

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS**  
**MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA**

**September 2, 9, 16, 2014**

**Tuesday**

September 2, 2014

8:34 a.m. – 4:12 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Chair Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

**Commissioners Present:**

Chair Ben Hurwitz, Vice Chair Herb Townsend, and Commissioner Rod Brewer.

**Minutes:**

**Action #1:**

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the Minutes from the August 12, 2014 and August 19, 2014 meetings. Chair Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and was approved unanimously.

**Road Department Gravel Crushing:**

Tim Collins met with the Commissioners on behalf of the Road Department as Bruce Smith, Road Supervisor, was unavailable.

There was discussion regarding asphalt repairs. There was concern that the County wasn't able to make the repairs needed because of the lack of proper equipment. The Commissioners believe it would be beneficial to talk with the State regarding making the repairs and billing the County versus purchasing the equipment to have the County make the repairs

On gravel crushing, they are ready to put the bids out for the Bodell Pit, the permits have been received. The Road Department just needs the Commission approval to move forward with it. A gate has been built to accommodate the equipment and trucks. Chair Hurwitz asked if the County had the money to crush. Collins believes so if the bid comes under \$6.00/yard. The Commissioners gave the approval to begin the bidding process.

Because of the lack of activity on the Voldseth pit, Collins thinks that there should possibly be a deadline placed on the crushing. The Commissioners are not sure they can get 20,000 yards done in one year and it may have to be extended out. Chair Hurwitz also requested that in the bidding process, there needed to be language included regarding having the soil tested regularly or done every so many yards.

Collins also updated the Commission on the truck the Road Department is wanting to sell with the State surplus. He explained that there were two different ways to advertise the sale. The first one was an auction, but if they want to put it in the auction, it would need to be delivered today or tomorrow. The second way was over the website, where all they needed to do was take pictures and send and it is done by bids like ebay only through the state. The second way was the preferred way as more eyes would see the vehicle and they could get more for it. Either way, the cost would be \$500.00 to cover costs and then 6% when sold. If they sell online, the

truck stays here and is picked up here. The minimum price was discussed, and it was decided that \$3,500.00 would be a good starting place.

### **Hydrometrics Inspection & Proposal – Bob Anderson:**

Kimberly Deschene joined the meeting with Tim Collins to meet with Bob Anderson of Hydrometrics to discuss the Road Department Shop issues with the DEQ. Bruce Smith joined at 9:50 a.m.

Commissioner Townsend began with the DEQ's letter to us regarding fines up to \$25,000.00 per day if the County didn't cooperate. Mr. Anderson stated that he had not seen that part in the copy of the letter he had received, but it most likely was a form letter sent after the DEQ's file sat dormant for so long.

Anderson advised that he had driven by the site on his way to the Courthouse and noticed that there looked to be a couple of monitoring wells still in place. His recommendation would be to contact the DEQ and let them know the intention of the County was to take sampling of the existing wells before taking on any other expense. Anderson brought in a couple of different budgets based on the number of wells being sampled. The wells that are still standing are the important ones that are downgrading and would indicate if any contamination is leaving the site. It would benefit re-sampling those and see how they have changed over time.

Anderson believes the problem is localized because of the clay in the soil so the problem should be shallow and relatively easy to take care of. If the concentrations have gone down, there may not be much involved with what is left to do to fix this issue. The DEQ may accept the results of the re-sampling if they are breaking down on their own and not going off site.

There was discussion on land farming the affected area and if there were problems, the monitoring and ventilation that would need to be done. At this point too, it could be possible to dig up the whole source of the problem. They would have to go down 8 – 10 feet deep and a permit would be needed and the DEQ would oversee the land farming. Normally, it would take 1 to 3 years, but that is with sandy soil. Because there is a lot of clay in the soil, it could take as long as 5 years.

The Commissioners also asked about any compensation that could be given to help Meagher County with the expense. Anderson mentioned that there was a Petroleum Compensation Board that we could contact to see if the County would be eligible. In 2003, the County was not eligible because the sources were not known at that time, but now they do know, so the County could be eligible for some compensation. The State Board would also have compensation available but they are more stringent on the qualifications.

Anderson's recommendation to the Commission is to sample the 3 existing wells and see where things stand currently. Once the samples are taken they will be sent to the lab for analysis, then a report would be prepared to send to the DEQ on the status of the findings. Everyone would like to see an end to this and Anderson believes it is a fixable problem.

Anderson also believes that the DEQ will require a soil intrusion study which requires air quality testing of vapors that may be getting into houses near by the site.

Mr. Anderson will contact the DEQ and give them an update on what the County's plan is to remedy this situation and re-sample the wells. Based on those tests, it will dictate how to proceed. If the County is actively working on this problem, the DEQ will approve any time extension needed, as it can take up to 3 – 4 weeks to get results back. Anderson informed the Commission that they will try to do this in the most cost effective manner as possible.

### **Final Budget Review – Dayna Ogle:**

Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle reviewed the budget with the Commissioners.

### **Predatory Control Agreement:**

The Memorandums of Understanding provided by the Montana Wool Growers Association and the Montana Stockgrowers Association were signed by Chair Hurwitz for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

### **Arrowhead Meadows Golf Course – Bill Dodson:**

Bill Dodson met with the Commissioners and provided financial information regarding the Arrowhead Meadows Golf Course for the year. He informed the Commission that they had \$5,900.00 left in the account until the end of the year. He also mentioned that they had taken Commissioner Townsend's advice from last year and had increased some of their fees to help cover expenses.

Dodson left stating that if the Arrowhead Meadows Golf Course needed any help again, that maybe the County can help, but he wasn't requesting funds at this time.

### **Department of Revenue – Mike Kadas and Judy Tice:**

Mike Kadas, Director, along with Rocky Haroldson, Judy Tice and Carrie Frydenlund of the Department of Revenue; and Treasurer Sue Phelan and Deputy Treasurer Shauna Porter were in attendance to speak with the Commissioners regarding Meagher County's DOR Office. Chair Hurwitz opened the conversation by stating that Meagher County wants a person in the Courthouse at least 4 days a week.

This began a lengthy discussion regarding the DOR's belief that Meagher County does not have enough people in the community to warrant someone being here 4 days a week. Judy Tice informed the Commission that they have monitored calls and walk-ins and there just aren't that many.

There was discussion regarding previous employees and how the office was manned in the past and what the County would like to see currently and in the future. There was also discussion regarding the lack of permits required and the tracking issues it causes.

Judy Tice mentioned several times the DOR has staffing issues currently that they are working on and the growing pains from hiring new staff. She asks for the County's patience.

Deputy Treasurer, Shauna Porter, went over with the DOR the problems that the Treasurer's office is seeing or that has been brought to their attention. Judy Tice mentioned the need to understand about staff changes and the monitoring it took training and the level of expectation.

It was also mentioned by the DOR that they have 21 staff members that work in our county, that work for us, and that we should consider Lewis & Clark County as our back up.

Judy Tice does not believe that we will find anyone in Meagher County or anyone else applying for a position in Meagher County that would want to move here to work in our office. They currently have a position opening that includes Meagher County and would involve traveling in 3 different counties and they just aren't getting the applications; they have only received 7. Chair Hurwitz stated that if they would list this job for a Meagher County person, there would be

interest in our County. That the County would pay to have the advertisement done if that is what it would take. Tice said they could not discriminate against individuals applying for the position that didn't live in White Sulphur Springs. The Commission advised that they didn't care whether the individual lived in White Sulphur Springs, they just wanted a person in this office 4 days a week. Chair Hurwitz stated that he would like to see the position advertised in the Meagher County News.

Director Kadas asked if the computer issues still needed to be addressed or whether it had been resolved. Porter went over our IT's concerns regarding remote access on our server. Tice went over how other counties used remote access and the Treasurer's office stated that they were unable to speak with anyone from any other Treasurers' offices that has remote access with the DOR. Haroldson then stated that the way to resolve this issue is that the DOR does not need remote access, they can still do their job without it. They believe, however, it would help respond to questions quicker and handle the workload more efficiently.

The DOR also stated that even if a person were here in Meagher County for 4 days a week, they would not be in the office for those 4 days, they would have to be in the field as well. Chair Hurwitz mentioned several times that if they can remote access from Helena to here, why couldn't we do the same from here, remote access to Helena. Someone from here could be in the Courthouse doing work of other Counties. Treasurer Phelan also stated that the last DOR employee from Meagher County stayed busy all the time.

The DOR again requested Meagher County's patience so the staffing can be worked out. The DOR would like to check back after being in the field.

Mr. Kadas stated that just because we are 1 day a week currently doesn't mean it will stay that way. We just need to keep talking and discussing this and see how it goes and how it all works out. The DOR has heard our concerns and Meagher County has their attention. He would like to see how this all plays out with the current staffing issues they are going through and re-address in six months minimum.

### **Lunch:**

Commissioners left for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and returned at 1:10 p.m.

### **Sheriff's Report:**

Jon Lopp presented his monthly report to the Commissioners for their review. He also advised that Nick Rauser's last day on the job was Monday, September 1, 2014.

Sheriff Lopp also stated that the City finally paid their invoice on prisoner expenses.

### **Grassy Mountain Fire District Board Appointment:**

In attendance from the Grassy Mountain Fire District were Rich Seibken and Mike Leonard. Paul Kroeger was unable to attend. Kimberly Deschene, County Attorney, was also requested to attend by the Commissioners.

Mr. Seibken advised the Commission that they had had a meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup> at his place and because Rick Seidlitz had told him he would not be attending, he had the Broadwater County Fire District attend. They were advised by the Broadwater County Fire District that they could be eligible for grants and that they would be happy to assist in what they need. Seibken also stated that Broadwater explained how the fire district worked and the costs involved. The group was also advised of how time consuming it would be to get what they needed. The GMFD

feels they have some research to do and see if there are grants what they would be eligible for. Seibken also advised that they have 3 people who might be interested, but they want the full story and time to think about it and Seibken requested a 2-week extension to provide names to the Commission as requested.

Chair Hurwitz advised Seibken and Leonard that currently they do not have an active board. That they do not have the required 5 members and they were to come to the meeting today with names of the additional members for approval. At this time, the Commissioners will take over as the GMFD Board and send the letter out to homeowners requesting they vote on whether to move forward with a working fire district or disband and join Meagher County.

There was argument from both Leonard and Seibken regarding the fact they believed they have an active board and a quorum to work with and they only needed a couple of more weeks to recruit new members to have the 5 members required. Chair Hurwitz stated that this has been the same issues for years and nothing has been done. The by-laws have not been done, the members have not appointed officers, and the board as it currently stands has no officers or enough members to even be in a position to sign any document, including a Mutual Aid Agreement that is needed for Meagher County Fire Volunteers to be able to fight structure fires in Grassy Mountain.

Commissioner Townsend reiterated that currently because there isn't a Mutual Aid Agreement, that Meagher County could not send its volunteer fire fighters to Grassy Mountain because they wouldn't be covered under worker's comp.

County Attorney Deschene will make some revisions to the letter she prepared for the GMFD board to sign to reflect it is coming from the Commissioners instead.

#### **Townsend District Ranger update – Corey Lewellen:**

Corey Lewellen met with the Commissioners to introduce himself as the Townsend District Ranger.

He gave some background on himself and then discussed the changes with the Ranger Districts and the combination of the Helena and the Lewis & Clark forests. He explained that it was being done internally only and that they would continue to have 2 separate ranger districts, each stays the same; however internally they will make one budget.

The Commissioners discussed the issues with the weeds in our forests in Meagher County and wanting to know how it could be improved. Lewellen stated that he hears about the weeds almost every day. There currently is no master plan on weeds. Chair Hurwitz told Lewellen that the County budgets \$153,000 for weed control; and Lewellen advised that their weed program is minimal now.

There was also discussion regarding the Grassy Mountain Forest Service road and the improvements that were going to be made. The cattle guard that had been removed will be replaced and the roads improved.

#### **Planning Board Appointment:**

Jim Richard met with the Commissioners regarding the Planning Board. Nancy Schlepp has accepted being on the County Planning Board, and Vice-Chair Townsend advised that Sarah Hamlin has not said yes, but he feels like she will serve as well.

If Sarah agrees to serve, that will place them at 5 members for the Board – Jim Richard, Rick Berg, Nancy Schlepp and Sarah Hamlin, and Nico Cantalupo for the Conservation District. Mike Eby is currently sitting on the board as the City’s representative. Mr. Richard is recommending another member from the City, and the Commissioners agreed that the City could place one more member on the board. Mr. Richard is planning on attending the City Council meeting and will bring this issue up.

The Planning Board will be reviewing the Growth Policy Plan prepared by MBAC and Mr. Richard would like to see some changes made to it. His main concern is that there is nothing that would indicate what the commissioners feel is important to the community. Chair Hurwitz requested that the Planning Board also consider where a new subdivision would go if needed and where they would like development to be. Mr. Richard stated that if the Planning Board were going to make those types of decisions, the Commissioners would need to support their recommendations.

Commissioner Townsend asked Mr. Richard what his thoughts were concerning the Growth Policy Plan prepared by MBAC. Those thoughts were discussed.

**FY 14-15 Final Budget:**

Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle, presented the final budget to the Commissioners for approval.

**Action #2:**

**RESOLUTION 2014-#84**

Vice Chair Townsend moved to approve the final budget as presented by the Clerk & Recorder for the FY 14.15. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

Gordon Doig and Jim Richard were present to go over with the Commissioners a letter that will be prepared for the Commission and City Council’s signature regarding a Hardrock Advisory Committee.

The Committee would be comprised of representatives of Meagher County organizations / agencies and businesses in White Sulphur Springs. The letter would be sent to those organizations / agencies and businesses with the request that they designate a person to serve on the Committee.

**Claims Approved:**

Commissioners were presented with Voucher #1513, with Check # 47260 through Check #47314 totaling \$20,564.20. All Checks were signed as presented.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, September 9, 2014.

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**CLERK & RECORDER**

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**CHAIRMAN**

**SEAL**

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**VICE-CHAIRMAN**

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**COMMISSIONER**

Note: Minutes taken by Assistant to the Clerk & Recorder, Penny Plachy.  
Distributed September 9, 2014 to Chairman Hurwitz, Commissioner Townsend, Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Ogle

**Tuesday**  
September 9, 2014  
8:40 a.m. – 12:18 p.m.  
Met in Commissioner's Chambers

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Chair Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

**Commissioners Present:**

Chair Ben Hurwitz, Vice Chair Herb Townsend, and Commissioner Rod Brewer.

**Minutes:**

**Action #1:**

Commissioner Townsend moved to approve the Minutes from the September 2, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and was approved unanimously.

**Recycling:**

Penny Plachy, Clerk, advised the Commission that Jake Lind had stopped picking up the cardboard recycling and we were getting a lot of calls and concern from the community. It was discussed and decided to place a call to 4 Corners Recycling. Commissioner Rod Brewer spoke with Dave Leverett regarding the cardboard recycling. He asked to be put on the Agenda for next week to meet with the Commissioners.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Deputy Treasurer, Shauna Porter, presented the monthly Treasurer's Report for the Commissioners review and signature.

**Clerk & Recorder:**

Dayna Ogle, Clerk & Recorder, explained that while she was at the Clerk & Recorder's Convention she had been asked by a Nationwide Insurance Representative to speak with the Commission about offering additional retirement plans to the County employees. The employee would pay into, but the benefit would be that they could pay with pre-taxed money. Ogle advised that the County used to do it and it is open enrollment, employees could sign up at any time.

The Commissioners inquired as to whether Sarah Hamlen through Thrivent Financial could do the same type of program for the employees and keep it local. Ogle will check with Ms. Hamlen and see if that is a possibility.

The Commissioners requested that both companies be scheduled to come in at the next meeting of September 16, 2014 to get a better understanding of the programs.

Clerk & Recorder did mention that both MACo and NACo endorse Nationwide.

**County Health Nurse:**

Eva Kerr, County Health Nurse, presented her monthly report to the Commissioners. There was some discussion on the new children enrolled in school and working on immunizations. There



was also discussion on a truck wreck that the Sanitarian was unable to handle, so she did via phone with him.

The Ebola virus is not in the State of Montana as of yet, There was some discussion on symptoms.

Nurse Kerr also advised that she did get the copier fixed. The cost was not as bad as she thought it would be, it was only \$109.92.

She also reminded the Commissioners that today was another blood borne pathogen training for County employees at 1:00 p.m.

### **County Attorney:**

Kimberly Deschene, County Attorney was present to provide an update to the Commission. Mike Leonard was also in attendance.

She discussed the current lawsuit with the County. She has provided the interrogatory questions to the Clerk & Recorder's Office to gather information. She advised that the suit is in the middle of the discovery process which should be finished in March, 2015.

Attorney Deschene asked the Commissioners if they wanted to proceed with the letter to Grassy Mountain homeowners. Chair Hurwitz responded that they did. She suggested that Deputy Clerk & Recorder Christy Rogers put the letter on letterhead and send it out.

There was also a discussion on an extradition prisoner that will be returning to Meagher County for charges. It was a felony stalking of wife and child case where he left the State but continued to send threatening mail to all involved, including the County Attorney's office and Sheriff's office. He should be here in a week.

The Library requested information regarding using photographs of individuals in the library for marketing and promotional advertising. She suggested using a consent form to use any photos taken of the customers.

### **Fire / DES:**

Rick Seidlitz joined the meeting with County Attorney Deschene and Mike Leonard. There was a discussion regarding the Grassy Mountain Fire District and the need to disband and receive the same fire protection as everyone else in Meagher County. There is not a current Mutual Fire Agreement between Grassy Mountain Fire District and Meagher County. The Commissioners advised that they would be sending out the letter to the homeowners requesting a vote to disband the fire district or be taxed in an amount that will cover the cost of a self-sustaining fire district.

*Kimberly Deschene left the meeting.*

Chief Seidlitz then discussed the water tanks and cost and also the cost of paying the volunteers when they do fire training in Grassy Mountain. He would like to pay them \$10 - \$12 an hour through a planning grant received. They will be going up to Grassy Mountain to look at homes and come up with a plan on how to better protect their property. He believes that if they have enough firemen, they could do it in one day. If not, it may take up to 3. He advised that the Ambulance crews get paid when they get called out, but the Fire Department Volunteers do not.

**Public Hearing – Rostad Road Abandonment:**

Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle met with the Commission to present the Petition received from Phil Rostad on the abandonment of Rostad Road.

There was discussion regarding who needed access and were there easements provided to those needing that access. There will be one more public hearing held next week, and Ogle will do some research on the access concern.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment.

**Claims Approved:**

Commissioners were presented with Voucher #1514, with Check #47315 through Check #47351 totaling \$30,908.15. All Checks were signed as presented.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, September 16, 2014.

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**CLERK & RECORDER**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**COMMISSIONER**

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September 16, 2014  
8:40 a.m. – 12:18 p.m.  
Met in Commissioner's Chambers

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Chair Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

**Commissioners Present:**

Chair Ben Hurwitz, Vice Chair Herb Townsend, and Commissioner Rod Brewer.

**Planning Board:**

Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle and Deputy Clerk & Recorder, Christy Rogers, came in to discuss the Planning Board status. Some clarification was given on the number of members required to sit on the Planning Board and that this board was for the County, not a City-County Planning Board.

Currently there are 5 members required to serve on the Board; however, Commissioner Townsend would like to see 7 members. There was discussion regarding the City's need to start their own planning board with a County representative serving on their board, as the City does with the County board.

This item will be placed on the agenda for next month to provide a motion and resolution on the number of members needed for this board and the clarification that it is a County planning board, with a Conservation member and City Representative.

**Angie Evans:**

Angie Evans stopped by to discuss an incident in Mathis Grocery Store with one of the Ambulance Crew wherein she discussed an incident at the grocery store counter that Mrs. Evans felt was inappropriate to discuss in public.

**Minutes:**

**Action #1:**

Vice Chair Townsend moved to approve the Minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

**Tintina Resources – Jerry Zieg and Bruce Hooper – Meet New CEO:**

Tintina Resources representatives were unable to attend.

**4-Corners Recycling – Dave Leverett:**

The Commissioners discussed the cardboard recycling with Dave Leverett of 4-Corners Recycling. Since Jake Lind has pulled his cardboard bins and there is a community need, the Commission would like to know what options are available.

Mr. Leverett went over three options:

- 1) Rent or Purchase a bailer from 4-Corners Recycling. This option had been offered to Mr. Lind by 4-Corners Recycling and would require someone operate the bailer. It would do 1,000 pound bales; which they would haul off approximately 15 bales at a time. The cost of a bailer would cost somewhere around \$4,000.00 - \$5,000.00 and they have one that they could have here by next week.
- 2) Purchase a stationary compactor which can do 10,000 pounds of cardboard. There is no employee or labor required; however, someone would have to check on it occasionally to make sure it is not jammed. The expense of this equipment would be in the neighborhood of \$20,000.00 and they would haul off on a flatbed.
- 3) This option would be the cheapest route to start off with. Another roll-off box for cardboard could be added with the other bins at Edwards Grocery. It will most likely fill up faster and require more pickups than the other bins however. Pull runs cost around \$315.00 each pick up, so depending on how often they would have to empty, would determine the cost.

Mr. Leverett will have his office staff give us a report of current cost to date on recycling while the Commissioners discuss the options with the City. He will also provide information from different companies on prices for the equipment discussed. The Commissioners are not opposed to purchasing the bailer if the City will keep it in the City Shop and be responsible for bailing the cardboard in their down time.

#### **Nationwide Insurance – Margaret Volte-Rodgers:**

Margaret Volte-Rodgers of Nationwide called in to speak with the Commissioners regarding a 457 retirement plan to offer the County employees. Sarah Hamlen with Thrivent Financial was also in attendance.

Ms. Volte-Rodgers provided the history of Nationwide and stated it was a great supplement for retirement. MACo endorses Nationwide and also provides an oversight committee, so the County doesn't have to. Her role is to educate the employees, meeting both as a group and then individually, and provides them the information and opportunity to invest.

Commissioner Hurwitz asked her if Nationwide didn't drop the ball in Meagher County. She stated she has only been here 3 years, and before that they were not present in the state of Montana. She is now trying to re-establish and re-build the territory.

She explained that this was a great benefit for the employees, but most of them do not understand how it works. That is where she comes in, to explain how it works and which program the employee would want to invest in. She has been with Nationwide 27 years and currently they have 44 counties of the 56 counties currently in the MACo plan.

#### **Thrivent Financial – Sarah Hamlen:**

Sarah Hamlen of Thrivent Financial advised the Commission that she has been doing some preliminary research on the 457 plan for the County. The Commission asked if she would be able to offer the same plan as Nationwide, to which she replied that she could. There was some additional research that needed to be done, including the relationship clarification between MACo and Nationwide. However, she did feel that the endorsement of MACo was more of a friendly nature than a statutory one.

Ms. Hamlen went over the history of Thrivent Financial and how the company started.

Her recommendation is to start by cleaning up the old Nationwide Plan first. There is only one employee on that plan that is still working, the remaining are retired and currently there is approximately over \$80,000.00 in the account. The next item to be addressed is to review the Plan document of 2010. There also needs to be research done to make sure the County can break the relationship with Nationwide. Once those items are taken care of, then the County can move forward with offering a plan to the employees.

Commissioner Townsend would like to see the County break the relationship with Nationwide at this time, and use someone locally. Once the Clerk & Recorder has worked to get the old Nationwide account cleaned up and the County has reviewed and put a new Plan Document in place, they will let Ms. Hamlen know they are ready to proceed. Ms. Hamlen did advise the Commissioners that she could work with the County Attorney to complete the Plan document.

### **Library Board – Gordon Doig:**

Gordon Doig was present on behalf of the Library Board. He advised the Commissioners that the Library Board has hired Jessica Ketola as the new librarian. Ms. Ketola is currently under a 6-month probationary period as set by the County for new hires.

He also advised the commission that the library is still trying to raise money for the new library building. They have access to 0% monies through a telephone cooperative, and currently they are in favor of using that opportunity. Of the \$1,000,000.00 they are trying to reach, they have approximately \$700,000.00 raised. The endowment committee would like to know from the Commissioners the status of the library building and what the County will do with it. They would like to use it as collateral if they are short funds or if the building is sold, would like to know if the funds would be applied to the new library building or put in the County's general fund. They are looking at all their options as a backup plan. The Commissioners were in agreement that all revenue from a sale of the building would be used for the new library.

### **Public Hearing – Rostad Road Abandonment:**

County attorney, Kimberly Deschene provided the Commissioners with her opinion letter on the abandonment of the Rostad Road.

The Commissioners asked Paula Wildman to come into the meeting to discuss as a landowner that the abandonment would affect. County Attorney Deschene recommended a survey be done before proceeding or perhaps a title company research this.

Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle also joined the meeting and there was a lot of discussion regarding the location of the road being petitioned to abandon and the State land that borders it.

*Paula Wildman and Kimberly Deschene left the meeting.*

County Attorney Deschene returned to the meeting with Angie Evans of First American Title Company to discuss with the Commissioners regarding hiring Mrs. Evans to research. The Commissioners asked her to research the abandonment issue concerning this road. She will return with information at the next meeting on October 7, 2014.

### **Public Comment:**

No public comment.

**Claims Approved:**

Commissioners were presented with Voucher #1515, with Check #47352 through Check #47376 totaling \$26,538.99. All Checks were signed as presented.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, October 7, 2014.

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**CLERK & RECORDER**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**COMMISSIONER**

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