitt inquired about ARPA. Commissioner Brooker stated that ARPA funds are limited to mainly water and sewer. Doug Cooper stated that the Trout Creek Water Service has copper lines under the railroad that need to be replaced with six-inch poly pipe.

The Board adjourned at 4:10 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  
August 5, 2021**

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

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: Morgan Ranch Estates Subdivision. Commissioner Brooker motioned to grant preliminary approval with the following conditions, finding of facts and conclusions: 1) That a 1-foot controlled-access easement be established on the Lakeview Rd. and Blue Slide Rd. frontages of these lots noting that a permit must be obtained from the County prior to excavating or constructing an approach off Lakeside Rd. No approaches will be approved off Blue Slide due to safety concerns. 2) 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. 3) That the subdivider contacts the Sanders County Land Services Department for a Noxious Weed and Revegetation Plan and complete 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 must be determined 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.

The Board met with Cassidy Kipp, Deputy Director, Community Action Partnership of Northwest Montana (CAPNM) to discuss: the fiscal year 2022-2023 Community Services Block Grant request for endorsement; Sanders County services provided for 2020. The Board has a consensus to execute the letter of support endorsing the Work Plan and Budget as written for the Community Services Block Grant Program for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

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

Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District requested to meet with the Board as he was not scheduled, to discuss: billing obstacles with a private hauler. Further discussion was on business assessments and huge increases in expanding businesses. The Board has a consensus for Kathy Conlin to draft a letter to the private hauler.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve July 13-15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Vaughn Briggs requested to meet with the Board as she was not scheduled to discuss: the Thompson Falls Old Jail Museum. Mrs. Briggs advised the Board that an anonymous donator donated \$7,000.00 for archiving to the Old Jail Museum.

The Board met with Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian to discuss: the MBMG Aquifer Characterization Study. Cam Carstarphen is currently conducting fieldwork throughout Lincoln and Sanders counties. Staff will meet with an additional hydrogeologist who has been assigned to Sanders County. Statistics are as follows: Inspections- 189 licensed establishments 24% inspected, Temporary Events- 5 so far in fiscal year 2022, Soil/Site analyses- 39 so far in calendar year 2021, Wastewater Permits- 20 permits so far in fiscal year 2022, Water/well permits- 20 permits so far in fiscal year 2022, Local Subdivision Reviews- 6 so far in fiscal year 2022, Junk Vehicle- 16 vehicles so far in fiscal year 2022, and Food Training- two classes tentatively scheduled. One class will be in September 2021 and the other in March 2022.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 63 days without incident. Open County Positions: Land Service's Administrative Assistant starts Monday, August 16, 2021. Mr. Wallace presented a HR Personnel Action form for the open Heavy Equipment Operator (District No. 1) position. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action form for Kenneth Benson starting August 9, 2021. The open Deputy County Attorney position has an applicant that will be interviewed the week of August 8, 2021. Mr. Wallace will be posting an open position for a Detention Officer for the Sheriff's Department.

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  
August 11, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Ben Bache, Foreman, Road District No. 1 & 2; Lee Smith, Foreman, Road District No. 3; Jessica Connolly, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), and Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: the proposed final 2021-2022 budget for the Road Department.

The Board met with Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District; Jessica Connolly, CFO, and Rich Wallace, Director of HR to discuss: the proposed final 2021-2022 budget for the Sanders County Refuse District. Also in attendance was Kathy Conlin, Billing Clerk/Recycling Assistant.

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

The Board met with Mark Lincoln, Coordinator, Sanders County Weed District; Jessica Connolly, CFO, and Rich Wallace, Director of HR to discuss: the proposed final 2021-2022 budget for the Sanders County Weed District.

The Board met with Tom Rummel, Sheriff, and Jessica Connolly, CFO to discuss: the proposed final 2021-2022 budget for the Sanders County Sheriff's Department. Also in attendance was Theresa Milner, Office Administrator.

The Board met with Shawna Chenoweth, Supervisor, Detention/Dispatch; Tom Tomkins, Lead, Detention, and Jessica Connolly, CFO to discuss: the proposed final 2021-2022 budget for Sanders County Detention/Dispatch. Mrs. Chenoweth requested an exception to the cost of living adjustment for an employee in her department.

The Board met with Christine Shelton, Librarian, Plains Public Library District; Don Stamm, Member; Plains Library District Board via teleconference; Jessica Connolly, CFO, and Rich Wallace, Director of HR to discuss: the proposed final 2021-2022 budget for the Plains Public Library District.

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  
August 12, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, August 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: Red Fir Lane in Noxon, Montana. Also in attendance was Ashley Bache, Rural Addressing. A complaint was made on Red Fir Lane in Noxon, Montana where property owners do not want neighbors to have access through their property. Instead they show that the neighbors have legal access through Torp Lane and not Red Fir Lane. Commissioner Brooker requested that Ms. Maudrone and Mrs. Bache discuss the matter with Claude Burlingame, Commissioners Council. Ms. Maudrone is receiving calls after the fact on the Tibbles road easement abandonment. Commissioner Magera advised Ms. Maudrone that the matter is closed. The road easement has been abandoned. Ms. Maudrone is working on an easement relocation requested by Heron Siding, LLC for a building in Heron, Montana. The floodplain, excavation, and airport affected area permits are ready for the Town of Plains, Montana's new sewer lagoons.

As it was 11:00 a.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the public hearing on the Phase 3 of Baldy Mountain Reserve Subdivision. Also in attendance were: Deborah Warren, Real Estate Broker, and Kim Kinzie, Rocky Mountain Surveyors. Katherine Maudrone presented her staff report. Commissioner Magera closed the hearing at 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Brooker motioned to grant preliminary approval of Phase 3 of Baldy Mountain Reserve Subdivision. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. With no conditions needed for Phase 3. Commissioner Brooker motioned to grant final plat approval of Phase 3 of Baldy Mountain Reserve Subdivision. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District requested to meet with the Board as he was not scheduled, to discuss: an invoice conflict. Also in attendance was Kathy Conlin, Billing Clerk/Recycling Assistant. Kathy Conlin states that there are days in July that the hauler wants to pay by weight. The weight slips and the haulers reporting do not match up. Mrs. Conlin recommends going forward that the Sanders County Refuse District will charge strictly by yards. On the days that an attendant is not present the haulers will self-report. B & P Services will have to differentiate between non-typical and fire camp refuse.

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

Commissioner Cox did not return at 1:30 p.m.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the Landowner Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Agreement No. 196 between Sanders County and Jeff Lane. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve July 21-29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 60 days without incident. The Sanders County Employee Safety Committee received a 5 out of 10 on follow up investigations. Showing that there is need for improvement. One concern was an individual who has hit four deer in an eighteen-month period of time in a County vehicle. Open County Positions: Mr. Wallace provided HR Personnel Action forms for Grace Gamboa, Cindy Minix, Lisa Sickles, Diane Prongua, and Kathy Logan as temporary employees as Fairground Ticket Agents effective Monday, August 16, 2021. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action forms for Grace Gamboa, Cindy Minix, Lisa Sickles, Diane Prongua, and Kathy Logan. Mr. Wallace presented the HR Personnel Action form for Jerren Borgmann as a Laborer for the Sanders County Fairgrounds. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action form for Jerren Bormann effective Monday, August 16, 2021. The Board accepts the resignation of Skylar Bergstrom from the Sanders County Fairgrounds effective Friday, August 6, 2021. The Board accepts the resignation of Karren McKinzie from District Court effective Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

Naomi Leisz, County Attorney requested to meet with the Board as she was not scheduled, to discuss: the Coroner's resignation. Ms. Leisz is drafting a resolution to unconsolidate the position of Sheriff/Coroner.

Commissioner Magera proceeded to audit County Claims at 2:10 p.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$272,158.12. (County Claims are on file in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder)

The Board adjourned at 3:15 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  
August 17, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Dusti Johnson, Department of Environmental Quality to discuss: a refuse audit for the Sanders County Refuse District. Also in attendance were: Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District, and Kathy Conlin, Billing Clerk/Recycling Assistant.

The Board met with Stacy Kandel to discuss: the Sanders County Board of Health. Also in attendance were: Kristi Denson; Tammy Raines; Elizabeth Webb; Lorilee Cuvillier; Karen Brown; David Brown; Julie Thomas; Dylan Schecterson; Gerald Cuvillier; Cheryl Guibert; Robin Gile; Dave Wonder; Catherine DeWitt; Neal Buckhouse; Donna McQueen; Ricki Clark; Rob Clark; Margo Kelly; Carol Hayes; Jan Hayes; Gail Hinkle; Greg Hinkle; Barbara F Kunch; Bob Kunch; Annie Wooden; Crazy Ernie; Marilyn Fields; Cherie Hamilton; Clara Barnes; Ken Mathiesen; Kathleen S. Hassan; Art Hassan; Kyra Bosker; Amber Miskowitz; Mary Reed; Karen Dwyer; Shelly Wrightson; Lisa Ruen; Ron Chisenhall; Wendy Luckow; Helen Jensen; Ashley Hathorne; Carolyn A. Person; Robert Pierson; Noah Hathorne; Theresa Milner; Karol Larsen; Representative



Paul Fielder; Larry Mandella; RuthAnn Mandella; Ramona Jacobson; Elizabeth Petrie; Connie C Foust; Linda Hohenstein; Terry Brookshire; Kathryn Galuppo; Sandie Denson; Nicki Shelton; Tom Rummel, Sheriff; Sherry Anderson; Peggy Bates; Kate Hardman; Susan H. Jacobson; Margaret Juneman; Florence Kangas; Grant J Bailey; Keven robins; John Hamilton; Celeste Lindsay; Katy French; Nancy Mehaffie; Mark French, and Bruce Hunn. Commissioner Cox opened the meeting and then turned the meeting over to Stacy Kandel. Stacy Kandel stated she is a conservative patriot and she requested this meeting because over a month ago a Board of Health (BOH) meeting was held where funding was discussed and individuals were told to only comment and to not ask questions. On Friday two people were cured using azithromycin. Mrs. Kandel stated that Karen Morey in Public Health is promoting giving the jab to children. The public health just received over 100 vaccine doses from Lincoln County, Montana. Masks don't stop viruses. Pushing masks on children and buses. You're breathing your exhaust. You're secreting bacteria. Paul Fielder asked what is the purpose of this meeting? Mrs. Kandel stated that the attendees of the last BOH meeting filed a complaint and have received no response. Commissioner Brooker stated that she apologizes, she wasn't in attendance at the last BOH meeting therefore she did not respond. Mrs. Kandel asked why is the County spending monies on new vehicles. We have people that we would like to have appointed to the BOH. Commissioner Cox stated that if you want to get a shot great. If you don't want to get a shot, great. You as a person have a right to make that decision. Mrs. Kandel asked why the County is taking money from the state. Ruth Ann Mandella stated this is not a vaccine. A vaccine is not developed into a shot in six months. It took twelve years to develop the influenza vaccine. 4.2 million children have tested positive for COVID-19. .008 children have died from COVID-19. During flu season more, children have died. Mrs. Kandel stated for every one kid that dies from COVID-19 100 children die from the shot. Is Karen Morey okay with this experimenting? Grant Bailey stated this is all about controlling us. Spanish flu, swine flu, they didn't wear masks. This is about control. David Wonder stated he has a friend that is an 8-year veteran who has been shot and was mandated by a security company to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Cheryl Guibert asked if the County has all this funding why aren't we promoting other alternatives to the vaccine. For example, Vitamin D. Commissioner Cox asked what form is azithromycin in? Mrs. Kandel stated a paste, and it tastes like crap. Mary Reed stated she comes to a lot of meetings. Nick Lawyer has decided who can come to watch their kids' games. I've asked in meetings to have warnings just like on cigarette packaging to place on mask packaging the information and warnings on masks. No one in the Health Board has ever responded to my requests. We need to have individuals on the Board who will listen to us. Connie Foust stated Browning University did a study on babies and masks. Babies have 21% less of an IQ from individuals wearing masks around them. Children develop by facial expressions. Lorilee Cuvillier stated this BOH is violating the law. Those board members should be arrested. Mr. Fielder stated if a law was violated, what is the law? What is the bill number that is providing monies to the County? What exactly is the complaint? In the legislature, I voted against bills on masks and mandated vaccines. Mrs. Kandel stated the main complaint is suppressing the public from commenting MCA § 2-3-203. Funding is from the federal government to the state of Montana. From the state of Montana, the funding then goes to the County. The County signed May 6, 2021, via Commissioner Glen E. Magera a Task Order for Public Health. They in turn are pushing an agenda. How many Ford Escapes has the County purchased? Greg Hinkle stated that he was at the BOH meeting when the two BOH members shut down two ladies from commenting. I'm the guy that filed a complaint. I'm the one who stated this was a Marxist tactic. I would ask the Commissioners to replace the two BOH members. People are struggling, you have to draw a line in the sand. We don't want individuals ordering us around. Don't stifle anyone from saying anything. The funding for this...how does it get here and to the BOH? House Bill 632 was voted for by Paul Fielder and Senator Bob Brown. Two wrongs don't make a right. That was a bad vote. Please get rid of those two BOH members. Paul Fielder stated the Federal government was going to give monies out no matter what. Montana stripped it down so that we could help water/sewer infrastructure for generations. I voted against immunizations and vaccination passports. Montana decided that no matter, the monies would benefit future generations. Margo Kelly asked what actions has the Board taken since the complaint? Commissioner Cox stated that the Board has discussed amongst themselves and that commenting is not going to be stifled. Ms. Kelly stated that you are the high archy the Board needs to tell the BOH members what is acceptable. Mrs. Kandel clarified that at the July 2021 meeting Commissioner Glen E. Magera did tell Nick Lawyer that the individual is allowed to comment. Ms. Kelly stated we are asking the Board to hold them accountable. That should be made public. Is there a substitute to come in Commissioner Brooker's stead if she can't attend a meeting? Commissioner Brooker stated the Board wants to hear all your comments. Then we will hold a public meeting with the BOH to discuss how to address the situation. Ms. Kelly asked if the County has control. We don't want money from the Federal government. Kate Hardman stated that we elected you the Commissioners. We have the power to remove you. We can't remove them. There are always strings attached to money. I'm afraid what mandates will come down. I am afraid that masks mandates on the buses and buses are paid federally. What happens if we are forced to have passports. Commissioner Booker stated the BOH doesn't have authority over the schools. There is no Governor's directive right now. Ashley Hathorne stated

the buck stops here. We all have spent tons of time researching. The BOH has a duty to research. The American people are trusting our officials. Our children are going to have freedom. We can't cater to the Federal government. Katy French stated the BOH used to be a quiet board. They have more authority than we realize. The parallels between the Paradise Sewer and the BOH. No minutes, no public meetings. These are little bitty boards and they have a lot of power. Gerald Cuvillier inquired as to how many have received stimulus monies. Commissioner Brooker stated minutes by law are vague. They only have to state the decisions. Mark French stated he has been to a lot of meetings. This lady is not being represented. I applied to the Health Board. That person is way to the left. Get rid of one of your leftists and get a self-serving person. I will sit on the Health Board. Put someone on your Health Board that will serve the people. People that are here on a Tuesday are here because they are mad. You didn't put me on the board because I don't agree with you. Noah Hathorne stated that most of us are concerned with the incrimination of this. He read his statement stating there is overwhelming evidence that this vaccine is neither safe nor effective. How can we continue to trust the government and news media concerning the safety and efficacy of this shot when the whole effort is built on lies? The Corona Virus was created in a lab. Once denied, this has become undeniable. It is a bioweapon, and yet this fact is ignored. Since it was created to have a certain effect on the body, then it stands to reason that someone knows exactly what it is and how it works. Many have died because the information was suppressed. Two medications that have proven themselves to be effective at killing the virus. Ivermectin in particular is a game-changer and yet this information is being censored. Ivermectin has been around for a long time, has few side effects, and helps kill the virus. It is inexpensive compared to the experimental vaccine being forced on us currently. One wonders why an anti-parasitical medication would affect a virus. Maybe, the people who created the virus know? But profit margins would suffer for those who hold the patents to SARS-COV2. If the entities responsible for pushing this vaccine were concerned about the science then they would never have started the human trials we are currently being forced to participate in. The animal trials concluded after all the animals died! If not for Operation Warp Speed, this vaccine would never have seen the light of day. Once exposed to a naturally occurring live virus after receiving the vaccine, the animals had no immune system to fight with, and they died of sepsis from organ failure. Again, if we're following the science, then what can we expect this winter when we go back into flu season? This current COVID outbreak is being driven by the vaccine. It isn't a natural time for a viral surge. It didn't happen last year despite all the rioting. COVID was at its lowest point post-election. The incremental nature of this operation is disturbing. At first, we wore masks and quarantined to "slow the spread" for hospitals and looked forward to "herd immunity." The definition of "herd immunity" was changed at the CDC from being a naturally occurring process to only being achievable by vaccination. We were told that youth especially were not at risk from the Corona Virus. We believed this so much that despite being in the middle of a "pandemic" we allowed the kids to play soccer and wrestle. I even remember hearing that children couldn't even spread the virus, which is illogical! Now we want to inject the children with an experimental vaccine that is proving itself to cause harm. This needs to stop and it needs to stop now! If we want to kill the virus, prescribe Ivermectin, and Hydroxychloroquine. The vaccine doesn't kill the virus, it drives variants. Stop this assault immediately. Connie Foust voted Hilary for prison. Doesn't believe married people should be on boards. We need to reach out and get some more blood. At the Plains School Board, the discussion was on masks. Are you considering removing the members from the Board? Commissioner Brooker answered yes, I will consider that. Grant Bailey stated this is communism. Republicans are voting for Democrats because of money and or fear. Barbara Kunch doesn't have any family or friends in Montana. She is from California because of the military. California changed, and you don't want to have Montana to change as California has. Mr. Fielder inquired about the names of the Sanders County Board of Health. Commissioner Cox stated the BOH members' names. Commissioner Cox also advised that because of the last legislative session members of the BOH were changed. Mr. Fielder, I changed BOH authority over the Sheriff in the legislation. I'm going to contact Jim Murphy at DPHHS and ask his authority to do the Task Order. I would like to have a copy of the original Task Order. Commissioner Brooker stated Jennifer Ekberg will provide it to you. Karol Larsen asked why the BOH is not present at this meeting. She read her statement stating as the country once again is starting to panic regarding COVID 19, we here in Sanders County do not want our BOH or County Commissioners to partner with such idiocy and fearmongering. We remind you that you are public servants elected to represent us- we the people. Not just go along with the national craze or your own opinion. Let's be a County that states facts not fear. Let's set ourselves apart as an example to other counties. Let's be courageous and do the right thing. It only takes one to stand up against the insanity and others will follow. Last year when lockdowns happened there was much information we did not know. A year and a half later much has been learned. We now know how to prevent and treat COVID. We now know it is not anywhere near as deadly as they claimed a year ago, and we know that this information has been kept from the general public. Why? It's time to stand up and speak out the facts. Let's start with truly informed consent before the vaccine is given. Not a general form from the CDC that will not state the truth. Let's tell people that at VAERS there are over 100,000 adverse effects reported and this is said to be a low estimate. Let's tell people that

death is a very real risk. Over 3,000 people have died directly from the vaccine, including three teenagers. Let's tell people that children are at such low risk of contracting COVID yet high risk for vaccine adverse reactions, we should not be vaccinating children! Let's tell people that the vaccine will not prevent them from contracting COVID but will only lessen some symptoms. Let's tell people the risk of infertility and severe heart inflammation and blood clots. Let's tell people that COVID is preventable with Vitamin D, Zinc, and Quercetin supplements. Let's tell people that there are real doctors with real proven treatments that will treat them and get them well but the CDC refuses to acknowledge these treatments. Treatments such as nebulizing with hydrogen peroxide, Ivermectin, Hydroxychloroquine, and Budesonide. Let's tell people that the vaccine will not be effective at all against the different mutations and variants of COVID. Let's tell people masks are highly ineffective and are giving them a false sense of security but since this is America if you want to wear a mask then feel free to do so but because it is America we will not mandate masks. Let's tell them to do their research like with Dr. Simone Gold or Dr. Richard Fleming. Visit websites such as [timetofreeamerica.com](http://timetofreeamerica.com) or [americasfrontlinedoctors.org](http://americasfrontlinedoctors.org) or [mercola.com](http://mercola.com). And let's tell people to walk not in fear but faith and declare Deuteronomy 7:15 over us saying the Lord will keep you free from every disease. Mrs. Kandel stated she provided the Board with a packet that included the Pfizer consent form. Mary Hawling stated we have had 250 years of freedom. We feel strongly that we want to continue that. Very frustrating that people are making decisions for us and our children. I feel strongly about removing Nick Lawyer and replacing him with Mark French. Robin Gile stated I'm not okay with the snugness of the liberals in this Country. Use common sense. People without masks asking or getting in my face for not wearing a mask. Don't any liberal tell me what to do. Peggy Bates wants statistics on individuals who have been vaccinated and have still contracted COVID. Lorilee Cuvillier commented we shouldn't listen to Dr. Fauci and CDC. They overinflated their numbers. If you died in a motorcycle accident and had COVID they would report that you died from COVID. People move here because it's different. When we have people telling us what to do we are not okay with that. Don't take monies with strings. Information being promoted needs options. What is not being provided is biased. We want you to represent us. Even with Nick Lawyer being told to let her talk, he still didn't let her. Mrs. Reed we would like the BOH to meet sooner rather than later. Preferably next week. Ms. Kelly advised that at the Noxon School Board she asked if there are any illegals at the school. No one answered her. She left a message with Angela at the State Capital and her call was returned and they had an hour-long conversation. Ms. Kelly stated the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a law that keeps student information private. The Board and the BOH should provide more to its citizens. Don't you think you can? Keven Robins stated you can't fix what you tolerate. Something is broken and you need to fix it. Commissioner Brooker stated the BOH is more than just masks and vaccines. Mrs. Hathorne stated the Mayo Clinic has published the effectiveness of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccine. Pfizer is 39% effective. When we have lost the confidence of an individual what recourse would you like for us to do? Do you want a petition? Commissioner Brooker responded if you would like to do a petition you can. Commissioner Cox and I are hearing you loud and clear. Mr. Bailey stated he caught the Chinese flu. Because I take hydrocortisone I got it pretty easy. Nicki Shelton stated she is grateful to this community. Children are being bribed. If you are getting this shot you are not taking into affect your immune system. This is not a vaccine. It is not an effective vaccine. Mr. Robins stated he would encourage others to attend other board meetings. He is on the Thompson Falls Rural Fire and no one has attended their meetings in over a year and a half. Bruce Hunn has been a research scientist. Due diligence is not being performed. People are not being informed of the risks of the vaccines. Mr. Fielder asked what can we do? Replace individuals on the BOH. Let your representatives know about meetings. Keep me in the loop. I don't know if the Board can have their Executive Assistant send me an Agenda every week. I thought this meeting was about forest health. Mrs. Kandel stated this is her call to action. I am following up on my complaint. We need to replace a couple of people on the BOH. Our concerns are not being addressed. Sooner than the October 13, 2021 meeting. Have your Executive let all the representatives know of meetings. I don't want to let this matter drop. Commissioner Cox stated thank you for bringing this matter before us. We appreciate you bringing this to us. Mrs. Hathorne stated she will provide useful information to the Board. Commissioner Cox stated please provide to Jennifer Ekberg. Mr. French stated Montana will call you back. Washington is different from Montana. Communism is coming through the Southern Border. Mrs. French stated that Paradise is being recalled. Eight individuals didn't receive their ballots. I contacted the Commissioners, County Attorney, Election Administrator, Montana Secretary of State, and I want a list of the individuals who didn't vote. Peggy Bates stated that all medical personnel are required to get the jab. Marilyn Fields stated that she worked as an Election judge. People didn't have to sign the book. People didn't have to state how many ballots that they were submitting. Mr. Hunn wants the BOH to address the two individuals. Mr. Fielder stated we are for the people by the people. I have participated in the Sanders County Elections for the past three years. He saw that election machines were hacked by cell phones within five minutes at the convention he attended. Mrs. Reed stated she and her two daughters were election judges. They were not able to work because they were required to wear masks and would not do so. I have asked multiple times for certain things. I feel like I'm not heard and maybe that's why

people don't come. David Wonder asked if the Fair/Rodeo is going to be cancelled? Has anything been decided about handicapped parking? Commissioner Cox stated that the 2021 Sanders County Fair is still scheduled to happen. Ms. Kelly stated the Board needs to state exactly when you will follow up with Mr. Wonder. Mr. French stated he gets the impression that right now we have the most reported COVID cases. There were computer specialists at the Election conference that stated the solution is to get rid of computers. Computers are horrible for fraud. Mr. French recommended hand counting. Commissioner Brooker stated that when Doug Dryden lost the Sheriff election to Tom Rummel it was by seven votes. The County hand-counted and every time we have hand counted we have been spot on. Mr. Hunn stated he has seen in Sanders County honest and reliable voting. Once those ballots leave Sanders County they can be compromised. A paper count witnessed by everyone is more reliable and realistic. Mr. Fielder stated there are ten counties in the state of Montana that do hand counting. Mrs. Kandel stated that Sanders County is marked yellow as suspect fraud. I would suggest if you had the job, don't get sick. Susan Jacobson stated that this is her fifth year working for the school. I have a friend on Sanders County 411. I sent this meeting to everyone. I had a Facebook request on July 26, 2021, by a woman who has a husband in Alaska who along with his crew has contracted COVID. He went from being able to FaceTime every day to within a few days having a high fever, delirious, on oxygen and is incubated in Washington. I despise masking kids.

The Board adjourned at 2:30 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  
August 18, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, August 18, 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 Meeting. In attendance were: Glen E. Magera, Member; Carol Brooker, Member; Anthony B. Cox, Member; Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sander County Refuse District; Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary; Kathy Conlin, Billing Clerk/Recycling Assistant, and Mitzi Hart, Knerr Inc. Commissioner Cox motioned to approve July 14, 2021 meeting minutes with a correction. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Old/Unfinished Business: Kathy Conlin advised that the Business Assessments are going well. Mrs. Conlin worked Friday, August 13, 2021, and will work this Friday, August 20, 2021, with clerical pool for a couple of hours to cover her desk. Mrs. Conlin is reviewing big players among the businesses including Bonnie Plants, Lakeside Motel and Resort, Town Pump in Plains, Montana, Clark Fork Valley Hospital, and Quinns Hot Springs Resort. New Business: Mitzi Hart wanted to check in with the Refuse District. Mitzi has recently submitted all invoices up to the current date to Sanders County for payment. Sanders County dinged some of Knerr Inc's trailers, they have been fixed. Dusti Johnson discussed a possible waste audit for the Sanders County Refuse District. Areas to look at would be raising the Solid Waste Fee, getting statistics for revenue, expenses, and a private hauler surcharge. Jason Peterson brought up fire camp garbage. When B & P Services dumps on Friday's there is no room for the County garbage. Fair is coming and garbage is going to get even crazier. Recycling Report: 38 bales of Cardboard, 6 bales and 20 yards of loose Aluminum Cans, Metal Pile is currently being crushed, and 3 pallets of Batteries. There was no further comment. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: boards and committees training. Katherine Maudrone inquired if the Montana Association of Counties (MACo) provides Boards and Committee Training. Commissioner Brooker stated Montana State University (MSU) Extension provides Sanders County's training. Ms. Maudrone discussed the Sanders County Park Commission cancelling the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for maintenance of Rainbow Lake and whether the Sanders County Fair Commission will maintain Riverside Park, as the Park Commission had two resignations from the Board. Ms. Maudrone is almost complete with the permits for the Sewer Lagoons for the Town of Plains, Montana.

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

#### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between Montana Wool Growers Association and Sanders County. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board has a consensus to execute the Montana Department of Commerce Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund request for payment form.

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

Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools requested to meet with the Board as she was not scheduled, to discuss: Dixon Refuse Disposal District. The Board will draft a Resolution. Further discussion was held on Tax ID No. 162. Commissioner Brooker motioned to abate the second half of 2019 taxes in the amount of \$625.21 for Tax ID No. 162. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 19 days without incident. Also in attendance were: Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools and Claude Burlingame, Commissioners Council. Open County Positions: Detention Officer, two applicants are being pre-tested at this time. Deputy Clerk for District Court is posted internally and will go external soon. Mr. Wallace is working with Brandon Colwell on a Detention/Dispatch Policies and Procedures Manual. Further discussion was on the taxation of Marijuana. Mr. Burlingame will research statutes.

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 August 26, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, August 26, 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: Salish Shores IV Phases 7 & 8. Commissioner Cox motioned to grant final plat approval of Salish Shores IV Phase 7 & 8. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Ms. Maudrone presented Craft Minor Subdivision Amended Lot 2. Commissioner Cox motioned to execute the Subdivision Noxious Weed Management Plan for Craft Minor Subdivision Amended Lot 2. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Ms. Maudrone presented Morgan Hills Ranch Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Cox motioned to execute the Subdivision Noxious Weed Management

Plan for Morgan Hills Ranch Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Further discussion was held on the Sanders County Park Commission. Commissioner Cox motioned to appoint Greg Hinkle to the Sanders County Park Commission for a two-year term. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Cox motioned to reappoint Peter Reinschmidt to the Sanders County Park Commission for a two-year term. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 27 days without incident. Open County Positions: Deputy County Attorney, Mr. Wallace provided a HR Personnel Action Form for Cheryl Copperstone. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Cheryl Copperstone starting September 13, 2021. Deputy Clerk, two applications from out of the area to date. Montana Association of Counties Legislation changed the default probationary period from six months to 12 months unless the "County" specifies. An extension for extending the probation period to eighteen months.

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

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

Commissioner Magera proceeded to audit County Claims at 2:00 p.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$1,417,424.05. (County Claims are on file in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder)

The Board met with Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management to discuss: the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant. Mr. Naegeli has been awarded the grant for next year. The reimbursement request for last year's budget has been submitted. Mr. Naegeli would like to keep John Hamilton on as the Public Information Officer. Mr. Hamilton has submitted a bill for \$4,500.00 for a payment request for performing his duties. A traffic count request is being done for Upper River Road.

The Board met with Donald Nance, Member, Western Sanders County TV District; Jerome McDonald, Member, Western Sanders County TV District, and Dewey Duffel, Secretary/Treasurer, Western Sanders County TV District to discuss: the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the Western Sanders County TV District. Also in attendance was Wayne Vannice, Member, Plains/Paradise TV District. The Western Sanders County TV District submitted its proposal for the ARPA funds.

### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-12 A Resolution to Reorganize the Dixon Refuse Disposal District. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-13 A Resolution Rescinding Stage II Fire Restrictions. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to execute Task Order No. 22-25-5-01-045-0 Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Program between the Montana Department of Health and Human Services and Sanders County, Montana. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to approve the August 3, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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  
September 1, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, September 1, 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: general department update and a documents request vs an attorney for Town of Plains, Montana vs Lawyers.

The Board met with Jessica Connolly, Chief Financial Officer to discuss: the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget.

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

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to execute the 2021 Sanders County Refuse Transfer Site Paving Contract between Sanders County and LHC, Inc. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board has a consensus to accept the resignation of Gary Kelly from the Sanders County Sewer District at Paradise.

The Board met with Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian to discuss: enforcement of environmental statutes and rules. The County Attorney's office is developing a process by which County staff can work through compliance issues in a fair and consistent manner, and achieve resolutions for real problems. Mr. Sorenson will renew the retail food inspection standardization the week of September 27, 2021. This includes observed inspections and feedback on risk-based inspection techniques. Staff will apply for FDA grant funds to support self-assessment activities, which then allows eligibility for increased funding for future standard-based activities. Fiscal Year 2021 was the busiest single-sanitarian year on record dating back to 1995. Workload is not at a manageable level and additional professional resources are needed, or some non-essential activities will need to cease. Statistics are as follows: Inspections- 201 licensed establishments 24 % inspected, Temporary Events- 18 so far in fiscal year 2022, Soil/Site analyses- 44 so far in calendar year 2021, Wastewater Permits- 32 permits so far in fiscal year 2022, Water/well permits- 25 permits so far in fiscal year 2022, Local Subdivision Reviews- 11 so far in fiscal year 2022, Junk Vehicles- 23 vehicles so far in fiscal year 2022, and Food Training- two classes tentatively scheduled.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 33 days without incident. Open County Positions: Detention Officer interviews will be conducted on September 16, 2021. Refuse Attendant (Plains, Montana) part-time, the Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Jan Russell starting September 8, 2021.

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**  
**September 2, 2021**

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

The Board met with Jessica Connolly, Chief Financial Officer and Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools to discuss: the adoption of the 2021-2022 Elected Officials Salaries, 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget, and the 2021-2022 Tax Mill Levies. Also in attendance were: Art Hassan, Resident Taxpayer and Kathleen Hassan, Resident Taxpayer. Commissioner Cox motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-14 A Resolution for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Elected Official Salaries. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Kathleen Hassan inquired how many elected officials are part-time and how many are full-time? Nichol Scribner stated that the elected officials are all full-time. Resolution 2021-15 was presented. Commissioner Cox motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-15 A Resolution Adopting the Sanders County Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Mrs. Hassan asked how much is the total budget? Jessica Connolly stated that is an odd question that can be answered in many different ways. The total budget is \$4.1 million and the total revenue is \$6 million. \$2.3 million is budgeted for Public Safety. Resolution 2021-19 was presented. Commissioner Cox motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-16 A Resolution to Fix the Sanders County Tax Mill Levies for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Mrs. Hassan asked if the Mill Levies were increased this year? Nichol Scribner stated they were not significantly increased this year due to Avista's Colstrip Coal Plant.

The Board adjourned at 2:20 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**  
**September 7, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 10:05 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Dave Wroblewski, District Ranger, Lolo National Forest via teleconference to discuss: a district update. Mr. Wroblewski provided information on the forest service requiring vaccinations in campgrounds. The President of the U.S. wants all Federal employees to be vaccinated. The United States Department of Agriculture is requiring this of their employees. Employees must certify their vaccination status. The employee can certify, yes, no, or don't want to reveal. The Thorne Creek Fire is in the clean-up stage. There is a spot near the West Fork Thompson River that is active at this time. The road is closed from the County road at the pavement down to Bark Table Creek

The Board met with Michael Feiger, District Ranger, Cabinet Ranger District via teleconference to discuss: a district update. Mr. Feiger provided information on COVID-19 and region one. Region one is experiencing additional cases within the workforce, fire IMT's, crews, etc. Wildland fire crews are in Montana, California, Oregon, and Washington. Recreation use and pressures are diminishing. Normal closure of services in developed campgrounds with water/garbage facilities. Lookouts are closing later this month as well. Vegetation management/ timber sale activity, Purple Martin timber sale is being advertised and expected a sell later this month. Down 56 wind-blown salvage is being advertised and expected to sell later this month as well. The workforce still has several important vacancies that are still available.



Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Anthony B. Cox, County Commissioner; and Tom Rummel, Sanders County Sheriff; acting as the Canvassing Board of Sanders County, Montana, do hereby certify that the foregoing abstract of election returns consisting of page 370 of book 2 of Abstract of Election Returns, records of Sanders County, is a full and correct abstract of all the votes cast in the 2021 Sanders County Sewer District Recall Election held in Sanders County, August 24, 2021, as the same as shown upon the Unofficial Election Results report and from the Hand County Tally Sheets. Also in attendance were: Bobbi Christenson, Deputy, Election Administrator and Teresa Meagher, Elections.

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

### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to execute the Landowner Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Agreement No. 196 between Sanders County and Jeff Lane. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to approve July 21-29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Dan Briggs, Woodside Park Water/Sewer District to discuss: the Woodside Park Water District and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Mr. Briggs requested the use of the Courthouse's physical address for the Woodside's address for FedEx and UPS bid deliveries. The Board has a consensus for the Woodside Park Water District to use the Courthouse's address. Further discussion was on clarification questions for ARPA guidance.

Lisa Wadsworth, Accounts Payable/Claims requested to meet with the Board as she was not scheduled, to discuss: the County's propane distributor. The Board has a consensus for Mrs. Wadsworth to send letters to propane companies in January 2022 for estimates in purchasing propane tanks outright.

The Board adjourned at 2:45 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 September 8, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, September 8, 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 Department Heads for the quarterly meeting. In attendance were: Juli Thurston, Montana State University Extension; Ashley Bache, GIS/Rural Addressing; Shawna Chenoweth, Supervisor, Detention/Dispatcher; Theresa Milner, Office Administrator; Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District; Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services, and Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources. Old Business: none at this time. New Business: Commissioner Magera stated that all County employees that didn't request an exception to the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) received a 4.6% pay increase. The COLA will be back paid from July 1, 2021. Rich Wallace advised Department Heads to let employees know the Board the last two years has provided an increase above the state recommended COLA. The Board has decided that starting rates will stay at the 2021 level. Department Head Updates: Juli Thurston stated that the biggest record year for 4H was in 2018. This year was a record-breaking year for 4H at the Sanders County Fair. 4H made over \$160,000.00 and there were 14 new buyers. However, it had the lowest show numbers. Ashley Bache has been working as a Workplace Safety Champion for the past ten weeks. Mrs. Bache is making at least one new address a day. The

Commissioners are getting a new smartboard in the Commissioners Conference Room. The County also purchased an Owl. The Meeting Owl is a premium 360-degree camera, mic, and speaker combined into one easy-to-use device for in-person participation using conferencing platforms. Shawna Chenoweth stated a Detention Officer is away at training. Detention lost an officer, Mrs. Chenoweth will be interviewing for the open position next week. Detention is getting new paint on the bunks and in the cells since the numbers are low for inmates at the Sanders County Jail. Mrs. Chenoweth is working on a policy and procedures manual with Lexipol and the manual is almost complete. Theresa Milner stated a Deputy Sheriff is currently at the academy. Katherine Maudrone has a new employee. Becky Reiter is Land Services' new Administrative Assistant. Ms. Maudrone is attending a planning conference next week. Jason Peterson stated the Plains Roll-off site had a fire last week. The Transfer Station got new pavement at its facility. Once the Refuse District catches up from the Sanders County Fair things with go smoother for the Refuse District. Mr. Peterson has a new employee at the Heron Roll-off site, two new employees at the Plains Roll-off site, and one at the Thompson Falls Transfer Station. Rich Wallace stated that he and other employees are graduating September 16, 2021, from the Work Safety Champions provided by the Montana State Fund. The group started with 11 employees and ended with six. Incidents have to be reported within 48 hours no matter what it is. Over the last two years the County is down \$110,000.00 in Workers' Compensation premiums. Time Sheets are being submitted with lots of errors, and Supervisors are not catching them. Part of the problem is people don't put down the times that they work each day. The Clerical Pool is available again. Mr. Wallace will be the facilitator if a department needs to bring outside help in. The HR Personnel Policy Manual will be updated within the next couple of months. Let Mr. Wallace know if you have anything you would like to address in the manual.

The Board adjourned at 11:00 a.m. and resumed the regular session at 1:30 p.m.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 40 days without incident. Open County Positions: Detention officer interviews are being held on September 16, 2021. The Deputy Clerk position is posted externally at this time. The open Dispatcher position is currently posted internally until Monday, September 13, 2021. A Hearing is set for Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., with the intention to un-consolidate the office of the Sanders County Sheriff and Coroner. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Tristan Franck transferring from the Clerical Pool to Justice Court as a part-time Clerk/Restitution Officer starting September 7, 2021.

The Board adjourned at 2:10 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  
September 9, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, September 9, 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: parkland that Heron Rural Fire District wishes to obtain. Claude Burlingame is working with Ricky Hagedorn to survey the properties. Further discussion was on the Park Commission hiring Black Jack Power Wash to power wash Riverside Park in Plains, Montana.

As it was 11:00 a.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the Sanders County Refuse District Special Meeting to discuss: proposed changes to the Non-typical fee schedule. 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; Mark Sheets, Mayor, City of Thompson Falls, Montana, and Jerry Lacy. Jason Peterson and Kathy Conlin presented proposed changes to the Non-typical Refuse Schedule. Jerry Lacy inquired if these fees would be universal to all residents. Commissioner Brooker stated the fees would apply to everyone, residents and commercial. Mr. Peterson discussed fire camp garbage. Commissioner Brooker requested Mr. Peterson contact other counties and discuss their fire camp garbage situation to see what their policy and procedures are. There have been fires throughout Montana. Therefore, Sanders County is not the only County in this predicament. Mr. Peterson discussed general yard waste. Mrs. Conlin discussed current fees vs the proposed fees. Mark Sheets doesn't see a problem with the proposed fees. Mr. Sheets proposed not taking stumps and proposes raising the fees \$5.00 a year for maybe the next three years. Mr. Lacy agrees with the proposed fees and agrees with Mr. Sheets to raise the fees for maybe the next three years. The Board has a consensus to not take any more stumps into the Sanders County Refuse District Transfer Station or any other site. Mrs. Conlin discussed container rentals. The price is based on the tipping fees. Commissioner Brooker asked if the container repairs and replacement costs were built into the container rental? Mr. Peterson stated they are not built into the cost. Commissioner Brooker requested Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Conlin look into building those figures into the rental fee. Commissioner Brooker and Mrs. Conlin discussed publishing a graph in the local newspapers on how much it cost the County to haul refuse to the Missoula landfill. There was no further public comment. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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

### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-17 A Resolution of Intention to Unconsolidate the Offices of the Sanders County Sheriff and Coroner. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

As it was 2:00 p.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the public hearing on the proposed application to the Montana Department of Commerce's Community Development Block Grant Program for a housing project for Sanders County Community Housing Organization, Inc., in Noxon, Montana. In attendance were: Lisa Fried de Reyes, Executive Director, Sanders County Community Housing Organization (SCCHO); Carol Seilhymer, President, SCCHO; Mark Sheets, Mayor, City of Thompson Falls, Montana; Ernie Scherzer, Member; SCCHO; Rusti Leivestad, Citizen; Martha Humphreys; Secretary, SCCHO; Tom Humphreys, Member; SCCHO; Steve Oswald, Citizen; Annie Wooden, the Sanders County Ledger; Karen Dwyer; Jim Jacobson, Assistant Manager, SCCHO; Art Hassan, Citizen; Kathy Hassan, Citizen; Dave Coupal, and Tobo Leivestad. Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera turned the meeting over to Lisa Fried de Reyes. Mrs. Fried de Reyes presented information on the Community Development Block Grant Program through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act that the state of Montana was awarded the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG Cares or CDBG-CV) funds to support communities as they respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funded eligible activities are: to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Primarily benefit Montanans whose incomes are low or moderate. To avoid duplication of benefits from other local. State or federal sources of funds, improve and sustain facilities, provide vital public services and preserve and construct affordable housing/reduce homelessness. Mrs. Fried de Reyes provided the history on SCCHO, assessing the need, proposal, proposed budget, and a request to the Sanders County Commissioners on applying on behalf of the SCCHO for the CDBG-CV grant in the amount of \$2,098,250.00. This represents 75% of the estimated initial budget. Other funding sources for the remaining 25% would come from the American Rescue Plan ACT (ARPA), Rural Development loads, or HOME funds. It is understood that SCCHO would be the sub-recipient and Manager of the CDBG-CV grant. Tom Humphreys stated that this is an excellent presentation and Mrs. Fried de Reyes has done her research. You can tell by the figures that she has provided. Mark Sheets stated that we would like to urge the Board to apply. We are in support of SCCHO applying for the CDBG-CV funds. It will benefit and have a positive effect on the City of Thompson Falls as well. Tobo Leivestad stated he is in support of SCCHO applying. Commissioner Magera read emails. Only one had a concern. Ernie Scherzer stated that the individual's concern was a valid concern. However, those concerns are Countywide. Jim Jacobson stated what people don't realize is the hospital is trying to hire administrators. There are jobs but no housing for the workforce. Teachers are needed. There isn't any housing. This is something that I'm passionate about and in support of. Commissioner Cox asked if CDBG award is on specific construction. Mrs. Fried de Reyes stated yes. The application can be submitted and less can be approved. Mr. Jacobson stated the last project SCCHO was going to do was in increments. Even if you scale back the project it doesn't reduce the cost in proportion to the project. Martha Humphreys inquired if there is a point system. Commissioner Brooker stated she does not know. Mrs. Fried de Reyes stated there isn't any point system on

this application. This is a very simplified application. Steve Oswald stated the SCCHO is requesting money from the federal government. Commissioner Brooker advised the County is a pass-through. That is a requirement of the grant. Commissioner Magera closed the hearing at 2:27 p.m.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to support the Sanders County Community Housing Organization in applying for the CDBG-CV grant. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Magera proceeded to audit County Claims at 2:35 p.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$1,243,134.73. (County Claims are in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder)

The Board adjourned at 2:45 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  
September 14, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol Brooker, Commissioner, and Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner.

The Board met with Glen Cameron, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and Bob Vosen, MDT to discuss: the Montana Highway 135 Speed Study. Also in attendance were: Denise Moreth, General Manager, Quinn's Hot Springs Resort (QHSR); Denley Loge, Montana State Representative; Ben Sleusser, QHSR via teleconference, and Mark Melief, QHSR via teleconference. Bob Vosen provided an overview of the Montana Transportation Commission June 24, 2021, Meeting Agenda Item No. 8 Speed Limit Recommendation for MT Hwy 135- Camp Bighorn to the Quinn's Hot Springs Area. In conclusion, the Montana Transportation Commission tabled the MT Hwy 135 and requested staff to engage Sanders County and Quinn's. Mr. Vosen and Mr. Cameron request Sanders County and QHSR provide additional information and add any information that was misrepresented. Denise Moreth stated that Quinn's has 83 rooms and the resort is constantly breaking records for bookings. Mrs. Moreth recommends marked crossroads with pedestrian-activated lights along with reduced speeds. Commissioner Magera recommends a section lowered to 45 m.p.h., the winter shadows keep the road icy and requested advanced warning signs for speed reduction. Jennifer Ekberg will coordinate with QHSR to provide a letter with additional information and requests to MDT.

Commissioner Cox left the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Commissioner Cox joined the Board at 2:55 p.m.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute Landowner Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Agreement No. 174 between Sanders County and Allen Kreis. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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  
September 15, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, September 15, 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 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 August 18, 2021 minutes and September 9, 2021, special meeting minutes. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Old/Unfinished Business: Kathy Conlin advised that she has submitted all the business fees from the assessment to the Treasurer's office to update the Sanders County Property Statements. Jason Peterson and Mrs. Conlin presented the proposed final changes to the Non-Typical Refuse Fee Schedule. Mr. Peterson advised the container fee is that of the tipping fees plus the cost to haul the container to Missoula, Montana, and 10% added to get the total rental cost. Commissioner Brooke recommends making cards with the new fees for attendants to hand out at the Refuse sites. The Board has a consensus to take the proposed final Non-typical Fee Schedule to the public. Mr. Peterson has a list of businesses and haulers that can dump their refuse at the Transfer Station whenever they so choose. The Board will write letters to the businesses and haulers after receiving guidance from the County's insurance provider. Recycling Report: none at this time. There was no public comment. There was no public present. 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- 47 days without incident. Vibrant Hearing will be in Sanders County in October to conduct hearing tests for the Road Departments and the Refuse District. Open County Positions: Detention officer interviews are tomorrow, September 16, 2021. The Deputy Clerk position is posted externally at this time. The open Dispatcher position is posted externally at this time. The Board has a consensus to accept the resignation of Tammy Donnelly effective September 27, 2021. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Westin Brown starting September 14, 2021, with the Maintenance and Sanders County Refuse District for the Thompson Falls High School Work Program. Mr. Wallace provided a request from Public Health on continued staff for COVID-19 support. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Forms for Sarah Cooper and Sandy Snodgrass as COVID-19 support for Public Health.

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

The Board met with Karen Thorson, Paradise Elementary School Preservation Committee (PESPC) and John Thorson, PESPC to discuss: a formal request from the PESPC for match money utilizing the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from Sanders County. The Board will take the request under advisement.

The Board met with Gerald Cuvillier to discuss: COVID restrictions. Also in attendance were: Jeff Wheeler; Charlie Denson, Pastor, Gospel Mountain Assembly of God; Avery Coleman; Roxanne Coleman; Sam Dunbar; Elisa Dunbar; Kyli Giffin; Nicholas Giffin; Kelli Smith; Donna Scheiter; Charles Bickenheuser, Retired, Wild Horse Plains News; Diane Bickenheuser; Dawn Gandalf; Karen Brown; Jim Engebretson, Associate Pastor; Cheryl Guibert; Wilson Noland; Josh Doble, Foreman, Civil Construction; Rachel Doble, Homemaker; Cherie Hamilton, Homemaker; Phillip Weaver, Patriot; Donnie Abbott; Jim Jacobson; Susan Jacobson; Jeff Reed, Patriot; Kate Hardman; Peggy Bates; Ken Matthisen, Patriot; Kay Parker; Barnard C. Parker; Elizabeth Seymour; Faith Holtrop; Monica Katonce; Virgil Holtrop; Carol Hayes, Patriot; Pat Legard, Patriot; Ron Robinson, Patriot; Rich Middleton, Patriot; D. Boone Cole, Sanders County Resident; Greg Hinkle; Earl M Reiff, Patriot; John Dowd, Sanders County Ledger; George D. Stone, Patriot; Mark Yoder, Patriot; Miriam Yoder, Patriot; Susan

Bryan; Edith Reiff; Roxann Brogdon; Betty J Walters; Catherine DeWitt; Nicki Shelton; Kevin D. Keiscome; Robert Pierson; Elizabeth Wengerd; Sara Klingenberg; Tamra Shear; Edward Brogdon; Tammy Roosma; Dirk Roosma; Heather Frank; Sarah Frank; Kyle Adams; Archie Allison; Deana Allison; Kim Lavon Robinson; Wyatt Friedman; Renee Wengerd; Lavern Wengerd; Loretta Weaver; Melinda Reed, Patriot; Joel Jonessen, Occupant, and Karol Larsen. Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera turned the meeting over to Gerald Cuvillier. Mr. Cuvillier read his statement. This will be in the form of an open letter to the Sanders County Commissioners. I will be fighting to control my emotions and if I cannot continue, I will ask my daughter to finish for me. I only want to read my statement and then I will leave. I do not want a word back from you and I have asked the Sheriff to maintain order so I do not want to be interrupted by anyone. We appealed to you once before about Nick Lawyer on the Board of Health. We asked that you dismiss him and you danced around that point but gave us no satisfaction. I do not know who is pulling your strings or putting fear on you to not take the action we want you to, your fear is unfounded. Look around you. These people and God will be the ones judging you. You should thank God that we live in a Republic because if we lived in a Democracy, you would be pulled out of here and run up the flagpole. I have too much respect and love of country for that to happen. Commissioners Cox and Magera, there is still time for you to redeem yourselves. You can do the right thing for once in your lives and discharge this petty tyrant. His rules of protocol just cost my wife her life. It is personal now. Had she been given the right kind of medicine that has been proven to work like Ivermectin, Hydroxychloroquine, or the anti-body serum, she would be alive and well today. I had to watch her die slowly and in agony. You and your protocols killed her just as surely as if you had shot her in the head. Please reach down and grab a pair and do the right thing. You are our public servants and you work for us. I want you two to man up and do the right thing. Now for you Carol, I have saved the best for last. When I look at you, I do not see a public servant. I see more of a public serpent. When I see you, I see pure evil. Thank you for your time. Mr. Cuvillier then left the room. Greg Hinkle gave his condolences to Mr. Cuvillier. The complaint was not on COVID. The complaint was on the Board of Health and how the members treated the public. I asked you to get rid of those Board of Health members. Get rid of the Board of Health and start over. The state is who we go by, not the federal government. House Bill 702 is an act prohibiting discrimination based on a person's vaccination status or possession of an immunity passport; providing an exception and an exemption; providing an appropriation; and providing effective dates. If they have wronged you sue them. Sue the County and sue them as an individual. Cheryl Guibert asked what happened with the Board of Health. Are we still waiting to schedule a Board of Health meeting? Commissioner Magera stated we are having a Boards and Committees training for the Board of Health on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. The next regular meeting for the Board of Health is October 13, 2021. Rachel Doble stated that her husband was working in Sitka, Alaska, and was denied medicine. He was in a coma, ventilator, and seven days before was denied Ivermectin and was having organ failure. Nick Lawer is failing the people. Erika Lawyer ridiculed Mrs. Doble on social media for using Ivermectin. If it wasn't for Mrs. Doble taking her husband's care into her own hand's he probably would not be alive right now. Tamra Shear advised that she had Rubella. Because of having Rubella, she was diagnosed with a sensory processing disorder. Shots have side effects. 90% in Israel are vaccinated. Karen Brown stated we need science. We need to push natural medicine. Donna Scheiter stated it seems like you are bringing the training in for Nick Lawyer. If you don't act now, this man is not going to stop. Cathleen DeWitt is a retired ICU nurse. The upsurge of COVID-19 is horrible in hospitals. Nicki Shelton stated you need to obtain license numbers for your case if you are going to sue professional staff. Karol Larsen asked why it's not even being considered to remove Nick Lawyer from the Board of Health. Susan Jacobson stated we asked for him to be removed. Can't you look at the minutes to see what went on? Nick and Erika Lawyer have an agenda. We want them off the boards.

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**  
**September 16, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, September 16, 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: Subdivision Noxious Weed Plans. Ms. Maudrone will meet with Bill Naegeli to go over what weed plans haven't been completed.

The Board met with Steve Kimball, Local Government Forest Advisor, Montana Department of Natural Resource and Conservation (DNRC) to discuss: a proposed facilitator for the Wilks Cherry Project intending to develop a cross-boundary project with the Forest Service. Also in attendance were: Greg Hinkle, Resident; Clayton Vanvleet, Resident; Jim Jacobson, Resident; Sandy Hough, Resident; Steve Hough, Resident; Cheri Vanvleet, Resident; Wendy Luckow, Resident; Larry Mandella, Resident; Nathan Cole, Plains Unit, DNRC; Ashley Bache, GIS/Rural Addressing; Scott Schrenk, Fire Management Officer, Lolo National Forest; Travis Pfister, District/Zone Fuels Technician, Lolo National Forest; Ashley Juran, DNRC; Riley Dopler, Acting District Ranger, Lolo National Forest, and Brian Cannata. Commissioner Magera turned the meeting over to Steve Kimball. Mr. Kimball advised that the County received \$7,000.00 from the DNRC that can be utilized to hire a facilitator for the Wilks-Cherry Project. Brian Cannata provided background on his education, experience, and work history. Greg Hinkle provided background on his education, experience, and work history. Mr. Kimball provided clarification on the monies from the grant and how they can be utilized and the parameters of the facilitator position.

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

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

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-18 A Resolution to Authorize the Submission of CDBG-CV Application. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to approve August 17, 2021, through September 2, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Magera proceeded to audit County Claims at 2:00 p.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$313,173.61. (County Claims are on file in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder)

The Board met with Wendy Forgey, Safety Management Consultant, Montana State Fund to discuss: the Sanders County Work Champions Safety Committee. Also in attendance were: Ayla Marjamaa, Montana State Fund; Rick Duane, Montana State Fund via teleconference; Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources; Ashley Bache, GIS/Rural Addressing; Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District; Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management; Karen Morey, Director of Public Health, and Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian. Rick Duane advised on today's date the Sanders County Work Champions Safety Committee has officially graduated from the program. Wendy Forgey stated it was a pleasure working with the committee, and she looks forward to the continued relationship with Sanders County. Those employees that graduated were Rich Wallace, Ashley Bache, Jason Peterson, Bill Naegeli, Karen Morey, and Shawn Sorenson.

Commissioner Brooker joined the Board at 3:45 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**  
**September 22, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, September 22, 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 for August 2021. Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera examined and approved the Journal Voucher Detail Report for the accounting period of August 2021.

The Board requested to meet with Naomi Leisz, County Attorney and Cheryl Copperstone, Deputy County Attorney to discuss: a meeting held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, between the Board and Gerald Cuvillier.

Commissioner Brooker left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/ Incident Update- 55 days without incident. Open County Positions: Detention Officer interviews were conducted on September 16, 2021, background checks are being conducted. The Deputy Clerk position is still open in District Court. The Dispatcher open position has three applicants to date, the position is still posted externally.

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.

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 Special Meeting. In attendance were: Glen E. Magera, Member; Carol Brooker, Member; Anthony B. Cox, Member; Dr. Robert Gregg, Member; Bina Eggenesperger, Member; Pepper Dorscher, Member; Dan Clark, Director, Montana State University Local Government Center; Dawn Gandalf; Ernie Scherzer, Sanders County Community Housing Organization; John Dowd, Sanders County Ledger; John Thorson, Paradise Center; Karen Thorson, Paradise Center; Tobo Leivestad, Citizen; Rusti Leivestad, Citizen; Peggy Bates, Citizen; Kate Hardman, Citizen, and Catherine DeWitt, Citizen. Commissioner Magera turned the training over to Dan Clark. Dan Clark provided Boards and Committees Training.

The Board adjourned at 5:15 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**  
**September 23, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, September 23, 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: Ms. Maudrone is working on updating subdivision regulations.

Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District requested to meet with the Board as he was not scheduled, to discuss: refuse site liability.

The Board adjourned at 12:30 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**  
**September 28, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 28, 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 Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/ Incident Update- 63 days without incident. Also in attendance were: Kate Hardman, Citizen and Ashley Bache, GIS/Rural Addressing. Open County Positions: Detention Officer interviews were conducted on September 16, 2021, background checks are being conducted. The Deputy Clerk position is still open in District Court. The Dispatcher open position has three applicants and is still posted externally. Mr. Wallace advised that the Sanders County Weed Department is currently closed due to COVID.

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

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

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

The Board met with Lance Bowser, Robert Peccia & Associates (RPA) and Ian Wargo, RPA to discuss: Plains (Penn Stohr) Airport and Thompson Falls Airport Capital Improvements Projects (CIPs). Also in attendance were: Forrest Walker, RPA; Randy Garrison, Manager, Plains Airport, and Kim Roberts, Manager, Thompson Falls Airport. Lance Bowser presented the Plains Airport CIPs for the next five years. Ian Wargo presented the Thompson Falls Airport CIPs for the next five years. The Board has a consensus to execute the Plains and Thompson Falls Airports CIPs for the next five years.

As it was 2:00 p.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the public hearing on the intention to un-consolidate the Sanders County Sheriff and County Coroner. In attendance were: Patrick Barber, Deputy Coroner; Brandi Jones, Deputy Coroner; Dan Jones, and Tom Rummel, Sheriff. Commissioner Magera turned the meeting over to Tom Rummel. Mr. Rummel stated that the intention to un-consolidate the offices was his proposal. He believes it is in the best interest of the County. Brandi Jones asked who is in charge of the Coroner if the position is elected? Commissioner Brooker answered the Commissioners. Mr. Rummel stated that insurance is provided for the Coroner through the County's insurance carrier. Brandi Jones approves the un-consolidation of the Sanders County Sheriff and County Coroner. Patrick Barber agrees and is in support of the un-consolidation. Mr. Barber likes the fact that currently the Sheriff's office and

the Coroner are under the authority of the Sanders County Sheriff's office. Mr. Barber's concern is the public perception of the Coroner's office not being represented by the Sheriff's office. Mrs. Jones asked if it cost the County more money for the Coroner to work with the County Attorney. Commissioner Brooker stated that it does not. The Coroner is a County office. Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera closed the hearing at 2:15 p.m.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to take the intention to un-consolidate the Sanders County Sheriff and County Coroner under advisement until Thursday, September 30, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 2:45 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  
September 30, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, September 30, 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 formal request submitted by Judy Hutchins for a Realignment of Vohs Street in Heron, Montana. Further discussion was on the Sanders County Park Commission. The Board requested Ms. Maudrone contact Matt Dombach and or Rich Wallace to open and lock the Courthouse doors after business hours for the Sanders County Park Commission.

Claude Burlingame, Commissioner Council requested to meet with the Board as he was not scheduled, to discuss: Kruger Road in Plains, MT. Also in attendance was Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-19 A Resolution Ordering Un-Consolidation of the Offices of the Sanders County Sheriff and County Coroner. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve September 7-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, Board meeting minutes. 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.

The Board met with Christine Shelton, Director, Plains Public Library; Myra Lindborg, Member, Plains Library Board; Nikki Ericksen, and Judy Hawley, Member, Plains Public Library to discuss: procedures for the Plains Public Library. Also in attendance were: Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources and Ashley Bache, GIS/Rural Addressing. Rich Wallace is seeking guidance from Montana Association of Counties (MACo) in regards to job descriptions and pay. Ashley Bache inquired with the Plains Library on computers, laptops, and software needed.

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  
October 5, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. Present were Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer and Carol Brooker, Commissioner.

As it was 9:30 a.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera swore in Donald M. Strine as a Substitute Justice of the Peace. Also in attendance were: Tom Collins and Doug Dryden.

Commissioner Cox joined the Board at 10:00 a.m.

The Board met with Dave Wroblewski, District Ranger, Lolo National Forest to discuss: an update on the Thorne Creek Fire. A Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) Assessment was completed on the fire area. This is an assessment of all damaged or high-risk areas resulting from the fire. A request was sent from the Lolo National Forest to the USFS regional office to fund the stabilization or repair of these damaged areas. Because of required vaccinations for Federal employees and contractors, the Lolo National Forest plans on being back in the office on January 15, 2022. Further discussion was on salvage projects that are in progress.

The Board met with Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District and Kathy Conlin, Billing Clerk/Recycling Assistant to discuss: the refuse site liability. Also in attendance were: Michael Haskins, Rus-kins, Inc.; Mary Haskins, Rus-kins, Inc.; Becky DelGiudice, B&P Services; James L. Cummings, B&P Services; Michael Frey, Clark Fork Custom Meats; Shaun Wilkinson, Avista Corp., and Bob Butte, Butte Services. Commissioner Magera advised that the County insurance recommends not allowing non-employees to be on sites during closed hours. Locks will be changed as of October 15, 2021, and no private contractors will be issued keys. Contractors and private haulers provided input.

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

The Board met with Greg Hinkle to discuss: the Wilks-Cherry project and a proposed outreach facilitator.

The Board conducted an interview at 3:00 p.m. for the open position for the Sanders County Sewer District at Paradise. Kathy Conlin, Acting Secretary was not in the room so no meeting minutes were taken.

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**  
**October 6, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, October 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 Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 71 days without incident. Open County Positions: Mr. Wallace provided a HR Personnel Action Form for Chris Jacob and Samuel Wenz as part-time Detention Officer's starting October 12, 2021. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form's for Chris Jacob and Samuel Wenz as new Detention Officer's starting October 12, 2021. The Deputy Clerk position for District Court is still posted externally. The open Dispatcher position has four applications which will be reviewed next week. Mr. Wallace provided the resignation of Robert Foreman from the Sanders County Weed District. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Robert Foreman's resignation from the Sanders County Weed District effective October 1, 2021. Further discussion was on an exit interview for a Dispatcher and a procedure for the Sheriff's office on future applicant testing. A personality profile exam will be given to all applicants.

Commissioner Cox left at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Cox joined the Board at 11:15 a.m.

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

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-20 A Resolution Requesting Distribution of Local Government Road Construction and Maintenance Match Program Funds. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to appoint Tom Rummel as Acting Coroner until the open position is filled. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board conducted an interview at 2:00 p.m. for the open position for the Sanders County Sewer District at Paradise. Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary was not in the room so no meeting minutes were taken.

The Board conducted an interview at 2:45 p.m. for the open position for the Sanders County Sewer District at Paradise. Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary was not in the room so no meeting minutes were taken.

The Board conducted an interview at 3:30 p.m. for the open position for the Sanders County Sewer District at Paradise. Jennifer Ekberg, Secretary was not in the room so no meeting minutes were taken.

Commissioner Cox motioned to appoint Donald L. Stamm to the Sanders County Sewer District at Paradise for the term ending in 2024. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to appoint Dewey Arnold to the Sanders County Sewer District at Paradise for the term ending in 2024. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to appoint Janie J McFadgen to the Sanders County Sewer District at Paradise for the term ending in 2022. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 4:40 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**  
**October 13, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, October 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 (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 78 days without incident. Also in attendance was Ashley Bache, GIS/Rural Addressing. Open County Positions: The Deputy Clerk position for District Court is posted externally. The open Dispatcher position has seven applications, which will be reviewed next week. The Plains Library Director, Technician, and Aide positions are posted internally.

The Board met with Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian to discuss: Senate Bill 199 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 other standards and requirements. Mr. Sorenson is still seeking interpretation of the act. Mr. Sorenson advised fiscal year 2021 was the busiest single-sanitarian year on record dating back to 1995. The workload is not at a manageable level and additional professional services are needed, or some non-essential activities will cease. As far as retail food inspections, additionally registered sanitarian resources have not been found. Statistics are as follows: Inspections- 201 licensed establishments 25 % inspected, Temporary Events- 21 so far in fiscal year 2022, Soil/Site analyses- 50 so far in calendar year 2021, Wastewater Permits- 61 permits so far in fiscal year 2022, Water/well permits- 40 permits so far in fiscal year 2022, Local Subdivision Reviews- 20 so far in fiscal year 2022, Junk Vehicles- 23 vehicles so far in fiscal year 2022, and Food Training- two classes tentatively scheduled.

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

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the Professional Services Agreement between Sanders County and DJ&A, P.C., for professional engineering and surveying services of Kruger Road in Plains, Montana. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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) Board Meeting. In attendance were: Melinda Ferrell; Kathleen Hassan, Citizen; Angela Muse, Citizen; Jeff Wheeler; Dawn Gandalf, Citizen; Karen Hausan; Ellen Childress, Resident; Mary Reed; Kate Hardman, Citizen; Laura Wood, Citizen; Bob Thomas; Stacy Kandal, Citizen; Paul Fielder, Representative HD-13; Jennifer Strine, Community Member; Jessica Valentine, Community Member; Sara Klingenberg; Desi Barton, Citizen; Ron Warren; Rocky Mountain Surveyors; Rusti Leivestad, Citizen; Kathy Gregg, Citizen; Catherine Dewitt; Citizen; Ron Petrie, Citizen; Elizabeth Petrie, Citizen; Dave Brown, Citizen; John Dowd, Sanders County Ledger; JJ Hunsekker, Citizen; Rick LaFrance, Citizen; Charlie Denson, Citizen, and Jeff Reed Citizen. Commissioner Magera opened the meeting advising that this meeting will be done with diplomacy. If the meeting isn't held to that standard Commissioner Magera will adjourn the meeting immediately. New Business: Shawn Sorenson presented the Barton Variance Request. Ron Warren provided additional information. Dr. Gregg motioned to approve the Barton Variance Request. Pepper Dorscher seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Mr. Sorenson presented the DeCan Variance Request. Commissioner Magera asked if a site plan was completed. Mr. Sorenson stated that a site plan had not been completed. Dr. Gregg requested a site evaluation or a soil profile. Commissioner Brooker agreed with Dr. Gregg and recommended that along with the five recommended conditions provided by Mr. Sorenson. Dr. Gregg motioned to approve the DeCan Variance Request with the stipulation a soil site analyses must be completed along with the five conditions: 1) a soil pit is dug and soils are classified as requiring an on-site system such as an elevated sand mound, evapotranspiration absorption bed, or an extraordinarily large pressure dosed system. 2) obtain a Sanders County Wastewater Permit. 3) install a holding tank that fully complies with Circular DEQ 4, 2013 edition. 4) install a method for monitoring wastewater levels in the tank. 5) pump the holding tank as required to prevent overflow, and to assess water tightness. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Kate Hardman presented data on the evidence of the safety and effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccines. Sara Kinkenbergh presented information on old vaccines vs new vaccines, contradictions, and side effects of the COVID vaccine. Catherine Dewitt made the statement that generally people that are against the vaccine are educated on the vaccine. Angela Muse is a mom whose child was injured due to the side effects of the MMR vaccine. Since then, she and her children have received no vaccines and nor will they. Stacy Kandel inquired when is the new Public Health Officer going to be appointed to the BOH. Commissioner Magera stated the deadline to apply is

October 21, 2021. Jessica Valentine provided data from Clark Fork Valley Hospital and advised the BOH is not responsible for the hospital. Mary Reed provided information on a discussion that she had with an employee at Clark Fork Valley Hospital. Mrs. Kandel reiterated that she has said from the beginning to the BOH that this vaccine is not safe and natural remedies are the cure such as Ivermectin, Vitamin D3, Zinc, and Vitamin C. Jeff Reed provided a comment on his health. There was no further comment. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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  
October 14, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, October 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: Amended Buffon Park COS 3532. Also in attendance were: Mary Taylor; Tina Daugherty; Claude Burlingame; Heather Chavez, and Steve Bruner. Ms. Maudrone presented her staff report on the requested amendment to Amended Buffon Park COS 3532. Mr. Burlingame presented a request on behalf of Heather Chavez to reduce the 40-foot road easement along the northern portion of Amended Lot 4 and Lot 3 to 20 feet as the existing fence on the north side of the coffee shop falls within. Staff recommended granting a reduction of 10 feet, retaining a 30-foot road easement to safely accommodate traffic flow and issue an encroachment permit for the eastern portion of the fence that is in violation, with the condition that if the fence is removed it may not be rebuilt to encroach within the 30-foot road easement. Staff also stated that an amended plat will need to be filed. Commissioner Cox motioned per staff's recommendation. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Ms. Maudrone presented a request to realign a road easement for Vohs Street in Heron, Montana. Mr. Burlingame will draft a resolution to amend the plat for Vohs Street.

As it was 11:03 a.m. and after the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opening the public hearing on the proposal to amend the Sanders County Refuse District Non-typical fees. In attendance were: Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District; Kathy Conlin, Billing Clerk/Recycling Assistant, and Jerry Lacy. Jason Peterson and Kathy Conlin provided the proposed amended Non-typical fees. Jerry Lacy stated the County has to do what it has to do. The Refuse District is locked into their funds. I don't see the County has a choice based on what it's costing the County to haul to Missoula, Montana. Commissioner Magera closed the hearing at 11:08 a.m. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve the proposed amended Non-typical Fee Schedule effective November 13, 2021. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Kathy Conlin advised she will put visible signs at all the Refuse sites, an ad in the Sanders County Ledger and the Clark Fork Valley Press, and postcards will be provided to all Refuse attendants to hand out.

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

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to approve September 28-30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox 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 \$1,604,274.52. (County Claims are on file in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder)

The Board met with Shari Johnson, Engineer via teleconference to discuss: Trout Creek Water District. Also in attendance was Doug Cooper, Member, Trout Creek Water District via teleconference. Ms. Jonson advised that the water district should move forward with either a Preliminary Engineering Report or a Master Plan. The Board agreed with Ms. Johnson and Mr. Cooper that a Master Plan would be the best route for the Trout Creek Water District. Further discussion was on Ms. Johnson providing technical assistance to Sanders County for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Ms. Johnson will schedule a meeting with the Board in the next week or two.

Commissioner Cox joined the Board at 3:08 p.m.

The Board requested to meet with Jessica Connolly, Chief Financial Officer via teleconference and Lisa Wadsworth, Claims/Accounts Payable as they were not scheduled, to discuss: the Sanders County Sewer District at Paradise. Mrs. Connolly advised the Board that the Commissioners are the authority of the Sanders County Sewer District at Paradise and Mrs. Wadsworth can pay the bills for the sewer district.

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  
October 20, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, October 20, 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, and Kathy Conlin, Acting Secretary/Billing Clerk/Recycling Assistant. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve September 15, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Old Business: Kathy Conlin advised that this year's Business Assessment is complete. Jason Peterson reported that the Refuse Site locks were changed and the haulers are adjusting their schedules. Mr. Peterson met with Mike Haskins to offer a roll-off container for his use until April 1, 2022, to accommodate the change in schedules. New Business: none at this time. Recycling Report: 16 bales of Cardboard (bales were shipped on 9/14/21 and 9/28/21), 8 bales of Aluminum Cans shipped on 8/25/21, 100 yards in the Metal Pile, and one pallet of Batteries. There was no public present. There was no public comment. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 85 days without incident. Open County Positions: Deputy Clerk, District Court has three applicants that will be interviewed tomorrow. Dispatcher (2) position, interviews will be conducted throughout today. Plains Library Technician and Aide posted externally. No applications have been received.

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

The Board met with Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools to discuss: the proposed American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) projects submitted to Sanders County. Also in attendance were: John Dowd, Sanders County Ledger; Kathleen S. Hassan, Resident Taxpayer; Linda Hohenstein, Resident, and Connie Foust, Council

Member, Town of Plains, Montana. Jennifer Ekberg provided the submitted requests received from the Western Sanders County TV District in the amount of 212,775.00, Trout Creek Community Public Water System for \$1,140,000.00, and the Old Jail Museum in Thompson Falls for \$23,400.00. Commissioner Brooker requested that Ms. Ekberg obtain updated requests from the Old Jail Museum and the Paradise Center. Connie Foust stated the Town of Plains, Montana cost is increasing due to condemnation of their wastewater system.

### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

The Board has a consensus to execute the Caterpillar Financial Government Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement for Contract No. 001-70052918 for the 2021 Weiler P385B Asphalt Paver.

The Board adjourned at 2:25 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 October 21, 2021**

Commissioner Brooker attended via Zoom, the Montana Department of Transportation Commission Meeting at 8:30 a.m.

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

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: an Agriculture exemption on Tract 3 COS 383. Also in attendance was Ricky Hagedorn, Hagedorn Surveying. Katherine Maudrone turned the meeting over to Mr. Hagedorn. Mr. Hagedorn advised that Tract 3 COS 383 meets the two requirements to revoke the covenant. Commissioner Brooker motioned to grant the request to revoke the Agriculture exemption on Tract 3 COS 383. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Ms. Maudrone presented a preliminary plat approval to amend Lot 2 COS 3478 MS. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve the subsequent amendment of Lot 2 COS 3478MS with the following conditions, finding of facts and conclusions: 1) that a driveway permit be approved for the proposed private access off Blue Slide Road for Lot 2-B and that it be identified on the final plat. Also, that the location be staked. 2) 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. 3) 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. 4) 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. 5) that areas with slopes 25% or grader be marked on the final plat and it be identified as "No Build Zones." 6) That new lot owners be provided with "Responsibilities of Property Owners in the Wildland Urban Interface" to educate them on fuels management within the Wildland Urban Interface, incorporating it into the CC&R's. If the CC&R's are not being placed on these lots, this document be filed with the final plat. 7) that if CC&R's are being filed, they contain information about not attracting wildlife. If not, that it be noted on the face of the final plat of landowner's responsibility. 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 Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**



Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the CDPHP Program Sub-contractor Agreement between Flathead City-County Health Department and Sanders County to assist in providing Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program (MTUPP) services. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute Task Order Amendment No. 4 Task Order for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Task Order No. 20-07-6-11-048-0 between Montana Department of Health and Human Services and Sanders County. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the Montana Department of Environmental Quality Form AR3 Pesticides Annual Report Form for Tier II Facilities for the Sanders County AIP Task Force. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve October 5 & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to adopt the Proclamation for the GFWC Thompson Falls Woman's Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Brooker at 1:30 p.m. attended the GFWC Thompson Falls Woman's Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Old Jail Museum in Thompson Falls, Montana.

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  
October 27, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, October 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 for September 2021. Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera examined and approved the Journal Voucher Detail Report for the accounting period of August 2021. Further discussion was on combining the Noxon and Heron, Montana polling places. The Board has a consensus to keep the polling places where they are now.

Commissioner Brooker left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 92 days without incident. Mr. Wallace provided the Montana State Funds recommendations for the individuals that had an Ergonomic Study on October 13, 2021. The Road Departments and the Refuse District are scheduled for Industrial Hearing tests on November 9, 2021, with Vibrant Hearing. Open County Positions: Deputy Clerk, Mr. Wallace presented a HR Personnel Action Form for Lacy Wieckowski. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Lacy Wieckowski starting November 22, 2021, in District Court as a Deputy Clerk. Dispatcher (2) positions, the last interview is being conducted today. Plains Library Technician, no applications received, thus far. Plains Library Aide, no applications have been received.

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

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

The Board met with Digger Powell, Thompson Falls Gun Club to discuss: the Thompson Falls Gun Club. Mr. Powell is in the process of writing a grant and would like to obtain permission or direction on some items. Mr. Powell would like to add five to seven overnight campsites for the gun club's purposes. The sites would be improved campsites. Mr. Powell inquired about the rental agreement between the County and the Thompson Falls Gun Club. Is a subdivision for lease or rent need to be amended? The Board advised Mr. Powell that they would follow up with Katherine Maudrone. Director of Land Services on subdivision requirements.

### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Jennifer Ekberg provided Task Order No. 22-07-4-31-141-0 Amendment No. 1 for COVID Immunization Services between the Montana Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS) and Sanders County. Also in attendance were: Dawn Gandalf; Rusti Leivestad, Citizen; Mark Trimmer, Citizen; Mindy Ferrell, Citizen; Gerald Cuvillier, Citizen; Lorilee Cuvillier, Citizen; Art Hassan, Citizen; Kathleen S. Hassan, Resident; Peggy Bates, Citizen; Catherine Dewitt, Citizen; Kate Hardman, Citizen, and Stacy Kandel, Citizen. Kate Hardman stated after she gave the presentation on October 15, 2021, she believes that the promoting of this vaccine is a risk and I ask the County to decline the signing of the Task Order for COVID Immunization services. Stacy Kandel stated there are strings attached to this agreement. Lorilee Cuvillier stated that you have a greater chance of dying in Chicago from a gunshot than dying from COVID. Please do not take the money, Federal dollars are going to have strings attached. Peggy Bates doesn't want the County to take Federal money. This agreement is pushing the vaccine onto children. Gerald Cuvillier stated he read the disclaimer in the agreement and stated that everything above the disclaimer could be a lie. Mrs. Kandel asked the County if there are individuals the County has that are in favor of the vaccine. Commissioner Magera stated the County does have those that are in favor of the vaccine. Commissioner Cox motioned to take this matter under advisement until Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 2:45 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 October 28, 2021**

Commissioner Magera proceeded to audit County Payroll at 9:00 a.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$552,850.96. (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, October 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: a department update.

The Board met with Shari Johnson, Engineer to discuss: the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Shari Johnson is a Technical Advisor to Lake County, Montana to advise on their ARPA funds. Ms. Johnson confirmed that ARPA funding makes approximately a 5% allowance for administrative costs. Projects with work completed since March 1, 2021, may qualify for the ARPA funding. Trout Creek Water System needs were discussed as far as priorities. The Board decided to procure the services of Shari Johnson for assistance with the ARPA applications for Sanders County.

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

The Board met with Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management to discuss: closing out last year's Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG) and working on the grant for this quarter. The EMPG priorities for our jurisdiction were 1) public health, health care, emergency services 2) communication 3) cyber security 4) operational coordination, and 5) planning.

The Board met with Joel Thomas, Fire Prevention Technician, Lolo National Forest to discuss: the burn permit program for Sanders County. The program will be changing to an online system. The cost would be approximately \$4,000.00 and the Lolo National Forest and the Kootenai National Forest Ranger District's would split the cost of the expense. Fifteen surrounding counties currently utilize online programs and consider them highly efficient. The program would continue to accommodate permitting by phone. Adding the element of a county ordinance would offer follow-up and enforcement. The consensus of the Board was to continue the discussion with the County's legal team, and the Sheriff to review MCA § 7-33-2205).

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: \_\_\_\_\_, Acting Secretary  
Kathy Conlin

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA  
November 2, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 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 Dave Wroblewski, District Ranger, Lolo National Forest to discuss: the Lolo District. The Thorne Creek fire salvage is in the scoping stage. The forest service is burning piles up Shorty Gulch. The forest fire fighters are gone for the season. The forest service Chief wants an increase in fuels treatment. In the next ten years, the Chief wants to treat approximately two million acres. The last Forest Plan was done in 1986 and the forest service is internally working on a kickoff for a revised Forest Plan. Right now, a pre-assessment is underway. Commissioner Cox inquired on salvage areas in the Thorne Creek area. Mr. Wroblewski will research the matter. A new Biologist has been hired to take the vacated position by Mr. Wroblewski.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to remove one refuse fee and provide a refund for the last three years to Tax Payer No. 15105. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Commissioner Magera abstained due to a conflict of interest. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.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  
November 4, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, November 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 Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 99 days without incident. Open County Positions: Dispatcher (2) positions, a decision will be made by the end of tomorrow on who will be offered the job. Plains Library Technician, interviews are scheduled for Friday, November 12, 2021. Plains Library Aide, interviews are scheduled for Friday, November 12, 2021. Tobacco Specialist, posted internally today. Mr. Wallace attended the Westaff Solutions HR Bootcamp and thought that they provided a good presentation on the 2021 Legislative changes. Further discussion was on the Sheriff's Department.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: Smith Minor Subsequent Subdivision. Ms. Maudrone presented Smith Minor Subsequent Subdivision for final plat approval. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve the final plat having met all conditions of approval on Smith Minor Subsequent Subdivision. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Ms. Maudrone then presented McCrea Minor Subdivision for preliminary approval. After the discussion of two variance requests VII-E.b.) No lot may be divided by a public road. Alley or utility right-of-way and VII-E.f.) No lot may have an average depth greater than three times its average width for Lot 5. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve the two variances for McCrea Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Brooker motioned to consider a Stream Management Zone for Swamp Creek and additional wetlands. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve the preliminary plat approval of McCrea Minor Subdivision with the following conditions of approval 1) That a 30-foot easement for River Rd. W. be granted to Sanders County and noted on the face of the final plat to create standard half-width right-of-way. 2) That a one-foot controlled access easement be established along River Rd. W frontage of these lots noting that a permit must be obtained from the County before constructing an approach and identify the approved access for Lot 1. 3) That the private road be built to current subdivision road standards with an approved turnaround, having disturbed areas reseeded and treated for noxious weeds. 4) That road name be approved and a nonflammable road sign installed at an approved location, prior to or concurrent with the final plat. 5) That easements will be created for driveway accesses for Lot 4 from the private road. 6) That a road maintenance agreement which includes dust abatement, be filed with the final plat and that these Lots 2-5 participate. 7) That a Waiver of the Right to Protest a Rural Special Improvement District for the purposes of road construction, road maintenance which the County may require, be filed with the final plat. 8) That the subdivider contact the Sanders County Land Services Department for a Noxious Weed and Revegetation Plan within 30 days of preliminary plat approval, provide for initial treatment of weeds, and file the approved plan with the final plat. 9) 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. 10) that Swamp Creek be shown on the final plat and it be noted that prior to any activity nest the stream channel of Swamp Creek. The Eastern Conservation District be notified for compliance and permitting. 11) That the Streamside Management Zone (SMZ) be identified fifty feet each side of the ordinary high watermark of Swamp Creek, including adjacent wetlands on the final plat with a note that DNRC SMZ guidelines must be adhered to. 12) That the final subdivision shall comply with all requirements of the Sanders County Subdivision Regulations, Sanders County Wastewater Regulations, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, 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

The Board met to discuss: the decision on Task Order No. 22-07-4-31-141-0 Amendment No. 1 for COVID Immunization Services between the Montana Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS) and Sanders County. Also in attendance were: Catherine Dewitt, Citizen; Amber Miskowitz, Citizen; Norris Bryan, Citizen; Susan Bryan, Citizen; Linda Elliott, Citizen; John Thorson, Citizen; Karen Thorson, Citizen; Karen Dwyer, Citizen; Miriah Kardelis, Sanders County Ledger; Kathleen Hassan, Resident Taxpayer; Kate Comunetti, Resident; Peggy Bates, Citizen; Judy Arneson, Citizen; Art Hassan, Citizen; Greg Hinkle, Citizen; Linda Solomakos, Citizen; Earl M Reiff; Edith Reiff; Gerald J Cuvillier, Citizen; Lorilee Cuvillier, Citizen; Steve McCall, Community Member; Cheri DesMarais, Community Member; Dawn Gandalf, Community Member; Debra Achatz, Community Member; Daisy Carlsmith, Community Member; Thomas B Humphreys, Community Member; Marty Humphreys, Community Member; Rusti Leivestad, Community Member; Tobo Leivestad, Community Member; Ernie Scherzer, Citizen; Carolyn Hidy, Citizen; Bob Gregg, Citizen; Janet Linde, Citizen; Ellen Childress, Resident; Laura Wood, Resident; Patti Morris, Resident; Stacy Kandel, Citizen; Sara Klingenberg, Citizen; Loretta Weaver, Citizen; Bina Eggenesperger, Citizen, and Melinda Ferrell, Citizen. Sara Klinkenberg thanked the Board for removing Nick Lawyer from the Sanders County Board of Health. 68% of the County is unvaccinated. The Task Order states specifically that it is for COVID. A majority of this community does not want the COVID Vaccine/Shot. Where does it state anything else is funded from this Task Order? Commissioner Magera stated comments are only on the Task Order. Commissioner Cox commented that everyone has the option to get the vaccine or not. Stacy Kandel read the Task Order where it specifically states it's for COVID shots. Mrs. Kandel asked the Board not to execute the Amendment. Catherine Dewitt stated the Amendment feels like blackmail. Commissioner Brooker stated that the County has been signing Task Order's with DPPHS for 27 years and if not longer. Peggy Bates stated people need to use scientific evidence and use their common sense. I had COVID, you want to sign an agreement with the government. You are going to have rules and regulations. Nothing is free. Lorilee Cuvillier commented that the U.S. is a trillion dollars in debt and that Sanders County needs to stop taking money. Thomas Humphreys stated that the Sanders County Community Housing Organization could utilize the monies. Linda Elliott stated that she has seen people pass away. I ask that the Board execute the Amendment. Commissioner Magera reiterated that there will be no comments on people's character. Ernie Scherzer stated that he supports the Task Order Amendment and the services it provides. Ellen Childress is in favor of the Board executing the Task Order and believes that individuals still have their own choice. Patti Morris stated that even with this Task Order signed people still have the freedom to choose and education as it comes available. Amber Miskowitz stated that she is looking at this from a budget perspective. Does the County need \$110,000? Does the County have to pay the money back? Commissioner Brooker stated that the contract is a reimbursement system. If we don't use it, we don't get reimbursed. Mindy Ferrell supports the signing of the Task Order. Mrs. Ferrell also explained the order, credit, and reimbursement process the County goes through. Steve McCall asked the Board to sign the Task Order. Mrs. Kandel stated that the information in the Sanders County Ledger from Public Health is all one-sided. We have provided the Board with world-renowned doctors that have additional information that you are not sharing with the community. The other side of the story needs to be provided to the public. Ms. Cuvillier stated taxing our County is not a good thing. Carolyn Hidy appreciates everyone's efforts and would like the County to be reimbursed for the services Public Health provides. Ms. Klinkenberg's main concern is a higher percentage of the County is not vaccinated and the County Public Health Department is wanting more money to promote the vaccine. Kate Comunetti asked the Board to accept the money from DPHHS and commented that we all have to be our own doctor. Judy Arneson stated that this money is only offered to eleven red states. It's deceiving what is expected back to the federal government. I am against accepting this funding. Bina Eggenesperger stated there have been 750,000 deaths in the U.S. I am in support of the County taking this money. Ms. Cuvillier stated most people died post-vaccine. Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute Task Order No. 22-07-4-31-141-0 Amendment No. 1 for COVID Immunization Services between the Montana Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS) and Sanders County. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Brooker read a statement. Commissioner Cox made a statement.

The Board met with Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian to discuss: Senate Bill 199 continues to be difficult to navigate due to an absent DPHHS legal determination and guideline. Counties are tasked with determining which food activities are allowed to operate under the bill. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Subdivision Program legal counsel provided a written determination regarding mixing zones and well isolation zones crossing subdivision lot boundaries. This determination significantly changes the ability to modify existing sanitation approvals. Unfortunately, the determination memo did not provide specific guidance, and many questions were raised by contract reviewers. Contract counties requested additional

clarification and specific examples be provided at the November 9, 2021, contract review meeting. A request for redesignation of the Thompson Falls PM10 Nonattainment Area is being prepared to submit to the Montana Governor's office for signature, and then the EPA for approval. Redesignation will not eliminate PM 10 monitoring but will remove the nonattainment designation. Commissioner Brooker discussed the Paradise Wastewater Project. Shawn Sorenson stated to protect ground surface water he will not permit systems that will cause contamination. Statistics are as follows: Inspections- 193 licensed establishments 40 % inspected, Temporary Events- 21 so far in fiscal year 2022, Soil/Site analyses- 54 so far in calendar year 2021, Wastewater Permits- 75 permits so far in fiscal year 2022, Water/well permits- 47 permits so far in fiscal year 2022, Local Subdivision Reviews- 24 so far in fiscal year 2022, Junk Vehicles- 337 cars were baled by the state of Montana, and Food Training- two classes tentatively scheduled.

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  
November 9, 2021**

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

Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer; Carol A. Brooker, County Commissioner; and Anthony B. Cox, County Commissioner; acting as the Canvassing Board of Sanders County, Montana, do hereby certify that the foregoing abstract of election returns consisting of page 371 of book 2 of Abstract of Election Returns, records of Sanders County, is a full and correct abstract of all the votes cast in the 2021 Municipal General Election held in Sanders County, November 2, 2021, as the same as shown upon the Detail Results printed from the DS850 #8515090201 and the Tally Sheets for the Write-In Voters in Sanders County, Montana. Also in attendance were: Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools and Dan Rowan, Mayor, Town of Plains, Montana.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: Back 40 Ranch II subsequent subdivision. Ms. Maudrone advised a public hearing on Back 40 Ranch II is scheduled for November 18, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. for the 5 Lot subdivision. Further discussion was on a public hearing scheduled for Baldy Mountain Reserve Phase 4 subdivision.

The Board met with Dr. Gregory Hanson, Clark Fork Valley Hospital via teleconference as he was not scheduled, to discuss: the Clark Fork Valley Hospital and the County contracting for the County's Public Health Officer. The position would be a paid stipend position and the individual would not have voting rights. Dr. Hanson stated that he would follow up with Lake County, Montana.

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

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

The Board met to review: Task Order No. 22-25-5-21-017-0 between the Montana Department of Health and Human Services and Sanders County for the WIC Program. Also in attendance were: Karen Dwyer, Retired WIC Aide/Public Health; Amber Miskowitz; Gerald Cuvillier; Lorilee Cuvillier; Catherine Dewitt; and Norris Bryan. Norris Bryan asked the Board why they didn't bring this contract up at the meeting on November 4, 2021, where Task Order No. 22-07-4-

31-141-0 Amendment No. 1 for COVID Immunization Services was discussed. The Board advised that the County did not have the WIC contract at that time. Karen Dwyer stated that she retired after thirty-two years working for the County. The WIC program involves referrals, education, and providing supplemental foods. Being vaccinated is not a requirement of the program. Nor are they forced onto individuals. Catherine Dewitt stated she is worried that the vaccine is pushed onto those that seek WIC assistance. Ms. Dwyer advised WIC participants are provided with provider referrals if they would like the vaccine. Lorilee Cuvillier asked why the County is not setting aside COVID monies for WIC. Why does it cost so much to fund? Why is the State providing so much money? The government is going to mandate the vaccines. Mrs. Dewitt stated the County might not force mandates; a higher government might make Sanders County. Gerald Cuvillier does not want the County to take the money for the WIC Program. Ms. Dwyer supports the WIC Program and stated she supports the County signing the Task Order. Mrs. Dewitt stated that she is in support of the WIC Program. However, she is afraid that WIC will be mandated. Commissioner Cox motioned to execute Task Order No. 22-25-5-21-017-0 between the Montana Department of Health and Human Services and Sanders County for the WIC Program. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to execute the Contract for Services between Sanders County and Jessica Connolly. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board has a consensus to execute the Penn Stohr (Plains Airport) and Thompson Falls Airport Montana Aeronautics Grant Applications.

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

Commissioner Cox motioned to appoint Leonard Brown to the Sanders County Tax Appeal Board for the two-year term vacated by Mike Hashisaki. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to appoint Charlie Scott to the Hot Springs Refuse Disposal District for a two-year term. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Shari Johnson, Engineer to discuss: the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project requests. Also in attendance were: Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools and Dan Briggs, Woodside Park Water/Sewer District. Shari Johnson provided the proposed ARPA water/sewer projects from the Trout Creek and Heron Water Districts. Dan Briggs advised that Woodside Park will be requesting \$50,000 for a Preliminary Engineering Report. Right now, the backup pump is out, and the main pump is over 30 years old. The subdivision is at approximately 36 hookups but can expand to 52 hookups. The Board has a consensus to approve 50 % ARPA and 50% ARPA direct monies to the Trout Creek Water District for approximately \$1,140,000.00 and Heron Water District for \$275,000.00. Commissioner Magera will follow up with the County Attorney on Shari Johnson's contract with Sanders County.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 104 days without incident. Open County Positions: Plains Library Technician, interviews will be conducted on November 19, 2021. Plains Library Aide, interviews will be on November 12, 2021.

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**  
**November 10, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, November 10, 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 Steve Kimball, Local Government Forest Advisor Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) via Zoom and Tim Love, CF Coordinator, Montana Forest Collaboration Network to discuss: the future of the Sanders County Collaborative. Also in attendance was Juli Thurston, Montana State University Extension via Zoom. Steve Kimball provided an update on the Sanders County Collaborative. Juli Thurston stated she is interested in becoming a part of the Sanders County Collaborative to some degree. Commissioner Brooker advised Sanders County has tried for approximately 10 years to have a strong leader and diversity in the collaborative. A recommendation Commissioner Brooker has is for the collaborative to review the charter and the reason this group was established.

The Board met with Dan Briggs, Woodside Park Water/Sewer District to discuss: Woodside Park's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds request. Also in attendance was Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Briggs provided a presentation stating 1) the cost for putting in a different type (variable) pump has to be approved by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The engineering cost is estimated at \$1,500.00, and the replacement pump, pipe, connectors, and electrical work totals \$7,930.00 for a total cost of \$9,430.00. 2) a Preliminary Engineering Report from GreatWest Engineering will cost \$50,000.00. Matching funds is unknown as of right now for Woodside Park Water/Sewer District. However, Woodside would like a commitment from Sanders County to provide a specific amount to assist in applying for funds. According to the County's ARPA Technical Advisor Shari Johnson, the more the County can assist, the better the chances Woodside has at receiving grant funds for the project. Mr. Briggs requested \$59,430.00 from direct ARPA funds. Commissioner Cox motioned to approve the request of items No. 1 & 2 for \$59,430.00 from direct ARPA funds for Woodside Park Water/Sewer District. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:15 p.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 Drainage Improvements & Resurfacing for Thompson River Road #56 and ACM Road #9991. Also in attendance were: Jared Koskela, Engineer, Lolo National Forest; Ben Bache, Foreman, Road District No. 1 & 2; Dawn Gandalf, Citizen; Mitzi L. Hart, Knerr Inc.; Lynn Cook, Cook and Sons Construction; Dan Cook, Cook and Sons Construction; Chris Noble, Noble Excavating Inc., and Eric Drake, Noble Excavating Inc. Bids were received from Knerr Inc., for \$1,630,476.00; Cook and Sons for \$2,566,728.50; Woods Crushing and Hauling for \$2,012,187.80, and Noble Excavating for \$2,377,923.25. Commissioner Cox motioned to take the bids under advisement until Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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 \$526,619.61. (County Claims are on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder)

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

Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools requested to meet with the Board as she was not scheduled, to discuss: ARPA information. Also in attendance was Dawn Gandalf.

Commissioner Brooker left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

The Board met with Ron Warren, Rocky Mountain Surveyors and Steve Burbach, Subdivider to discuss: road access and a proposed contract with Sanders County. Also in attendance were: Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services; Ben Bache, Foreman, Road District No. 1 & 2; Dawn Gandalf; Naomi Leisz, County Attorney, and Nick Bailey, Public Works Engineer, Montana Rail Link (MRL) via teleconference. Ron Warren requested clarification on the figures MRL provided for the Agreement to Relocate, Improve, and Maintain Tie Plant Road in Paradise, Montana. Nick Bailey stated a separate agreement is needed for the signals, the breakdown would be \$195,000.00 for roadway work and two crossings at \$310,000.00 (MRL will pay 50% for the two crossings). Sanders County would need to draft a letter stating that the County would participate in 50%. Commissioner Cox inquired when the \$195,000.00 is due. Mr. Bailey advised the amount is due when the project is completed. Steve Burbach will take the information provided under consideration and will follow up with the Board on the next step.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**



Commissioner Cox motioned to appoint Patrick Barber as the Sanders County Coroner until December 31, 2022. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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  
November 17, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, November 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. 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 Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools. Commissioner Cox motioned to approve October 20, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Old Business: Kathy Conlin advised that the Business Assessment is complete. However, there are a few businesses that are having issues. Two businesses in Trout Creek, Montana had some mix-ups but have since been remedied. A restaurant in Thompson Falls, Montana is the only outstanding business that has not been resolved. Mrs. Conlin presented an update on Tax-Exempt Billing and payments that have been made. Jason Peterson brought up issues he's having at refuse sites with refrigerators and appliances. Metal from the appliances goes into the metal pile. A customer asked why the County is charging for this service when the County gets money for the metal. Mr. Peterson advised that it cost the County in labor for the appliances to be made ready to go into the metal pile. The labor cost is more than the County gets reimbursed for in the end. Mrs. Conlin discussed the burn pile. A resident bags their yard waste and puts the bag in the non-typical container. Mr. Peterson advised that the yard waste can go into the non-typical or the household container. It still will cost the resident \$10.00 a yard to dispose of. New Business: Mrs. Conlin presented a new hauler agreement to be provided. A meeting was scheduled with B & P Services to discuss the new hauler agreement. B & P Services cancelled the meeting with the Board. Mrs. Conlin presented the Refuse Appeal for Tax ID No. 5498. Commissioner Cox motioned to refund Tax ID No. 5498 for 2018, 2019, and 2020 in the amount of \$445.00. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Mrs. Conlin presented the Refuse Appeal for Tax ID No. 6707. Commissioner Cox motioned to refund for the last three years of Refuse fees for Tax ID No. 6707 in the amount of \$445.00. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Mrs. Conlin presented the Refuse Appeal for Tax ID No. 11289. Commissioner Cox motioned to refund the 2019 and 2020 Refuse fees for Tax ID No. 11289 in the amount of \$320.00. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Recycling Report: 9 bales of Cardboard (6 bales were shipped on 10/27/2021), 4 bales of Aluminum Cans, 150 tons in the Metal Pile, and one pallet of Batteries. There was no public present. There was no public comment. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

As it was 11:00 a.m. and the time and place as advertised, Commissioner Cox motioned to award the Drainage Improvements & Resurfacing for Thompson River Road #56 and ACM Road #9991 Base bid to Woods Crushing &

Hauling, Inc per the recommendation made by the Lolo National Forest. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board requested to meet with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources as he was not scheduled, to discuss: the Tobacco Prevention Specialist and the Public Health Nurse job descriptions. The Board has a consensus to combine the two positions.

The Board met with Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management to discuss: Landowner Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Agreement No. 202.

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

#### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to execute the Thompson Falls Airport Aircraft Hangar Ground Lease between Sanders County and Travis Carney and Jenny Lynn Burnett. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to execute the Landowner Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Agreement No. 202 with Sanders County, Montana. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Brooker motioned to reappoint Wayne Vannice to the Plains/Paradise TV District for a three-year term. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the Western States Caterpillar Agreement between Western States Caterpillar and Sanders County, Montana for a Grader for District No. 2. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

As it was 2:00 p.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera swore in Patrick Barber as the Sanders County Coroner. Also in attendance were: Tom Rummel, Sheriff; Brandi Jones, Deputy Coroner; Daniel Jones; Peggy Bates, Free Americans, and Terry Caldwell, Free Americans.

Peggy Bates, Free Americans and Terry Caldwell, Free American requested to meet with the Board as they were not scheduled, to discuss: a petition to appoint Greg Hinkle as the District No. 1 Commissioner for Sanders County, Montana.

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 November 18, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, November 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: Back 40 Ranch's public hearing later today. Also in attendance was Dawn Gandalf. Discussion was on R.V. Parks on County Property. The Town of Plains, Montana should have a deed coming shortly for the land acquisition to relocate the existing sewer lagoon. There might be an issue with relocating existing irrigation well.

As it was 11:00 a.m. and the time and place as advertised, Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera opened the public hearing on Back 40 Ranch II, Subsequent 5 Lot Minor Subdivision. In attendance were: Glen E. Magera, Commissioner; Carol Brooker, Commissioner; Anthony B. Cox, Commissioner; Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services; Ron Warren, Consultant, Rocky Mountain Surveyors; Katherine Applebee, Subdivision Owner; Laura Judd; Charles Judd, and Dawn Gandalf. Katherine Maudrone presented her staff report. Ron Warren provided information on the water rights exemptions. Ms. Maudrone presented conditions and findings of fact. Commissioner Magera closed the hearing at 11:21 a.m. Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve Back 40 Ranch II, Subsequent 5 Lot Minor Subdivision with the following conditions/citing's, and finding of facts: 1) That the private road be completed to current subdivision road standards with an approved turnaround. Having disturbed areas reseeded and treated for noxious weeds. 2) That the road name be approved and a nonflammable road sign be installed at an approved location, prior to or concurrent with final plat. 3) That these lot owners participate in the road maintenance agreement filed with Back 40 Ranch I Subdivision and that these lots participate in maintenance of Wildhorse Lane also. 4) That a Waiver of the Right to Protest a Rural Special Improvement District for the purposes of road construction, road maintenance which the County may require, be filed with the final plat. 6) 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. 7) That the subdivision complies with the Sanders County Subdivision Regulations for Parkland. 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, Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the laws and administrative rules of the State of Montana. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

#### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to approve October 20, 2021 through November 10, 2021, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Brooker 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 sealed bids for the Free-Standing Building for the Sheriff's Department. No bids were received. Also in attendance were: Tom Rummel, Sheriff; Lanny Hensley, Undersheriff, and Dawn Gandalf.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 6 days without incident. The last streak ended at 105 days without incident. Montana State Fund will soon begin quarterly safety training. Mr. Wallace attended the Society for Human Resource Management via Zoom. Vaccine mandates were discussed. Open County Positions: The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action for Patrick Barber as the appointed Coroner till December 31, 2022.

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  
November 23, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Anthony B. Cox, Acting Presiding Officer and Carol Brooker, Commissioner.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to appoint Commissioner Cox as Acting Presiding Office as Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera was absent. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met with Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools to discuss: County journal vouchers and a review of the budget for October 2021. Acting Presiding Officer Anthony B. Cox examined and approved the Journal Boucher Detail Report for the accounting period of October 2021. Further discussion was on property taxes. Sanders County has collected 46% as of today.

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to approve the final plat approval of Reynolds Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute Task Order Amendment Number Three for Task Order No. 20-07-6-11-048-0 between the Montana Department of Health and Human Services and Sanders County, Montana for Public Health Emergency Preparedness. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

The Board met with Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management to discuss: updates on the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant, Firewise contracts, Title III, and the Sanders County Public Information Officer.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 11 days without incident. Open County Positions: Tobacco Specialist/PHEP Nurse, the combined jobs have been reposted for applications. Maintenance Supervisor, one applicant to date. The Administrative Assistant for the Sanders County Sheriff's Office has two internal applicants to date.

The Board adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Commissioner Cox proceeded to audit County Claims at 3:00 p.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$176,674.70. (County Claims are on file in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder)

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  
December 1, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, December 1, 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 (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 19 days without incident. Also in attendance was Dan Rowan. Open County Positions: Dispatcher, Mr. Wallace provided a HR Personnel Action Form. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Pat Johnson as a part-time Dispatcher starting December 6, 2021. Maintenance Supervisor, Mr. Wallace provided a HR

Personnel Action Form. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Jerome Little starting November 29, 2021, as the full-time Maintenance Supervisor. Sanders County Sheriff's Office Administrative Assistant, a HR Personnel Action Form was provided. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Denise Taylor effective January 1, 2022, as the new Administrative Assistant at 32 hours a week. Plains Library Janitor, the Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Terry Watkins for up to 10 hours a week starting December 6, 2021. Further discussion was on the Sanders County Refuse District and two personnel issues that have arisen. Mr. Wallace will follow up with Jason Peterson, Supervisor for the Refuse District.

The Board met with Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services to discuss: the Town of Plains, Montana. Also in attendance was Dan Rowan. Ms. Maudrone stated that she is moving forward with the court-ordered survey for the Town of Plains sewer lagoons. Ms. Maudrone is meeting with the surveyor later today. Clark Fork Meadows Subdivision is moving forward.

The Board adjourned at 12:15 p.m. 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**

The Board executed the Comprehensive County Plan for Substance Abuse, Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Treatment for the Alcohol Tax Distribution with 100% of funds going to the Western Montana Addictive Services.

Commissioner Cox joined the Board at 1:40 p.m.

The Board met with Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian to discuss: Environmental Health staff are participating in a review of substantial updating and reorganization of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) sanitation administrative rules and circulars (standards). Of particular interest are the expected changes in nondegradation policy regarding trigger analysis for wastewater systems adjacent to surface water. Results from the Trout Creek, Montana well triangulation and groundwater determination show expected groundwater flow direction and hydraulic gradient for a large area in the South Hills Road/Trout Creek Road area. Nondegradation analyses have been problematic throughout the area as land division and development intensify. Information will be used for local and DEQ sanitation reviews. Initial data points were selected in consultation with the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG) Groundwater Investigation Program hydrogeologists. Statistics are as follows: 193 licensed establishments 60% inspected, Temporary Events- 21 so far in fiscal year 2022, Soil/Site analyses- 65 so far in calendar year 2021, Wastewater Permits- 83 permits so far in fiscal year 2022, Water/well permits- 53 permits so far in fiscal year 2022, Local Subdivision Reviews- 27 so far in fiscal year 2022, Junk Vehicles- 12 cars currently in the yard, and Food Training- classes are rescheduled for Winter and Spring 2022.

The Board met with Ray Brown, Executive Director, Sanders County Community Development Corp., to discuss: a request for funds for the equipment acquisition to build out robust IT infrastructure at approximately \$16,980.00 and the Sanders County Digital Economy Ecosystem Phase 2 funding request at approximately \$24,500.00. Also in attendance were: Catherine Dewitt and Peggy Bates.

The Board met with Joe Bache to discuss: the Lease Agreement between Sanders County, Montana and Bache and Sons. Mr. Bache would like to renew his lease agreement with Sanders County for the property located by the Penn Stohr (Plains) Airport. Commissioner Brooker will follow up with Mr. Bache once she has obtained a copy of the last lease agreement between Sanders County, Montana and Bache and Sons.

The Board met with Naomi Leisz, County Attorney to discuss: the County Coroner position. Also in attendance was Patrick Barber, Coroner. Naomi Leisz and Mr. Barber are working on a Sanders County Coroner Policy and Procedures Manual. Further discussion was an Opioid Settlement that Sanders County, Montana is eligible to enter. The Board has a consensus for Ms. Leisz to move forward with the settlement. Ms. Leisz inquired about contracts the Sanders County Fair Board has executed. Ms. Leisz will follow up with the Fair Board. The Refuse Hauling Contract needs addressing. Ms. Leisz will follow up with Knerr Inc. to amend the contract.

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  
December 7, 2021**

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

The Board met with Michael Fieger, District Ranger, Cabinet Ranger District to discuss: a district update. The Forest Service continues navigation of the COVID-19 vaccine mandate and the outcomes for individual employees. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)/United States Forest Service (USFS) plans to 'return to office' January-March 2022, at near-normal operations. Prescribed/Wildfire is now on the off-season. Prescribed fire is wrapped up with pile units scheduled for this fall. At this time the FS is developing implementation plans for Spring 2022 with site preparations and natural fuel units in Beaver Creek and Minton Peak areas. All the campgrounds are winterized and have minimal services. The FS is preparing for summers hires and will have the Youth Conservation Corp., with a downsized crew at 3-4 members. Timber sale activity is ongoing with the Purple Marten and the Buick Divide sold to Thompson River Lumber. The Wild Rice and Lazy Jack timber sales have completed road packages and are pending harvest over the winter. The FS continues to have several important vacancies to work through. The public can purchase Christmas Tree permits online. Free Firewood permits will continue through next year.

The Board requested to meet with McKenzie McCarthy, General Counsel, Montana Association of Counties (MACo) via teleconference as she was not scheduled, to discuss: public participation and decision procedures.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 25 days without incident. Open County Positions: Sanders County Detention Lead/Sargent, changes are being made to the new job description. One internal applicant is scheduled to be interviewed on December 8, 2021, at 2:15 p.m. Tobacco Specialist PHEP Coordinator, interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, December 15, 2021. Clerical Pool, interview scheduled for December 8, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Jessica Connolly, Chief Financial Officer requested to meet with the Board as she was not scheduled, to discuss: Resolution 2021-22 set to be adopted tomorrow.

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

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

The Board has a consensus to execute the Plains Airport Improvements Pay Request for AIP 3-30-0059-011-2021.

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  
December 8, 2021**

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

The Board met with Department Heads for their quarterly meeting. In attendance were: Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR); Dawn Gandalf; Shawna Chenoweth, Supervisor, Detention/Dispatch; Bill Naegeli, Office of Emergency Management; Shawn Sorenson, Sanitarian; Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools; Jerome Little, Maintenance; Lisa Richmond, Program Assistant/WIC Aide, Public Health; Katherine Maudrone, Director of Land Services; Tom Rummel, Sheriff, and Dan Rowan. Commissioner Magera introduced Dan Rowan as the appointed District No. 1 Commissioner as Carol Brooker, Commissioner is retiring December 31, 2021. Old Business: none at this time. New Business: none at this time. Department Head Updates- Nichol Scribner provided updates on tax collection, the State of Montana becoming the latest state to stop making license plates because of disruption in the U.S. aluminum supply – another example of supply chain problems because of the pandemic. For now, plate numbers are being printed on reflective sheets and placing them inside plastic sleeves, similar to the temporary registration license plates that are issued before people get their permanent plates. The Treasurer's Association is asking Montana's Governor to become more lenient on two license plates and the 5-year plate rule. Dan Rowan inquired with Mrs. Scribner on Paradise residents that had paid their property taxes under protest. Mrs. Scribner stated that only four property owners paid their property taxes under protest. Shawn Sorenson is finishing food inspections for the year. Wastewater permits are slowing down. This year Mr. Sorenson has received the most complaints amongst neighbors, more than he has ever received. Tom Rummel is working on the transition for Patrick Barber as the new Coroner for Sanders County. The Christmas drive is happening right now. Mr. Rummel was advised that a mental health individual has a grant and would like to work with Sanders County to obtain a Critical Incident Response Team. Mr. Rummel is meeting with the individual from Lincoln County, next week. Shawna Chenoweth has four employees certified for Critical Incident Response. Mrs. Chenoweth worked with Jennifer Ekberg and has a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) out right now for a new Dispatch Center. The RFQ opening is Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. Anyone interested is more than welcome to come over to the Sheriff's office and Mrs. Chenoweth will provide a tour of the overcrowding that is occurring. Rich Wallace stated that the County has a high turnover right now. The Clerical Pool is active and overall recruiting has been challenging. The County is averaging four to five applications per open position. Turnover costs the County a lot of money. Mr. Wallace gave praise to Mrs. Chenoweth for being a servant leader. Because she is short-staffed she is working extra to assist her employees. Mr. Wallace advised the first quarter of 2022; the County will review the HR Personnel Policy Procedure Manual. Twenty-six days without incident. Mr. Wallace reminded everyone that right now is the season for slips, trips, and falls. Refuse and Road crews are equipped with Ice Trekkers to prevent hazards. Lisa Richmond stated Public Health is busy with COVID-19 vaccines. Boosters are available. Public Health is averaging 100 vaccines and boosters a week. Bill Naegeli stated the Thorn Creek Fire is done burning in Sanders County. However, it is still fire season in Montana. Katherine Maudrone stated subdivisions are coming in. The County hired Becky Reiter as the new Administrative Assistant to Land Services and she is an asset to me as well as the Clerk and Recorder's office. Commissioner Magera stated Montana State University Extension has hired a new Extension Agent since the current agent is down to part-time. The 50/50 and penny raffle is currently underway. Commissioner Carol Brooker's retirement party is Thursday, December 30, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. in the Justice Courtroom. Mr. Naegeli advised those in attendance that the County's Safety Land game will start up shortly. Any department heads that have suggestions or safety topics they would like to be addressed please contact Mr. Naegeli. Jennifer Ekberg provided a Weed Department update for Mark Lincoln.

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

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-21 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Special Deputy County Attorney (DC 20-31). Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-22 A Resolution for Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Amendments. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to execute the Montana State University Extension Fiscal Year 2022 Extension Services Agreement between Montana State University Extension and Sanders County, Montana. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Glen E. Magera examined and approved the closed and transferred funds for fiscal year 2021.

Commissioner Cox motioned to execute the Lolo National Forest Revised Schedule A and Revised Maintenance Plan. Commissioner Magera seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to appoint Michael Zentz to the Sanders County Tax Appeal Board for a three-year term. Commissioner Magera 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: the County's bank accounts. Mrs. Scribner advised the three accounts at Rocky Mountain Bank are closed.

Rich Wallace, Director of HR Requested to meet with the Board as he was not scheduled, to discuss: open County positions. Mr. Wallace presented a Sergeant for Detention. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Brandon Coldwell as the Detention Sergeant effective December 13, 2021. Mr. Wallace provided a HR Personnel Action Form for Gina Little. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Gina Little as a new employee in the Clerical Pool.

The Board met with Chad Bauer, Republic Services and Rebecca DelGiudice, B & P Services to discuss: Republic Services is in the process of purchasing B & P Services out of Plains, Montana. Also in attendance was Kathy Conlin, Billing Clerk/Recycling Assistant. Mr. Bauer advised the closing is scheduled for December 16, 2021. With that being said Mr. Bauer has questions about the site being open to B & P Services after hours. Commissioner Magera advised the Board will have to speak with Jason Peterson, Supervisor, Sanders County Refuse District before any decisions are made. Kathy Conlin advised Mr. Bauer of the contract with B & P Services and Sanders County. Mr. Bauer brought up an Operational Agreement that is on the table for Sanders County, Montana. Commissioner Cox requested a copy of an Operational Agreement. Commissioner Magera discussed Hot Springs Refuse District concerns. Mr. Bauer will follow up after a review of the Republic Services log book.

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  
December 9, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, December 9, 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: River West Estates 3 Subsequent Minor Subdivision. A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Maudrone



discussed an application to amend the preliminary approved plat for Clark Fork Meadows II Major Subdivision. Further discussion was on Phase 4 of Baldy Mountain Reserve Phased Subdivision.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m. and resumed the regular session at 2:00 p.m.

Naomi Leisz, County Attorney requested to meet with the Board as she was not scheduled, to discuss: an Opioid Class Action Lawsuit.

Commissioner Magera proceeded to audit County Claims at 2:00 p.m. and instructed the Clerk to draw warrants in the amount of \$497,863.26. (County Claims are in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder)

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  
December 15, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Wednesday, December 15, 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 November 17, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Old/Unfinished Business: Commissioner Magera stated that Michael Feiger, District Ranger, Cabinet Ranger District met with the Board and had concerns for the forest service and Sanders County raising the prices for residents to dispose of brush with the Refuse District. Mr. Feiger stated that the forest service will monitor the impact of the increased fee for a year. Kathy Conlin read Dave Wroblecki's email on his concerns about the increased fees and the impact on forest service land. Jason Peterson advised that it cost the County over \$80,000.00 to haul the ash from the yard brush to the Missoula Landfill. The County is not making money at all. The County is simply trying to cover costs, and we still aren't doing that. Mr. Peterson has concerns and has researched receipts that are not up to standards. Mr. Peterson will follow up with the individuals he has concerns with. Commissioner Magera advised Mr. Peterson of the meeting that was held with Chad Bauer and Becky DelGiudice. Mr. Bauer requested access to the roll of sites after hours. Mr. Peterson reiterated the County's insurance provider is against having individuals on County property without County employees being present. New Business: Kathy Conlin had a conversation with Lisa Wadsworth and wanted to know if the Refuse District qualifies for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. Mr. Peterson inquired if the Refuse District qualifies for ARPA funds to obtain water at the Transfer Station. The Board will look into whether or not the Sanders County Refuse District qualifies for ARPA funds. Kathy Conlin presented the Refuse Appeal for Tax ID No. 10777. The Board has a consensus to deny the appeal. Recycling Report: 12 bales of Cardboard (23 bales were shipped on 11/26/2021), 5 bales of Aluminum Cans, 200 yards in the Metal Pile, and one pallet of Batteries. There was no public present. There was no public comment. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

As it was 11:30 a.m. and the time and place as advertised for the decision for the District No. 1 Commissioner, Commissioner Magera motioned to appoint Danny B. Rowan as District No. 1 Commissioner. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Also in attendance were: Naomi Leisz, County Attorney; Dawn Gandalf, Constituent; Rusti Leivestad,

Citizen; Debra Achatz, Citizen; Tobo Leivestad, Citizen; Mark Sheets, Citizen; Steve Oswald, Citizen; Kathleen Hubka, Citizen; Marc Childress, County Resident; Ellen Childress, County Resident; John Thorson, County Resident; Karen Thorson, County Resident; Kathy Gregg, County Resident; Bob Gregg, County Resident; Lyla Sears, County Resident; Don Stamm, County Resident; Jeff Wheeler, County Resident; Don Strine, County Resident; Jim Elliott, County Resident; Peggy Bates, Resident; Bruce Hunn, Voter; Nancy Mehaffie, Citizen; Lorilee Cuvillier, Citizen; Art Hassan, Citizen; Mindy Ferrell, Citizen; Kate Comunetti, Citizen; Martha Humphrey, Citizen; Tom Holleran, Citizen; Catherine Dewitt, Citizen; Mark Trimmer, Citizen; Daniel Moore, Black Bear; Carrie Greene, Citizen; Greg Hinkle, Citizen; Gail Hinkle, Citizen; Kate Hardman, Citizen; Kathleen Hassan, Taxpayer & Resident; Elizabeth Petrie, Citizen; Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools, and Thomas B. Humphreys, Citizen. Commissioner Magera stated that the Board made a mistake and did not post the decision for Commissioner. Based on the County Attorney and the Montana Association of Counties (MACo), the County was advised to post the decision for public comment. Rusti Leivestad stated she appreciated the County's work. You screwed up. I do believe the person you chose was a good candidate. Thank you. Mindy Ferrell said thank you for making the interviews public. Bruce Hunn stated a mistake was made. You have rectified the situation. Catherine Dewitt stated she wished she would have known the interviews were public. Naomi Leisz commented that any individuals who have complaints need to speak up. Commissioner Cox read emails and statements. Commissioner Magera called all in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

### **ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cox motioned to execute Landowner Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Agreement No. 203 between Sanders County and Alan Getz. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute the Sanders County Airports Improvements Disadvantaged Business Enterprise: Program Policy Statement. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cox motioned to grant the Paradise Center \$29,000.00 match monies from the American Rescue Plan Act direct money. 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 Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from Slate Architecture and Schutz Foss Architects, P.C. Also in attendance was Shawna Chenoweth, Supervisor, Detention/Dispatch. The Board and Shawna Chenoweth would like to schedule interviews for Thursday, January 13, 2022. The Board has a consensus to take the RFQ's under advisement until after the interviews on Thursday, January 13, 2022, are conducted.

The Board met with Collette Anderson, GreatWest Engineering to discuss: the Paradise Wastewater Project with the Sanders County Sewer District. Also in attendance were Mark Sheets, Mayor, City of Thompson Falls, Montana; Don Stamm, Member, Sanders County Sewer District at Paradise; Janice Barber, Member, Sanders County Sewer District at Paradise; Terry Caldwell, Member, Sanders County Sewer District at Paradise; Dewey Arnold, Member, Sanders County Sewer District at Paradise; Nichol Scribner, Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools, and Ed Moreth, Sanders County Ledger. Commissioner Magera advised this is an informational meeting with GreatWeat Engineering. Collette Anderson went through the history of the Sewer Project and advised the members of the Sewer District if they want to change the project or have ideas they need to be run through all the funding agencies and parties involved. Terry Caldwell wanted to know an estimate to eliminate Bridger Bischoff from the system and the number of users, and the cost of a downsized system. Commissioner Cox stated that change is bound to happen. It is better to do something right the first time. Mr. Caldwell advised Ms. Anderson that any information should be sent to all the Sewer District board members. Ms. Anderson advised on how bills are paid. Mark Sheets stated that every year the Sewer District puts off the project the cost increases quite a bit due to inflation. The City of Thompson Falls put a project off for one year and the cost of the project increased by approximately \$500,000.00.

The Board adjourned at 5:15 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  
December 16, 2021**

The Board attended the Montana Transportation Commission Meeting at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom to discuss: the Montana Highway 135 request for Camp Bighorn to Quinn's Hot Springs area speed zones.

The Board of Commissioners of Sanders County, Montana, met in regular session on Thursday, December 16, 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: seconded amended plat for Buffon Park Subdivision. Also in attendance were: Ricky Hagedorn, Hagedorn Land Surveying; Ron Warren, Rocky Mountain Surveyors; Deb Warren; Paul Wachholz, Developer; Naomi Leisz, County Attorney; Beckie Reiter, Administrative Assistant of Land Services, and Dan Rowan, Mayor Town of Plains via teleconference. As the Board had consensus to approve the second amended plat for Buffon Park Subdivision on October 4, 2021, prepared documents were ready for signature. Ms. Maudrone presented the request to amend preliminary approval of Clark Fork Meadows II Major Subdivision., Ms. Maudrone's staff report was provided. Rocky Mountain Surveyors submitted proposed amendments including 1) removing the 10-acre parcel, a court-ordered split per court case DV 21-04, and deed to the Town of Plains from the Subdivision. 2) Amending the access and utility easement on the east border of Clark Fork Meadows II Subdivision. Dan Rowan stated that the Town of Plains did not want gates on this road as called out in the Town of Plains easement, as gates will be located at the entrance to the sewer lagoon facility, within their 10-acre parcel. Mr. Rowan stated for the record that the Town of Plains has no objection and is not opposed to the amendments. Ms. Maudrone advised that Clark Fork Title will be preparing a new deed revising the one released by the court to specify that it was a court-ordered action that created the 10-acre parcel. Commissioner Brooker motioned to amend the preliminary plat approval of Clark Fork Meadows II and remove the 10-acre parcel from the Subdivision. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Brooker motioned to amend the preliminary plat approval of Clark Fork Meadows II, amending the 60-foot easement on the eastern border of the subdivision as described in Exhibit A. Commissioner Cox 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 the Baldy Mountain Reserve Phase 4. Also in attendance were: Ben Bache, Foreman, Road District No. 1 & 2; Adam Bache; Ron Warren, Rocky Mountain Surveyors; Deb Warren; Paul Wachholz, Developer, and Becky Reiter, Administrative Assistant of Land Services. Ms. Maudrone presented the staff report, including the facts and findings. Preliminary approval of the phase development required a variance from subdivision road standards as Corona Lane is longer than the maximum 1000-foot length for a cul-de-sac. Mr. Warren is requesting proposed public access not solely emergency ingress/egress. Staff does not support the proposed public access as the road as built does not meet subdivision road standards for the maximum grade and minimum width. Mr. Bache voiced concerns that the 4-lots above this would use the road for regular access, not the subdivision roads built to subdivision standards. Mr. Bache additionally has concerns about erosion due to runoff as a result of the two driveways accessed off the cul-de-sac and steep grade. He requires either belting of earthen diversions placed in two locations and two gates placed at locations identified on the map to prevent use other than an emergency. Commissioner Magera expressed the value of clearing vegetation within the easement to allow sun from snowmelt and wind for drying of the road. Adam Bache asked about further subdividing of Lot 8. Mr. Warren advised that Lot 8 would not be further subdivided. Ms. Maudrone showed there is access to adjacent state land off of Corona Lane. Commissioner Magera closed the hearing at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Cox motioned to take this matter under advisement until December 22, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Brooker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

**ROUTINE COUNTY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brooker motioned to execute Modification 5 to Contract No 217035 between Sanders County and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality under MCA § 76-4-104. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board met Catherine Schmidt, Trust for Public Lands via Zoom to discuss: a presentation for Penrose Portal Acquisition and the Upper Thompson Conservation Easement. Mrs. Schmidt stated the Montana Great Outdoors and the support of Sanders County were successful in 2020. The project was ranked No. 1 in the country with 114,000 acres. As of right now, we are awaiting formal appraisal work in Sanders Lincoln, and Flathead County. Forty letters of support were received on the Penrose and Thompson Conservation Easement projects. The Penrose Portal project community members brought this project to protect the hunting and hiking in the area. The Forest Service is the best partner for this project due to its size. No property marked on the map should be sold off. In March 2020 Weyerhaeuser sold 650,000 to SPP, 20,000 acres were sold to the Forest Service. This will impact jobs and conservation. The Trust for Public Lands is asking for County support on both the Penrose Portal Acquisition and the Upper Thompson Conservation Easement.

The Board met with Rich Wallace, Director of Human Resources (HR) to discuss: Safety Report/Incident Update- 34 days without incident. The focus this month remains “winter weather-wise: practices. Open County Positions: Mr. Wallace provided a HR Personnel Action Form for Karren McKenzie. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Karren McKenzie as the Tobacco Specialist/PHEP Coordinator starting December 20, 2021. Mr. Wallace provided a HR Personnel Action Form for Gina Little. The Board has a consensus to execute the HR Personnel Action Form for Gina Little effective December 13, 2021, as an additional Clerical Pool employee. The Big Sky Rail Passenger Authority (BSRPA) has Washington State on board as well as North Dakota. Amtrak has stated that they are in support of the BSRPA. Occupational Health Services (OHS) in Kalispell, Montana has requested more trained testers. Theresa Phillips with Thompson River Lumber is now trained. Clark Fork Valley Hospital is de-certified from drug testing.

The Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Glen E. Magera, Presiding Officer

Jennifer Ekberg  
Executive Assistant

BY: \_\_\_\_\_, Acting Secretary  
Nichol Scribner