

## **Beaverhead County Study Commission Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2015**

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Scott Marsh.
2. **Roll Call** – Members present: Scott Marsh, Stacey Reynolds and Secretary Cynthia McCulloh, Mitch Staley excused.
3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – With no additions or corrections the minutes were approved as presented.
4. **General Discussion of Types of Government** - The Commissioners discussed the various forms of government presented in the materials provided by the MSU Local Government Center, including the distinction between the following : the 'self-governing' charter form which allows any provision NOT prohibited by law and the 'general' form that can only include provisions ALLOWED by law. It was acknowledged that Beaverhead County currently functions under general powers and that further research by the commissioners will allow them to clearly explain the various options at public meetings. To that end, Stacey will print out copies of the Power Point materials from the MSU educational presentation and Cynthia will order an additional copy of "Montana Local Government Review" (2008) so that all commissioners have a copy. (Mitch Staley previously purchased a copy and will be reimbursed.)
5. **Discussion of Meeting Times and Places** - Locations for meetings were discussed and it was agreed that Dillon, Lima, Jackson, Wisdom, Wise River and Glen/Melrose would all be included. Cynthia will check with the Hitchin' Post as a possible meeting location in Melrose, and also check with the Recorder's Office for contact numbers to arrange meeting nevus and times at the other locations. Mitch Staley supplied his schedule and Scott supplied a list of the various community school board and fire department meeting times. Cynthia will create a calendar so that specific times and dates can be addressed at the next meeting.
6. **Decision on Secretary's Salary** – Scott noted that Cynthia is paid \$15.49 per hour at both the County Attorney's Office and dispatch and \$11.96 per hour at the District Clerk of Court's Office. Stacey moved that the Commission pay Cynthia \$15.49 per hour. The motion was seconded by Scott and passed unanimously.
7. **Public Comment** – There being no members of the public present, there was no public comment.
8. **Adjournment** – It was decided the next meeting will be on February 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Cynthia McCulloh