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## COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2013

**JANUARY 2, 2013**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

A motion was made by Chairman Peterson to pay Batco Uniform \$551.44, out of Local Option Tax, to supplement the cost of some bullet proof vests and supplies with the majority of the cost being paid through a grant. The motion was seconded by Chairman Pippin and the motion carried.

Stan Ozark, KLTZ/Mix 93, and Wayne Waarvik, Jr., Valley County Road Supervisor, joined the meeting.

Chairman Pippin began Discussion and Decision at 10:35 a.m.

There was no public comment submitted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Karl E. Wirth as a part-time Detention Officer for the Sheriff's Office beginning December 12, 2012, at \$11.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution No. 6-2013, to Increase the Extension Fund for unexpected revenue from a grant they were awarded.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt to execute the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Pippin and passed unanimously:

**RESOLUTION NO. 6-2013  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE  
IN THE EXTENSION SERVICES BUDGET, #2290**

**WHEREAS**, the Extension Services has received unanticipated Grant money for Extension Fund. The Grant name is Grandparents MSU Family and Human Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget must be increased for receipt of said funds during Fiscal Year 2012/13;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes a budget increase for the Extension Services budget in the amount of \$1,200 for Fiscal Year 2012/13 as follows:

2290-42-450411-204	\$1,200.00
Revenue: 2290-334002	\$1,200.00

**DATED** this   5th   day of January, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA

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David L. Pippin, Chairman

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David Reinhardt, Member

Bruce H. Peterson, Member

ATTEST:

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Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

The Right-of-Way Application for Keystone was the next item on the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson authorizing the Chairman to execute an Application and Permit to Use Right-of-Way No. 577, between Valley County and TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline, for the construction of two approaches to their temporary Hinsdale Contractor Camp, located on the Dough Nelson property located on Section 14 and 23, Township 31N, Range 36E. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and it unanimously passed. The next item to discuss on the agenda was the Lund Law services for the water rights issues.

Chairman Pippin said that Valley County had agreed to give \$2,000 to this project and that has been submitted in addition to payments from the other Six County members. He said that the funds have been depleted and now they need to gather more money to continue the services of Hertha Lund. He said that he is meeting with the Grazing Association later today and was going to ask them to donate funds to this project as it will affect them too.

Chairman Pippin said that it is important that we try to stop this action which should never have existed giving the Fish Wildlife & Parks the rights to that much water. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Peterson said that he would like to make a decision on this issue after Chairman Pippin attends his meeting because he hopes there will be others that this may affect who will donate to the cause. He asked if there is any deadline in sight as to when this issue will end.

Chairman Pippin said that it sunsets on July 1, 2013, but the Legislators could make changes to that during their session this year.

After some discussion it was agreed that there will not be any action taken at this time and it will be put on next week's agenda for consideration again if Chairman Pippin has more information.

Valley County Health Insurance was the next item on the agenda.

Commissioner Reinhardt said he wanted to discuss this possibility because we have to let Montana Association of Counties, MACo, know the first of the year if the County is going to bid out the health insurance. He said he just wants the Commissioners to decide if they are interested in getting bids or not.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to inform Montana Association of Counties, MACo, that Valley County will be bidding out the health insurance for the Valley County employees for the next year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Reinhardt will contact Pam Walling, Marketing/Member Services Representative, MACo, informing her of this decision and request that MACo put together the information to bid a matching insurance plan for Valley County.

Chairman Pippin said that the County has received the tax exempt forms from Agland Co-op that will allow the County to purchase gas without any charges for fuel taxes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt directing the Chairman to sign the Certificate of Farming Use and Certificate for State Use of fuel for Farmer's Union Oil, dba Agland Co-op. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously.

Chairman Pippin said that the Commissioners received a permit to put a sign up for Valley Veterinary Clinic and this office has to sign off for it.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson authorizing the Chairman to sign the State of Montana Department of Transportation Outdoor Advertising Upgrade Application for Valley Veterinary Clinic and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously.

Chairman Pippin said that he would like the Commissioners to keep all of them informed of the various projects they are involved in so each one of them are aware of what is going on and to keep the continuity in the office.

Chairman Pippin said that he is going to Wolf Point on Friday to meet with Roosevelt, Sheridan and Daniels Counties to discuss the final plans for the Safety Coordinator position. He asked if Valley County was prepared to put around \$25,000 into a budget with those counties to hire a Safety Coordinator and all the Commissioners were in agreement to provide those funds.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that Nick Murnion, Valley County Attorney, informed him that he was awarded a grant to hire an individual for two years to assist with the drug crimes in the area. The only thing it will cost Valley County is to provide an office. This position is to assist the surrounding counties with the processing of drug crimes.

Mr. Ozark left the office.

Mr. Waarvik discussed some road issues with the Commissioners and left the office.

Bill Gaffney and Anita Freeman, Freeman & Gaffney Associates, joined the meeting.

Mr. Gaffney said that he will be meeting with the Department Heads next week and he wanted to review this information with the Commissioners first. He reviewed the last meeting he had and some of the important points, one being that he tried to inform the Department Heads of his priorities and what he had to get done to make the network safe before other issues are addressed.

The group reviewed the plans that Mr. Gaffney had developed for Valley County's computer system. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that he would like to know the cost involved because that is what he is most concerned about. He said the technical information does not mean much to him.

Commissioner Peterson asked if the County was now paying for both Mrs. Freeman and Mr. Gaffney when they are here and it was verified that they are both being paid. The group discussed the current budget and what additional funds will be needed.

After much discussion, it was agreed that there will be some computer training scheduled for all Valley County employees and Mr. Gaffney will continue to work on getting the network up to par. Mrs. Freeman will be in charge of installing new computers in the offices and handling the smaller issues. The group was agreeable that each office could designate one employee out of their office who will be trained to do some minor computer troubleshooting and fixes so that can be handled when the computer techs are not here.

Mrs. Freeman and Mr. Gaffney left the office.

Pat Gunderson, BLM Director, joined the meeting.

Mr. Gunderson said that he was here to inform the County that he is now working for the BLM and just wanted to check in with the County and see if there was anything they needed.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that he wanted the BLM to consider replacing some of their cattle guards and explained the County's policy. He said that BLM purchases the cattle guard and the County Road Department will put it in.

Mr. Gunderson said he would check into that.

The group discussed some issues with the CMR and FWP that is currently going on.

Mr. Gunderson said he had been given a draft copy of the MOU with the CMR regarding the water usage and said that Chairman Pippin could have a copy to review.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that Valley County gets along good with the BLM when it comes to fires, but struggles with CMR's fire burning policy.

Chairman Pippin asked if the BLM has any plans to improve Triple Crossing and Mr. Gunderson said he has not heard of any as of yet.

Chairman Pippin said that he appreciates it when the County is kept in the loop and it is a good policy when there is cooperation and coordination done between the two entities.

The group discussed some gravel pits on BLM land and the current status of those pits.

Mr. Gunderson left the office.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

David L. Pippin, Chairman

**JANUARY 3, 2013**

Chairman Pippin was in the office for a while in the morning and then went to Malta to attend a CMR Water Compact meeting in the afternoon.

**JANUARY 4, 2013**

Chairman Pippin attended a meeting in Roosevelt County with Commissioners from Sheridan, Daniels and Roosevelt County in regards to the hiring of a Safety Coordinator that will be shared by all four counties. Mike Hughes from the Glasgow Job Service was in Wolf Point for other meetings and attended this meeting with Chairman Pippin also.

**JANUARY 7, 2013**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Jenny Reinhardt, Valley County Treasurer, informed the Commissioners that she has completed the tax lien process for 376 condominiums and one building in St. Marie.

Wayne Waarvik, Jr., Valley County Road Supervisor, updated the Commissioners on some road issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

David L. Pippin, Chairman

**JANUARY 8, 2013**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Samar Fay joined the meeting.

Chairman Pippin began Discussion and Decision at 10:00 a.m.

There was no public comment submitted.

Chairman Pippin asked if there were any additions or corrections for the agenda and there was none given.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Dillon Collins who has completed his probationary period as a full-time Mechanic for the Road Department, effective January 4, 2013, at \$17.73 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Sara Storkson as a permanent part-time Detention Officer for the Sheriff's Office, effective January 18, 2013, at \$11.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Lund Law services pertaining to water rights.

Chairman Pippin said that he has not spoken to the grazing districts and does not have any further information to report so this agenda item will be tabled until more information is gathered.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that he would like to discuss adding a charge for the work involved by the Clerk & Recorder to take tax deeds on delinquent property. He said that the Treasurer's Office charges \$50 to do the paperwork involved for a tax lien and he would like the Clerk & Recorder's Office to charge a fee for all their work. Discussion followed.

It was agreed by the Commissioners that Commissioner Reinhardt will speak to Nick Murnion, Valley County Attorney, to verify that this charge would be appropriate before any final decisions are made.

Commissioner Reinhardt said he would be attending the Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) meetings in Lewistown this Wednesday and Thursday.

Commissioner Peterson said he had an appointment in the morning and would not be here for the Department Head's meeting, on Wednesday.

The Commissioners discussed some issues for the Department Head's meeting.

Mrs. Fay left the office.

Deanne Ketchum updated the Commissioners on the recent activity at St. Marie.

Commissioner Reinhardt left the office.

Mrs. Ketchum left the office.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

David L. Pippin, Chairman

**JANUARY 9, 2013**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, member Bruce H. Peterson and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Commissioner Reinhardt was in Lewistown today attending the Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) meetings today.

Chairman Pippin left the office to attend the Department Heads meeting from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. this morning.

Commissioner Peterson joined the meeting.

Chairman Pippin left the office for the day.

Brian Martin, Nature Conservancy, joined the meeting.

Mr. Martin visited with Commissioner Peterson about the Nature Conservancy's plans for land they purchase and what is allowed with their property. He said their biggest goal is to provide grass for the wildlife in the area and they lease a lot of the land back to local ranchers to keep as grazing land for ranching purposes which will in turn provide grass for the wildlife. He verified that their group has purchased easements in Valley County from Sterling Carroll and the Cornwell Ranch which has been established as conservation easements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

David L. Pippin, Chairman

**JANUARY 10, 2013**

Chairman Pippin was in the office for a while in the morning and he went over to the Valley County Transit Office to do some work on their computer.

**JANUARY 14, 2012**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Rick Stellflug, Valley County Weed/Mosquito Coordinator, and Stone Tihista, Assistant Valley County Weed/Mosquito Coordinator, visited with the Commissioners.

Paul Tweten, Valley County Road Administrator, stopped in and visited with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Reinhardt left the office for a short while to visit with Nick Murnion, Valley County Attorney, about some County issues.

Sean Heavey, Mattfeldt Electric, joined the meeting.

Mr. Heavey said he has been working with a 4-H group that is applying for a grant to put electricity into the 4-H Horse Barn at the Valley County Fairgrounds and is looking for the funds to trench in the electrical line to the building. He said they could bring the electricity in overhead but it is much more efficient if they trenched it in. He said the grant will fund putting in the lights and the outlets within the building.

After some discussion the Commissioners agreed to have Mr. Heavey take this request to the Valley County Fair Commission with these requests. If they need help with the funding of the trenching project, at a cost of \$1,300, it could probably be paid out of County Buildings. Commissioner Peterson will contact Doris Ozark, Valley County Fair Manager, and inform her of this decision.

Mr. Heavey left the office.

Wayne Waarvik, Jr., Valley County Road Supervisor, joined the meeting to update the Commissioners on the roads.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

David L. Pippin, Chairman

### **JANUARY 15, 2012**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Samar Fay, Glasgow Courier, joined the meeting.

Chairman Pippin began Discussion and Decision at 10:35 a.m.

There was no public comment submitted.

There was not any Notices of Employment/Termination submitted for action.

The first item on the agenda for consideration was the computer update request from Bill Gaffney.

Commissioner Peterson said that originally the computer budget was \$44,000 and the Commissioners approved an additional \$14,000 to purchase ten new computers making a total of \$58,000. Now, Mr. Gaffney has requested additional updates at a cost of \$25,000. He went over some budget numbers and there is a substantial amount still remaining in his budget. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Reinhardt said maybe they could have Mr. Gaffney spend out the budget that has been approved and then see what the remaining needs would be.

Chairman Pippin said that the County still has some hours left from Montana Technical Solutions that will be used up to do some of the work for Mr. Gaffney. He said Mr. Gaffney is looking at providing some computer training which will be held at the Montana Job Service computer lab for our employees in the near future too.

After some discussion it was agreed that Commissioner Peterson will verify his budget numbers with Bill Gaffney and have Mr. Gaffney go ahead and spend out the approved \$44,000. This will be discussed again later when more funds are needed.

The Collective Bargaining Agreement between Valley County Sheriff's Office and Teamsters Union for 2011-2013 was the next item on the agenda.

Commissioner Peterson said he reviewed the document and it is exactly like the previous Agreement with a change of dates.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to accept and sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Valley County Sheriff's Office and Teamsters Union for 2011-2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt.

Chairman Pippin called for discussion. He asked if the Agreement addressed the new pay raise that was given to all Valley County employees this year.

Commissioner Peterson said that those pay raises are automatically given to the law enforcement officers because the law requires that these officers be paid a percent of what the Sheriff is paid, and when the Sheriff gets a raise, so do the deputies as required.

Chairman Pippin called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Treasurer's Report for December 31, 2012.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously to sign the Valley County Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2012.

The archiving document indexing was the next item on the agenda.

Chairman Pippin said he was in favor of doing this, there is \$105,000 already in a budget for this project and the County would have to put in about \$160,000 to get the project done. The price has come down to \$264,000. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that he didn't mind doing the archiving, but he felt it just costs too much money. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Peterson said that he visited with Nick Murnion, Valley County Attorney, about it and Mr. Murnion said he felt this needed to be done but he thought it should be bid out.

Commissioner Peterson said he thinks it needs to be done but is there any way the County could do it getting the equipment and hiring someone to put on staff to do it. He said he questioned where this project fit on the list of priorities for the County and felt that they needed to prioritize the future projects such as a new phone system, new Annex Building or Road Shops and maybe other things.

Chairman Pippin said they need to remember that many of the projects are coming out of a variety of funds which makes a difference.

After some discussion the Commissioners agreed to put together a Request for Proposal (RFP) and go through that process to see if there are any other options available. Commissioner Peterson will follow up on the RFP.

The next item on the agenda was the Whatley Road Project.

Chairman Pippin said that the County received some documents from Great West with a plan that would cost \$1.6 million. He said that he would like Rick Seiler, Valley County DES Coordinator, to contact FEMA and see if they would reconsider this project. He said that FEMA had originally offered \$40,000 to fix the Whatley Road.

Commissioner Reinhardt voiced his doubts about getting more money from FEMA because they will only fix the road back to its original condition. Discussion followed.

It was agreed that no action will be taken now and the Commissioners will ask Mr. Seiler to contact FEMA to see if there is anything more they can do to help with this project.

The Coordinating/Cooperative Status Letters was the next agenda item.

Chairman Pippin said these are the six letters that are sent every year from Valley County requesting to be granted coordinating/cooperative status as required by law between the following agencies; Glasgow and Malta Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Glasgow Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), United States Fish & Wildlife, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (USFW&P) and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Commissioner Peterson asked if this was the same letter that is sent every year with no changes made and Chairman Pippin verified that it was.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt to send out the coordinating/cooperative status letters as sent every year to the government agencies listed above and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda for consideration was the RFP for the Valley County Health Insurance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt to publish the following Request for Proposals (RFP) in the local paper and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously;

### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Valley County, Montana is requesting proposals for Employee Group Benefits Coverage inclusive of medical, prescription, dental, vision, and life insurance for plan year beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 and may be extended for additional years without calling for subsequent proposals at the discretion of Valley County.

All proposals must be sealed and identified on the outside of the envelope as "Employee Group Benefits Proposal". Proposals must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., February 20, 2013 to the Valley County Commissioners at 501 Court Square, Box #1, Glasgow, MT 59230.

All proposals must be submitted in the format specified in the RFP with three copies available for the Commissioners. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Valley County Commissioners at 406-228-6219, or [vccomm@valleycountymt.net](mailto:vccomm@valleycountymt.net).

Valley County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive formalities, and to select the carrier and benefit options that best meet the needs of Valley County and its employees. Valley County reserves the right to select and terminate any

servicing agent, agency, company or administrator.

DATED this 15th day of January, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA

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David L. Pippin, Chairman

ATTEST: Lynne Nyquist, Clerk  
(Publish January 16 and 23, 2013)

The dates on the RFP were discussed.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that he would like the Commissioners request that Wayne Waarvik, Jr., Valley County Road Supervisor, come in and give the Commissioners his list of plans for the next summer and the group was in agreement with that request.

Chairman Pippin went through some ticklers for January.

The Commissioners agreed that René Clampitt, Planner/Dispatch Supervisor, will be in charge of making all the decisions regarding the plotter in her office and she can decide if there needs to be any supplies purchased and if the printing charges need to be increased.

Commissioner Reinhardt said there was an issue with the computer line that goes to the plotter because they need to get another computer line run into Bill Gaffney's Office.

Chairman Pippin asked if the Commissioners want to get the Community meetings scheduled and the Commissioners were in agreement to get them scheduled for the next months.

The group discussed GNDC membership. Each year a Resolution to participate is done which verifies the membership dues and until those dues are requested, the Resolution cannot be completed.

The Commissioners discussed the grazing fees for 2013.

Commissioner Reinhardt said he would contact the DNRC and see if they have set their State fees yet for this year. Mrs. Fay left the office.

Commissioner Reinhardt attended the Valley County Airport Board meeting this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
David L. Pippin, Chairman

**JANUARY 16, 2013**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Colleen Pankratz, Valley County Transit Supervisor, joined the meeting to discuss the Transit's grant possibilities and the cost to the County for the next year and asked what the County was willing to budget for her.

After much discussion it was decided that Mrs. Pankratz will get more information on how much money she may have left over from this year's budget that could be used for the next year's expenses. She said she has to put a Notice in the paper informing the public of the amount of grant money she will be applying for and she will advertise that she is applying for all the grant money that was available, even though she may not actually apply for it all in the end.

Commissioner Reinhardt left the office to travel up to Opheim and to Richland to view roads and meet with the Huddlestons.

Mrs. Pankratz discussed the Transit's drug testing procedures and some concerns she had with it and she left the office.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

David L. Pippin, Chairman

**JANUARY 18, 2013**

Commissioner Peterson was in the office in the morning.

Chairman Pippin was in the office for a while in the morning and participated in the Action for Eastern Montana Governing Board meeting via telephone conference.

**JANUARY 22, 2013**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Chairman Pippin was in Helena today attending the public meeting for the Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Negotiation Session.

Glen Meier, Valley County Sheriff, visited with Commissioner Peterson and said that the State Fire Marshall was here and has signed off on the changes that were made in the Valley County Detention Center in regards to the how the Sally Port doors function in a fire emergency.

Rick Molvig joined the meeting and asked if Valley County was improving the Bear Creek Road into the proposed TransCanada Power Station.

Commissioner Peterson said that TransCanada is doing all the work on the road and the County has given all the easements to TransCanada for the improvement on the roads and the transmission lines.

Mr. Molvig left the office.

Sheriff Meier said that he has had a discussion with the Roosevelt County Sheriff's Office regarding the jail fees because in the past Valley County and Roosevelt County have exchanged the jail fees instead of any costs to the Counties. Valley County will sometimes send a prisoner to their jail and vice versa to get them out of the local areas. Since Valley County made a contract with Miles City to house their prisoners, Sheriff Meier's Office sent out the same contracts to all Counties that use Valley County's Detention Facility. Roosevelt County does not want to pay for their prisoners and want to continue to trade the services. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Peterson said that he felt it was up to the Sheriff to decide if he wants to charge for the services or trade with Roosevelt County.

Commissioner Reinhardt joined the meeting.

Sheriff Meier said that he wanted to purchase some new desks for the offices that are being remodeled in the basement for some of his officers. He estimated a cost of \$6,000 for the new desks.

Commissioner Peterson asked Sheriff Meier to get some exact costs and bring it back to the Commissioners for consideration.

Sheriff Meier left the office.

Doris Ozark, Valley County Fair Manager, visited with Commissioner Peterson about some Fair Commission issues and their budget.

Jenny Reinhardt, Valley County Treasurer, discussed some legislation that is being proposed in Helena that she is in opposition of. She said the changes are related to the taxes that must be paid when property changes ownership.

Cam Shipp, Valley County Sanitarian, visited with Commissioner Reinhardt.

Terry Lee visited with Commissioner Peterson.

Commissioner Reinhardt left the office to attend the Whittmayer Grazing District meeting this afternoon.

Commissioner Peterson left the office for the day.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

David Reinhardt, Acting Chairman

**JANUARY 23, 2013**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Chairman Pippin began Discussion and Decision at 1:00 p.m.

There was no public comment submitted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Wanda Lynn Gilbert as a part-time Justice Clerk for the Justice of the Peace beginning January 16, 2013, at \$13.25 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Sandy Boese as a permanent, part-time Kitchen Aide for the Council on Aging beginning January 14, 2013, at \$9.13 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Termination for Velva Sharp as a Kitchen Aide for the Council on Aging effective January 1, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the computer update request from Bill Gaffney.

Chairman Pippin asked Commissioner Peterson to give them a review of the money being requested.

Commissioner Peterson said that the original budget was approved at \$44,000 and another \$14,100 was approved at a later date for the purchase of computers for a total of \$58,100 that the Commissioners have approved for the computer tech budget.

Chairman Pippin said that he thought the \$14,100 for new computers was to come out of Local Option tax funds and it was decided to look further into where the funds were spent for those budget items.

Commissioner Peterson said that Mr. Gaffney has now requested an additional \$25,000 for computer tech work and supplies. He said it would increase the work hours from 8 hours per week to 32 hours per week. He said there is additional hours available with Montana Technical Solutions that Wes Murphy will be using up on computer work. Discussion followed.

Chairman Pippin asked if the \$25,000 was just for this budget year and Commissioner Peterson said that he needs to verify that with Mr. Gaffney but he believed it was just for this year.

Commissioner Reinhardt and Chairman Pippin both verified that they did not want to add the additional \$25,000 into this year's budget with the assumption next year will automatically be increased by the \$25,000.

Commissioner Peterson said that the \$25,000 increase covers the additional hours being worked so there will have to be a discussion as to how many hours will be needed for next year's budget. Discussion followed.

Chairman Pippin said they will have to decide where the additional funds will be coming from and said Local Option tax money would probably be the source. Chairman Pippin suggested they ask Mr. Gaffney to give them a monthly report of what has been achieved on his list of computer updates.

Commissioner Peterson said that he would like them to keep in mind of all the other requests that have come in and what projects are priorities and which ones can wait. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to approve an additional \$25,470 to be funded through Local Option tax money that will be used for computer services and supplies. This budget line will have to be increased by this amount. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously.

The 2013 grazing fees were the next item on the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt to set the 2013 grazing fees at \$8.50 per AUMs (Animal Unit Month). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and Chairman Pippin asked for discussion.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that in the past the County has tried to stay with the State grazing fees but the State has increased their fees for 2013 to \$9.94, and that was higher than the Commissioners wanted to go. The County's fees went up about half as much as the State's fees did this year.

Chairman Pippin called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously. Chairman Pippin will sign the leases and the letters will go out to those who lease Valley County grazing land.

Resolution No. 7-2013 - Increasing Fees for Reimbursement of Costs Associated With Tax Sales and Tax Deed Proceedings was the next agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to execute the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously:

**RESOLUTION NO. 7-2013  
RESOLUTION INCREASING FEES FOR  
REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS ASSOCIATED  
WITH TAX SALES AND TAX DEED PROCEEDINGS**

**WHEREAS**, Montana Code Annotated [MCA] Title 15, Chapters 17 and 18, authorizes counties to assess all costs associated with tax sale and tax deed proceedings against the property subject to the tax lien; and

**WHEREAS**, MCA § 15-17-121 defines costs for the purposes of such assessment against the tax lien property; and

**WHEREAS**, MCA § 15-18-211 defines costs for the purposes of such assessment against the tax deed property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners established, as authorized by law, a fee schedule for reimbursement of its costs incurred in the tax lien, tax sale, tax sale assignment and redemption process, the tax deed proceedings, as well as preparation of tax deeds, quitclaim deeds, deeds of conveyance and realty transfer certificates on Resolution No 43-2003;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Valley County, Montana, due to increased costs of services, the fees and processing fees will be as follows:

1. There is hereby establishing the following fee schedule for reimbursement of the county's costs associated with tax sales and tax deed proceedings:

Advertisement for tax sale	\$4.00 per parcel,
	plus actual cost
Tax Sale Certificate for other than County	\$75.00
Tax Sale Assignment	\$75.00
Tax Sale or Assignment Redemption	\$75.00
Research records to identify persons entitled to notice, notice preparation, mailing, publication costs, etc.	\$50.00 per parcel,
	plus actual costs
Tax Deed and Realty Transfer Certificate	\$25.00
Deed of Conveyance and Realty Transfer Certificate	\$25.00
Quitclaim Deed and Realty Transfer Certificate	\$25.00

2. This resolution supersedes all prior resolutions in conflict herewith.

3. This resolution is effective March 1, 2013.

**DATED** this 23rd day of January, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA

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David L. Pippin, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Bruce H. Peterson, Member

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Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

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David Reinhardt, Member

The next item on the agenda is the Cancellation of Taxes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously authorizing the Chairman to sign an Application for Cancellation of Taxes No. 0210 for a total of (\$180.00) for Lucile R. Lanz. A rewrite will be done on this change.

The Fair Commission Policy changes was the next item on the agenda.

Commissioner Peterson said that he spoke with Nick Murnion, Valley County Attorney, this morning for some direction on this issue. He said the Fair Commission has updated their Board Policy and have referred to MCA rules, but most of those codes they used have been repealed. Mr. Murnion said that the codes were repealed to make the Boards more generic. Mr. Murnion said if the Fair Commission wants to use this new document as their policy, they can, but should maybe take out the MCA codes as reference.

Commissioner Peterson said that he visited with Doris Ozark, Valley County Fair Manager, and they are still working on their procedures for tickets to meet the auditors' requests. Commissioner Peterson said that he reviewed the Fair's current budget with her and she is aware that the Fair is short about \$25,000 from their expected revenue. The Fair Commission wants to appoint another member to their Board and also change their board appointments to be effective January 1 of each year, so they are not changing Board members in the middle of their fair season. Discussion followed.

Chairman Pippin said that the MCA says the board appointments run with the fiscal year.

Commissioner Peterson said the MCA code allows another date of appointment through resolution action. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to accept the Fair Commission Policy as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt for discussion.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that he wanted to make sure the policy states how they are going to deal with 4-H. He said that earlier this year the Fair Commission was in this office and said they were not going to collect any share from the 4-H's concession booth at the Fair this year to help compensate for taking money away from their judge's pay. Discussion followed.

Chairman Pippin called for a vote and Commissioner Peterson voted aye and Commissioner Reinhardt and Chairman Pippin voted nay and the motion did not pass.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that he would like them to expand on their 4-H policy.

Commissioner Peterson said that he would visit with Mrs. Ozark about their concerns. There will be some research done to see how the Fair Board was originally organized.

The Fair Board appointment was the next item to address on the agenda.

Chairman Pippin said that perhaps they need to address the Fair's Policy before anything can be done with this.

No motion or action will be taken on this issue at this time.

The next item on the agenda was the request for office furniture for the Law Enforcement Offices in the basement.

Chairman Pippin said that Rick Seiler, Valley County DES Coordinator, was going to be in Helena and was going to go to the State Surplus Warehouse and see what they have available right now for office furniture that might meet these needs. He said if there are any metal desks there they could probably be purchased for about \$50.

Commissioner Peterson said that the Sheriff has asked Gaffaney's Office Supply for prices on metal desks for his deputies and one wooden desk for himself. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that he will be in Helena in February and he could look at State Surplus and see if there is anything that looks good and if not they can look at purchasing some.

No action will be taken at this time and Commissioner Reinhardt will inform the Sheriff of this decision.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt authorizing the Chairman to sign the fuel tax exempt form from Ezzie's Wholesale Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Peterson said that he has spoken with Toole and Flathead Counties about the archiving they had done by ArchaSearch and they were both very satisfied with the results. He said that the Flathead County Clerk & Recorder told him that he should be aware that by law, the County Commissioners were responsible to archive all county documents. Toole County did not have anyone else but ArchaSearch submit a bid, but Flathead County had four companies bid. Discussion followed.

Chairman Pippin said he would contact Barry Chalmers and see if he can do any of this locally.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that maybe the County should purchase the equipment so we can keep up with the archiving ourselves and hire Mr. Chalmers to do the work.

Chairman Pippin asked the Commissioners if they would like to consider getting a fuel bid for next year's budget.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that the bid that was done in the past that required the County to keep track of the rack price was too difficult and he did not want to do that again.

Chairman Pippin said maybe they could contact Ezzie's and see if they would have a bid form that would work.

Commissioner Reinhardt suggested maybe bidding it at just an amount that will be deducted from the current fuel pump price. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Reinhardt will contact Ezzie's to see if they have a form for bidding fuel.

Wayne Waarvik, Jr., Valley County Road Supervisor, Rick Seiler, Valley County DES Coordinator, and Paul Tweten, Valley County Road Administrator joined the meeting to participate in a telephone conference call with FEMA and Great West regarding the Whatley Road and Bridge.

Karl Yakawach, Bill Lloyd and Cole Peebles from Great West phoned to begin the conference. Tim Thennis, Montana DES, and Mark Schugart, Dave Lucas and Tom Barnard from FEMA joined the call.

Mr. Thennis said this conference call is to visit about a solution for the Whatley Road. He said there is a bridge and two road sites that were FEMA projects and originally written up at a cost of \$81,000 and \$60,000. Mr. Thennis said he put in a scope change to pay for some engineering to come up with some alternatives for these projects.

Mr. Peebles said Great West evaluated the problems and some potential fixes.

Mr. Barnard said that first FEMA has to start by writing up a project to put the road back to the way it was before the disaster hit, without adding anything that wasn't there before. Once that is done FEMA can write up some mitigation to minimize the chance of the same type of damage occurring in the future. The mitigation on a project cannot exceed 100% of the original repair cost. When the repair cost for this site was only \$81,000 to fix the bridge, the mitigation cost cannot be any more than \$160,000. He said they could do a benefit cost analysis to try and justify more cost, but it is a very difficult process to accomplish an increase. Discussion followed.

Mr. Seiler said that these two projects were the last two projects Valley County was working on when the FEMA crew was here, and even at that time we had a very difficult time coming up with a solution to fix these projects. The FEMA crew had been in Valley County for quite some time and we just settled for this plan in the end to bring it all to a close. Now better ideas have come up to fix it but it costs more. He said no matter how much rock they put down, it will just slide into the water after time and we will be right back where we are today. Discussion followed.

Mr. Barnard said that there was no way that FEMA could justify the cost to fix the Whatley Bridge that was submitted from Great West based on FEMA regulations.

Mr. Peebles said Valley County has a safety obligation that has to be considered in this decision. The County crew has gone in and put some fill in to keep the road open, but it has not helped the problem at all. The County wants to put their money into a long term permanent solution that will keep this road open and the bridge safe and usable. Discussion followed.

Mr. Waarvik said that they hauled in a lot of fill to push the road out and by the next day it had already dropped three feet, they added more fill and through the weekend it dropped another four feet so any dirt that is added just sinks away.

Mr. Peebles said that the project site has increased in size because the fills have enlarged the fill area.

Mr. Barnard said that he agrees that they have a big problem here but they still have to do things that fall within their regulations, and that is what they have to deal with. He said that he finds it difficult to believe that it would cost \$650,000 to relocate a half mile of a county road, but that is what they would like to see done.

Mr. Peebles said he agrees that moving the road would be a good fix but in this situation it isn't that easy. He said there is no money allotted for the acquisition of the land and the cost to move the utility lines.

Mr. Waarvik said there are power poles that would have to be moved, fiber optic phone lines moved, an irrigation ditch moved, and the property owner is not willing to give up his land to move the road over so it makes it a very tough call on everybody's part. Discussion followed.

Mr. Peebles said at this point they are thinking that they need a reevaluation of the FEMA disaster sites on the Whatley Road and bridge.

Mr. Lucas asked if the County has had this as an ongoing problem, or was this caused from this one disaster event.

Mr. Waarvik said that the problem with the sloughing around the bridge is from this one flooding event. About thirty years ago the road sloughed off and the road was relocated and now there are utility lines and an irrigation ditch next to the current road.

Mr. Barnard asked how the County would have treated this if FEMA was not there to help.

Mr. Seiler said that in most cases they would move the road, but in this situation there is a lot of utility lines that would have to be moved in addition to the irrigation ditches and the land owner problem. The past history of the Whatley Bridge was discussed and some issues the County has dealt with in the past.

Mr. Shugart said that they are assuming that the embankment of the road was not in pre-disaster condition. He said with that type of soil the only choice may be to move that road. Discussion followed.

Mr. Shugart said that he recalled the engineer would only guarantee the work for five years, so it really isn't cost effective if it only lasts for five years.

Mr. Barnard said there would be no way they could justify that option. He said even if they submit another estimate for the cost of repair, it will never get them close enough to fund Great West's proposal of over \$1 million. Discussion followed.

Mr. Seiler said he did not know of anywhere else to cut and the proposal from Great West is the best they could come up with, and the County has to consider the safety factor.

Mr. Lloyd said he thought they could justify the proposal costs through the Montana DOT's bid tabs from other projects in the area. If the land owner will not grant the County anymore right-of-way to move the road, then we had to come up with another alternative. Discussion followed.

Mr. Barnard suggested they all think about this project, see what other options there may be, then get together again in a few weeks.

Mr. Shugart said there has been some question as to whether there were already issues with this road and bridge before this last disaster.

Mr. Seiler said that the bridge has been inspected every two years and there was never any reference made to any damage on this bridge. He said that we just don't think putting more rocks in to fix the sloughing problem will help. All those rocks just sink and don't do anything to improve the road. Discussion followed.

Mr. Barnard said that the only solution is to get the rocks set at the very bottom of the river bed for it to do any good.

Mr. Waarvik said that it is a very long ways to the bottom of the river bed and he has had some contractors look at the project and they refuse to even attempt it because they don't know what they are getting into with the wet soupy ground.

Mr. Barnard suggested they all discuss the options and see if they can come up with anything more. He said the County should meet with the land owner and tell him the County is between a rock and a hard spot and they really need to move the road. The bridge will be a difficult thing to help unless you can get a bunch of rock into the bottom of the stream bed.

Mr. Peebles said that in his experience adding more rock would add more weight and probably increase the problem. Discussion followed.

Mr. Shugart asked if they have looked at the build plans for the bridge to get more detailed information.

Mr. Peebles said they have plans they got from the Department of Transportation (DOT) but they are not sure if they were the design plans or as built plans. Discussion followed.

Mr. Shugart said that it would be important to look at the as build design and verify if it was a failure in structure or maybe the bridge was not installed correctly and that would be important to answer before any new proposals are done.

Mr. Barnard said they could get a copy of the as build designs from DOT to verify. Discussion followed.

It was agreed that FEMA will get a copy of the build design for the Whatley Bridge to look at, Great West will provide some cost verification and FEMA will see what options are available. Once all this information is gathered and considered, they will schedule another conference call.

Mr. Peebles said that Valley County is interested in doing everything they can within the means that are available to them, implementing a permanent type solution and a safe solution. Any help or suggestions that FEMA could give them would be greatly appreciated. Great West will put together a packet that he will get to everybody to look at with the most up to date plans for the bridge site. He said if everyone would brainstorm and put their ideas together they can get together again in the near future and discuss it.

The conference call came to an end.

Mr. Peebles phoned back and said that he would continue to work with FEMA to get them on board with a solution and get them to reevaluate their original proposal. He said they don't want to put something together that was going to require it to be replaced again in three or four years.

Commissioner Peterson asked if there was ever going to be more than a five year guarantee on the repairs.

Mr. Peebles said that the heavy saturated soils and the type of soil is prone to this problem. He said there is never any guarantee in this type of work and one hopes that we don't see another flooding event as severe as this last one was. He said he would put together a plan and get back to them. The phone call came to an end.

The Road Department crew left the office.

Chairman Pippin left the office for the day.

Merrill Frantz, DTM Enterprises, joined the meeting and inquired of the Commissioners if they would be interested in selling Valley County's stocks in the St. Marie Development Corporation.

After some discussion the Commissioners told Mr. Frantz to make them an offer and all the Commissioners would discuss it and make a decision.

Mr. Frantz left the office.

Nick Murnion, Valley County Attorney, visited with the Commissioners about a variety of issues and updated Commissioner Reinhardt on the lawsuit between the Valley County Refuse District and Department of Environmental Quality.

Dan Forbes, TransCanada Keystone Pipeline LP, stopped in and visited with Commissioner Peterson. He said their Nebraska project has been permitted and the pipeline through Montana is still not permitted. He said they anticipate now that there will not be any construction done this year.

Commissioner Peterson left the office for the day.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

David L. Pippin, Chairman

**JANUARY 24, 2013**

Chairman Pippin was in the office for a while in the morning.

**JANUARY 25, 2013**

Chairman Pippin was in the office for a while this morning.

Barry Chalmers visited with Chairman Pippin about archiving Valley County documents and took a tour of the Clerk & Recorder's vault.

Ben Anderson, Montec Oil, Billings, MT, called and spoke with Chairman Pippin about leasing mineral rights on Valley County property. Mr. Anderson was told to send the County a letter with his intentions.

Dan Carney visited with Chairman Pippin about a variety of issues and they discussed the Glasgow water bill.

**JANUARY 28, 2013**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Commissioner Peterson left the office.

Joe Yoeman visited with Chairman Pippin.

Commissioner Peterson returned to the office.

Chairman Pippin left the office.

Rick Seiler, Valley County DES Coordinator, visited with Commissioner Peterson about the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline LP, project.

Mr. Seiler left the office.

Merrill Frantz, DTM Enterprises, and Duanne Knapp, DTM Enterprises, joined the meeting. Mr. Merrill asked Commissioner Peterson if the Commissioners have considered if they want to sell their shares in the St. Marie Development Corporation and asked how much money they want.

Commissioner Peterson said that all three Commissioners have not been together to discuss this issue yet. He asked Mr. Frantz if their group was going to purchase Marv Bethea's shares too and Mr. Frantz said they are considering it. Discussion followed.

Mr. Frantz left the office.

Colleen Pankratz, Valley County Transit Supervisor, joined the meeting to discuss her grant needs for the next fiscal year. She reviewed her plans to purchase a bus and some dispatching software that will cost Valley County approximately \$16,000 in grant matching funds. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Peterson voiced his concern that the software may become obsolete in a short time.

Mrs. Pankratz said that she is not anticipating purchasing the maintenance contract for the software because they get the first year of maintenance and support free.

Commissioner Peterson verified what funds would be needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson that Valley County will provide up to \$15,840 of matching funds for the Valley County Transit to be paid out of Local Option Tax funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously.

Chairman Pippin said he was still studying the options to provide power at the Transit Building if the power goes down so the shop doors could be opened. Some different options were discussed.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that they need to get the drains completed at the Transit Building.

Mrs. Pankratz said that she could probably add the repairs into her grants.

Commissioner Reinhardt said he would contact a contractor to get her the costs so she could include it.

Commissioner Reinhardt left the office to meet with a contractor at the Transit Building.

Mrs. Pankratz left the office.

Commissioner Reinhardt returned to the office.

Glen Meier, Valley County Sheriff, joined the meeting.

Sheriff Meier said he got a grant and he needs the Commissioners to sign the acceptance agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation and Valley County, CTS #106887, for \$9,990.00. The applications was approved by the Commissioners in the past.

Sheriff Meier said he has gotten two bids on a new law enforcement vehicle, one from Newton's Chevrolet and Hi-Line Ford. The bids submitted were as follows;

Hi-Line Ford Inc.	2013 Expedition (ordered to spec.): \$35,800
	2012 Expedition (new transfer): \$66,600
	Program used Expedition: \$29,300
Newton's Motors Inc.	2013 Chevrolet Tahoe: \$42,783.29
	2012 Yukon (approx. 20,000 miles): \$38,500

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to purchase a 2013 Ford Expedition from Hi-Line Ford for \$35,800 to be paid out of Local Option Tax funds and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt and passed unanimously.

Sheriff Meier said he got some prices on some office furniture from Gaffaney for five desks at \$521 and two desks at \$831 for a total cost of \$4,267 for the new offices for his deputies.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt to pay \$4,267 to Gaffaney's for office furniture out of Local Option Tax money, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously.

Sheriff Meier said that the Dispatchers are very happy with the new BullBerry dispatch software.

Sheriff Meier said he has the option to use Choice Aviation sometimes to pick up or deliver a prisoner to Billings. He said Choice Aviation has a route they run every day from Glasgow to Billings and back and Choice said they would charge the Sheriff \$200 to use the service. Discussion followed.

Sheriff Meier left the office.

Chairman Pippin left the office for the day.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

David L. Pippin, Chairman

**JANUARY 29, 2013**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Kathleen Brown stopped in and asked Chairman Pippin if the County had any funds to assist her in getting a grave stone for her mother's grave. Chairman Pippin said he would look into it further and see if there was anything he could help her with and she left the office.

Stan Ozark, KLTZ/Mix 93, joined the meeting.

Chairman Pippin began Discussion and Decision at 10:30 a.m.

There was no public comment submitted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt authorizing the Chairman to execute a Notice of Employment for Kimberlee R. Tribby changing her position to a permanent full-time Dispatcher for the Sheriff's Office effective January 28, 2013, at \$13.62 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Resolution, Right to Farm.

Chairman Pippin said this has been brought up for consideration twice in the last ten years.

Commissioner Peterson said that he was all for the farmer having the right to farm and ranch but the first paragraph in the Resolution says there has been an increase of conflicts between the agricultural operators and visitors and residents of rural Valley County. He questioned if that was true and if there really were a lot of conflicts in Valley County.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that when Idlewild Subdivision was proposed the Kirklands came in and protested the Idlewild Subdivision because they were feeding cows next to the subdivision and were worried that there would be a conflict and they would have to change their feeding procedures once all the houses were there and it was fully developed.

Commissioner Peterson said that he felt the Montana Code covered all of this. He said that he thought the Commissioners were jumping the gun. The Resolution says the County Commissioners would be the Board to decide on any disputes and he asked if they really want to do that.

Chairman Pippin said that he thinks they do need to have this. He gave Nick Murnion, Valley County Attorney, a copy if the Right to Farm Resolution and Mr. Murnion asked if the Planning Board has seen this Resolution. Chairman Pippin said they need to take a copy to the Planning Board for input.

Commissioner Peterson said that he would like to have Mr. Murnion review it and make sure the Planning Board is happy with it, then bring it back up on the agenda for consideration.

Chairman Pippin said that he had an individual come in this past week that said there is a subdivision being built next to his farm and he was concerned how it was going to affect his farming and ranching procedures. Chairman Pippin said he would like to be proactive rather than wish they had done something when it becomes a problem in the future.

Commissioner Peterson will talk to Mr. Murnion about the Resolution.

Chairman Pippin said that he had an individual come in looking for some help from the County to put a headstone on her mother's grave. He said he didn't think there was any County funds available for this type of request.

Mr. Ozark said he was the executor for the individual who was requesting the funds from the County and he can help her with this issue.

No action will be needed on this request.

Mrs. Fay and Mr. Ozark left the office.

Rick Stellflug, Valley County Weed/Mosquito Coordinator, joined the meeting. He told the Commissioners that he has 33 framed samples of noxious weeds that he would like to display near his office for the community to view.

Commissioner Reinhardt questioned whether he needed to display all the noxious weeds, and maybe only display those weeds

that are found in Valley County.

Mr. Stellflug said it was important to show all the weeds so people will be aware of these species in case they show up in Valley County. He said he hopes that if people recognize them, then maybe they will contact his office if they see them out in the community.

The Commissioners agreed that this educational material would be allowed to be displayed on the wall near Mr. Stellflug's office,

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
David L. Pippin, Chairman

**JANUARY 30, 2013**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the office of the Commissioners with Chairman David L. Pippin, members Bruce H. Peterson and David Reinhardt and Recording Secretary Joanne Strommen present.

Wayne Waarvik, Jr., Valley County Road Supervisor, visited with Commissioner Peterson, updating him on the Road Department's activities.

Commissioner Reinhardt joined the meeting.

Commissioner Reinhardt called the City of Glasgow and requested a print out of the water bills for the Detention Facility showing the cost for water before the water meter was changed to a smaller capacity meter and what the cost was after the change because it should have been reduced substantially. The City of Glasgow said they would get that information for Commissioner Reinhardt.

Paul Tweten, Valley County Road Administrator, submitted an estimate of \$5,720 to repair the Beaverton Bridge located south of the Townsite of Beaverton. The damage to the bridge was caused by a vehicle accident on Friday, January 18th. Progressive Insurance is the company that will be paying for the damage and the estimate was emailed to Progressive who called stating a check would be issued to Valley County for the cost of damage submitted.

Mayor Dan Carney dropped off some information that he had received at the City-County Library Board meeting today. He said they are asking for funds to repair the building. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Reinhardt left the office for the day.

Commissioner Peterson left the office for the day.

Mayor Carney left the office.

Claim Fund claims for the month of January were approved as follows;

Vendor	Claim #	Amount
3924 911 SUPPLY	58841	539.93
1798 AGLAND CO-OP	58729	138.33
2853 ALL SEASON HOME CENTER	58730	778.61
184 AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	58731	102.73
558 ARCH'S TIRE & SERVICE	58686	3,560.50
	58811	631.50
2554 BALCO UNIFORM CO INC	58812	96.87
2629 BARRY DAMSCHEN CONSULTING, LLC	58726	1,359.00
18 BELL MORTUARY INC	58732	500.00
1766 BEN'S RADIATOR REPAIR	58687	95.00
75 BIG VALLEY WATER	58733	27.00
504 BOB BARKER CO INC	58813	51.79
4503 BRIDGER CANYON RURAL FIRE DEPT	58691	1,200.00
3962 CAPITAL I INDUSTRIES INC	58734	1,620.85
1143 CASCADE CO REGIONAL YOUTH SERV CENTER	58814	701.99
3360 CENTURY LINK	58735	1,148.58
4403 CHOICE AVIATION LLC	58832	2,625.00
677 CITY OF GLASGOW	58842	4,453.82
2426 CLIFF'S UPHOLSTERY	58736	300.00

1095 COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO	58737	7.00
548 COLLEEN M PANKRATZ	58738	200.35
1906 CONNIE WETHERN	58815	90.00
2785 CREATIVE FORECASTING	58816	60.00
1281 CREDIT BUREAU OF MILES CITY	58739	120.00
225 D & G SPORTS & WESTERN	58740	114.71
39 DALE PLUMBING & HEATING INC	58741	16,462.50
40 DAN OLSON DBA	58817	150.00
2961 DANIEL JENSEN	58834	308.75
2740 DARLA SHIPMAN	58688	228.00
3169 DENTAL CARE CLINIC	58818	830.00
637 DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	58742	86.25
3110 DIGITAL-ALLY, INC	58819	5,029.00
2924 EAGLE PRINTING & BUSINESS FORMS LLC	58689	1,286.26
4533 EK BUS SALES	58743	48.46
634 ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INC	58744	1,748.00
812 EZZIE'S WHOLESALE INC	58690	38,451.45
1640 FALL LINE CORPORATION	58833	1,270.49
226 FEWER PUMPING SERVICE	58745	125.00
289 FIFTH AVE PHARMACY & GIFT	58820	42.30
130 FIRST COMMUNITY BANK	58692	21,848.40
3076 FLICKS	58821	28.54
54 FOOD SERVICES OF AMERICA	58693	1,665.22
	58746	657.40
57 FOSSUM READY MIX INC	58747	20.00
59 FRANCES MAHON DEACONESS HOSPITAL	58748	337.50
206 FRANCES MAHON DEACONESS HOSPITAL	58749	2,182.92
4455 FREEMAN AND GAFFNEY ASSOCIATES	58750	1,608.00
4454 FULKERSON FUNERAL HOME	58694	70.00
311 GAFFANEYS INC	58751	3,396.18
247 GALL'S INC	58835	114.30
66 GLASGOW AUTO SAFETY CENTER	58822	47.00
1630 GLASGOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	58752	180.00
69 GLASGOW CLINIC INC	58823	114.00
71 GLASGOW COURIER INC	58753	232.50
4264 GREAT WEST ENGINEERING	58754	3,400.00
121 HAVRE LAUNDRY	58755	637.08
3772 HEALTH E WEB	58756	69.00
392 HI LINE FORD INC	58695	1,620.85
	58824	72.02
703 HI LINE SECURITY INC	58757	143.65
3301 HOME CARE SERVICES	58758	1,601.26

Vendor	Claim #	Amount
207 INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO INC	58828	564.85
348 INTEGRA	58759	1,009.00
3576 J & M DISTRIBUTING	58760	217.10
2741 JEAN REA	58696	44.00
	58761	48.00
368 KLTZ/KLAN INC	58762	45.00
95 KREISERS INC	58763	106.31
3152 KRESS WELDING & FABRICATION INC	58764	441.60
3366 LARCAN USA INC	58765	1,106.83
855 LOREN NICHOLS	58719	56.50
3133 MAPPING & PLANNING SPECIALISTS, INC	58771	1,247.00
2975 MARJORIE JACOBSON	58825	90.00
101 MARKLE'S INC	58766	1,413.65
3909 MEDICAL ARTS PRESS	58767	19.99
4535 MIDWEST BUSINESS SYSTEMS	58826	10,613.00
144 MIDWEST CANCER SCREENING	58768	32.30
3557 MILLER OIL CO	58702	432.00
3089 MISSING LINK GRAVEL	58827	4,000.00
1293 MONTANA AIRPORT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION	58836	50.00
4182 MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	58697	1,859.48
540 MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES/MACO	58698	240.87
2559 MONTANA BOILER/CRANE&HOIST OPERATOR PRG	58699	62.00
1069 MONTANA COUNTY TREASURER'S ASSOCIATION	58769	465.00
113 MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	58770	6,135.37
3276 MONTANA DEPT OF AGRICULTURE	58777	154.00

43 MONTANA DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	58685	1,200.00
	58772	881.63
697 MONTANA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	58829	500.00
1708 MONTANA LTAP	58700	100.00
3821 MONTANA MUTUAL AID	58701	289.00
1128 MONTANA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	58776	310.00
2624 MSU EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS	58773	560.00
239 MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	58774	6,731.72
2750 NAEIR	58775	51.50
183 NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC	58703	3,988.70
165 NEWTON MOTORS INC	58778	118.80
115 NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	58704	1,049.52
	58779	9,615.76
120 NORVAL ELECTRIC CO-OP INC	58705	1,781.19
126 PACIFIC STEEL & RECYCLING	58780	51.10
3087 PAT NEULIEB	58707	969.00
129 PETTY CASH	58843	617.80
4538 PHOENIX DISTRIBUTORS	58837	820.00
131 PITNEY BOWES INC	58781	278.15
2633 PRIMUS	58782	670.71
2768 PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS	58783	3,760.00
136 PROBST CLEANING SERVICE INC	58784	1,240.00
2620 RDO EQUIPMENT TRUST #80-5800	58786	230.92
76 REYNOLDS	58785	761.67
156 RICHARD STELLFLUG	58787	24.00
4536 ROCKY MOUNTAIN	58830	786.31
219 SANOFI PASTEUR INC	58788	402.14
4504 SARA JOHNSON	58708	69.99
3804 SHELLEY MILLS	58709	301.40
	58789	162.65
258 SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABORATORIES	58790	55.16
4404 SMITH MEDICAL PARTNERS	58710	384.51
2919 SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA	58727	189.00
261 STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICES	58713	5,113.00
1921 STATE 4-H OFFICE	58791	67.00
472 STATE OF MONTANA	58792	333.23
3589 STERICYCLE, INC	58793	12.00
4534 STONE TIHISTA	58794	29.00
4204 STORM JACKSON	58711	500.00
3693 STOUGHIE'S BAR AND GRILL	58712	512.00
162 SYSCO MONTANA INC	58714	564.89
163 T & R TRUCKING INC	58715	237.00
	58839	9,114.71
6 TAYLOR STORAGE	58716	600.00
575 TAYLOR STORAGE	58838	140.00
788 TERRY LIGHTHIZER	58720	421.75
291 THE CHEMNET CONSORTIUM	58795	100.00
3902 THE OUTPOST	58706	456.00
	58717	1,095.00
4372 THE PRINT SHOP	58796	50.00
3826 TILLEMANN MOTOR CO	58797	390.22
41 TIRE-RAMA SERVICE CENTER	58798	183.70
1074 TOWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY	58728	345.83
680 TOWN OF OPHEIM	58718	50.00
171 TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO	58831	269.43
172 TRI STATE TRUCK-EQUIP INC	58799	542.85
174 TRIPLE A GLASS INC	58800	520.93
Vendor	Claim #	Amount
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1296 U.S. BANK TRUST-SPA LOCKBOX CM9695	58722	8,997.30
	58840	9,299.52
787 U.S. POSTAL SERVICE/PITNEY BOWES	58802	724.98
627 UNCLE MILT'S BODY SHOP	58801	67.00
614 VALLEY CO TRANSIT	58803	1,039.00
182 VALLEY MOTOR SUPPLY INC	58804	956.03
674 VALLEY VIEW HOME	58805	96.00
949 VERNON BUERKLE	58806	35.00
1087 VISA	58807	156.60
3559 VISA	58721	1,687.42

4061 VISA	58723	1,490.40
4050 VISA 7495	58724	5,506.81
187 WEST PAYMENT CENTER	58808	182.00
190 WILLS OFFICE WORLD/RADIO SHACK	58809	156.79
32 WRIGHT EXPRESS FSC	58725	115.33
193 ZERBE BROS INC	58810	16.02
	Total:	248,216.76

Payroll for the month of January was approved in the amount of \$342,376.32.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Lynne Nyquist, Clerk

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David L. Pippin, Chairman

**JANUARY 31, 2013**

Chairman Pippin was in the office off and on today.

Wayne Waarvik, Jr., Valley County Road Supervisor, visited with Chairman Pippin.

Commissioner Peterson attended the Two Rivers Annual Banquet this evening.