

**MINUTES OF THE * SPECIAL MEETING * OF THE
BUTTE-SILVER BOW COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR AUGUST 10, 2016**

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The Special Meeting of the Council of Commissioners was called to order Wednesday, August 10, 2016, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Third Floor, Room 312, Courthouse Building, 155 West Granite Street, Butte, Montana, by the Chief Executive Matt Vincent.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Morgan	<i>Present</i>	Commissioner Shaw	<i>Present</i>
Commissioner Palmer	<i>Present</i>	Commissioner McDonough	<i>Present</i>
Commissioner Andersen	<i>Present</i>	Commissioner Henderson	<i>Present</i>
Commissioner Walker	<i>Absent</i>	Commissioner Fisher	<i>Present</i>
Commissioner Foley	<i>Present</i>	Commissioner Perdue-Dolan	<i>Present</i>
Commissioner Ralph	<i>Present</i>	Commissioner Sorich	<i>Present</i>

STAFF PRESENT

Eileen Joyce, Butte-Silver Bow County Attorney
Colleen Safratowich, Deputy Clerk & Recorder
Tracy Watt, Council Secretary

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Henderson said prayer and led pledge.

**SECTION 1 PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNICATION NO. [16-305](#)**

(Opened at July 27, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting; Proof of Publication Noted)

Danette L. Gleason, Director, Butte-Silver Bow Finance and Budget Department, requesting Council of Commissioners authorize a Public Hearing on the final budget to begin on July 27, 2016 to be continued until adoption of fiscal year 2017 final budget.

Chief Executive Vincent opened the Public Hearing. He called for any Proponents or Opponents.

R. Edward Banderob, 2601 Grand Ave., Butte, Montana, stated the following:

- Opponent to budget.
- Remembered this week \$250,000 for neighborhood infrastructure improvement programs, but haven't heard how that money was actually used or a program where neighborhoods could ask for its usage.



- Neighborhoods could have subsidized SIDs. Could have raised another \$250,000, and leveraged for another half million. That million dollars would have put in a bunch of gutters and curbs in areas where we don't have them.
- Been told that is a normal function of our government – to take care of infrastructure.
- Greeley has 60% below poverty level, and without assistance to improve conditions, it's not going to happen.
- Therefore, unless another \$250,000 in this budget for neighborhood improvements, I oppose.

Jean Ruppert, 849 W. Galena, Butte, Montana, stated the following:

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- Opponent. Commissioners need more time to go through budget.
- Two things not on handout.
 1. Fair Board budget. We had \$3,000 to run fair when I was President. Used to hold it free behind mall. Commissioners invited us to Civic Center. Back then we had about 300 attendees.
 - Now \$80,000 to 85,000 budget for Fair! No salaries, who is paid? We don't know where that money went.
 - Plus, kept County Extension agent from going to fair. Brought someone in from Bozeman.
 2. Second, central purchasing is an Ordinance. Why not in affect for 20 years?
- My house next to Excelsior, not paved. Sesso says 2017, but I can't find in budget. Public Works just says "roads."
- I keep everything from the paper.
- Wish you guys would take more time on the budget.

Chief Executive Vincent closed the Public Hearing.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, and passed by a unanimous verbal vote, to Concur with Communication No. 16-305 and Place on File.

SECTION 2 COMMUNICATION NO. [16-369](#)

Danette L. Gleason, Director, Butte-Silver Bow Finance and Budget Department, requesting Chief Executive to set a Special Meeting for August 10, 2016 for the purpose of closing the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2017 Final Budget and to adopt the Final Budget Resolution and various rate resolutions.

Handouts: 

- [Summary of Amendments](#)
- [Resource and Requirement Schedule](#)



Director Gleason stated the following:

- Started work on the budget in January, rolled out in February, then worked on it for six months.
- Want to publically thank staff. Small staff and they accomplish a lot of work. We have just six people with 22 average years of service.
- Our Department is working on a new fixed asset system; W-9s; streamlined budget process; line item budget; audit compliance.
- Worked through a lot of the audit comments.
- Not only doing budget, do a CAFR, a filing, and much more.
- Summary of Amendments – reduced some of the capital reserve funds, increased one slightly.
- Increased RRA budget. Good news.
- Community Development – adjustment due to duplicate entry.
- Reduced Fire Equipment Training budget.
- Increased Maintenance District slightly.
- Finally, adjustment in issuance of bonds.
- Silver Lake Project changes.
- Complete Resource Requirement Schedule – all funds fully in balance.

Commissioner Palmer stated the following:

- Extension Agency – we talked about \$35,000 for second agent.
- How is that going to work? Is it in their budget, or does County have authority to hire?

Chief Executive Vincent stated the following:

- Amendment to existing contract. Money we match with their funds. Hiring of agent is MSU. We do have a seat on selection committee and job description.
- Obviously we have discussions to do. Have conference call scheduled for tomorrow.

Commissioner Palmer stated the following:

- The contract with MSU didn't work out for the 4-H end of it.
- Can it be separated so that person is not under MSU?

Chief Executive Vincent stated the following:

- Don't believe so. 4-H is under Charter Program. But I agree with what you said.
- Where second agent came from – when we looked at last 4 or 5 agents, seen a lot of turnover. Manifested itself looking at job description. Horticulture-centric. 4-H not necessarily about horticulture, more about kids, etc.
- We need to look at in entirely different way.
- Open to including you with discussions with MSU.



Commissioner Palmer stated the following:

- Sounds great, but we're a year or two late. Turmoil 4-H went through and large sector broke off and are starting a new group.
- Fair had a lot less animals this year. Would like to have some recourse if it does not rebound.
- Why hire another person if 4-H so diminished?

Chief Executive Vincent stated the following:

- Point taken.

Director Gleason stated the following:

- Ms. Ruppert stated we give fair \$80,000.
- Look at budget book, \$35,000 is amount we give to fair. Relates to free entertainment they bring in.
- Because fair board blended component unit, blend into Butte-Silver Bow books due to accounting policies.
- Additional funds are not cash transactions. Dollars fair board has accumulated themselves.
- Used to have Friends of the Fair that was a 501c3.

Chief Executive Vincent stated the following:

- Hope we'll be able to support new group and build up 4-H.

Commissioner Sorich stated the following:

- Empty spots on fair board.
- A new 4-H person could be a benefit.
- Opportunity to make some changes.

Commissioner Ralph stated the following:

- I agree. Probably new group invited to participate in fair this year and next.
- At that point can address getting all under one roof.

Commissioner Fisher stated the following:

- Sometimes we're rubbing two issues together – the fair and 4-H. They're connected.
- Don't think hiring another extension agent is answer. I'd like to see it go another route.
- Lack of communication between MSU and our facility. If more local control, better off.



Commissioner Perdue-Dolan stated the following:

- Concur with Commissioners Fisher and Palmer. Think we're putting cart before horse with hiring another extension agent.
- Need for secretary in Extension Office. I move to have / keep the secretary position, especially with Chief Executive speaking with MSU tomorrow.
- Not hire another person until some issues are figured out.

Chief Executive Vincent stated the following:

- Transparency – not change amount of budget, but how we spend that money. Extension Agent or secretary.
- You have my commitment we will have more conversations.
- I personally think worth doing something different. But if decide different route, budget request can go either way.

It was moved by Commissioner Sorich, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, and passed by a unanimous verbal vote, to Approve Communication No. 16-369 and Place on File.

SECTION 3 SUSPENSION OF THE RULES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

It was moved by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Morgan and passed by a roll call vote of 11 yea and 0 nay to suspend the rules for the purpose of passing Council Resolution Nos. 16-36, 16-37 and 16-38 by waiving Subsection 7 of Rule XXXVI of the Rules and Order of Business of the Council of Commissioners, thereby having it considered for advanced passage without reference to the Judiciary Committee.

1. COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. [16-36](#)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW, STATE OF MONTANA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 – 2017 AND SETTING LEVIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 – 2017 BASED ON THE VALUE OF A MILL OF \$ \$58,969 CITY-COUNTY WIDE AND DECLARING THAT ALL PROTESTS AGAINST SAID BUDGET HAVE BEEN HEARD AND DISPOSED OF; DECLARING THAT SAID BUDGET CONTAINS A CORRECT STATEMENT OF THE AMOUNT TO BE APPROPRIATED FOR EACH OF THE FUNDS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2016 AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 2017 AS FIXED IN SAID BUDGET PASSED ON THE 10TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2016, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREIN.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaw and seconded by Commissioner Morgan that Council Resolution No. 16-36 be placed on final reading and be passed, having been deemed fully read at length. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 10 yea and 1 nay. Commissioner Andersen voted Nay.



2. COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. [16-37](#)

A RESOLUTION LEVYING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 – 2017 AGAINST THE PROPERTY FROM WHICH SOLID WASTE IS TO BE COLLECTED AND REMOVED FROM EACH INDIVIDUAL DWELLING COLLECTION UNIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE COST AND EXPENSES OF COLLECTING AND REMOVING SAID SOLID WASTE; LEVYING A LANDFILL FACILITY ACCESS FEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 – 2017 AGAINST THE PROPERTY FROM WHICH SOLID WASTE IS TO BE DISPOSED OF FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL DISPOSAL UNIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE COST AND EXPENSES OF MAINTAINING AND OPERATING SAID SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY AND ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR SUCH ASSESSMENT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREIN.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaw and seconded by Commissioner Morgan that Council Resolution No. 16-37 be placed on final reading and be passed, having been deemed fully read at length. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yea and 0 nay.

3. COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. [16-38](#)

A RESOLUTION FIXING AND ESTABLISHING SEWER RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE METRO SEWER SANITARY AND STORM SEWER SYSTEM AND FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OF THE METRO SEWER TREATMENT PLANT BY THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW, MONTANA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 – 2017 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREIN.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaw and seconded by Commissioner Morgan that Council Resolution No. 16-38 be placed on final reading and be passed, having been deemed fully read at length. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yea and 0 nay.



ADJOURN

It was moved by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, and passed with a unanimous verbal vote, to Rise to the Call of the Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

MATT VINCENT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

CLERK & RECORDER