

TWENTERPRISES, INC.	692.62 Repairs & Maintenance Services	GENERAL
VERIZON WIRELESS	749.99 Minor Equipment < \$5000	GENERAL
VERIZON WIRELESS	76.40 Utilities	GENERAL
VERIZON WIRELESS	68.50 Utilities	AMBULANCE
WEINHEIMER, ROBERTA	12.00 Jury and Witness Fees	GENERAL
WESTERN WATER CONSULTANTS, INC.	1,037.25 Contract Payments	GENERAL
ZARN, BRETT	30.00 Utilities	GENERAL

Commissioner Kulbeck made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-12 which a resolution is amending Resolution 2014-11 directing Blaine County Cemetery Districts to adopt and adhere to a policy mandating installation of concrete burial vaults, concrete liners, PVC plastic vaults, or 10 gauge or better steel vaults in all cemeteries under Blaine County control. Commissioner DePriest seconded this motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2014-11 DIRECTING BLAINE COUNTY CEMETERY DISTRICTS TO ADOPT AND ADHERE TO A POLICY MANDATING INSTALLATION OF CONCRETE BURIAL VAULTS, CONCRETE LINERS, PVC PLASTIC VAULTS, OR 10 GAUGE OR BETTER STEEL VAULTS IN ALL CEMETERIES UNDER BLAINE COUNTY CONTROL.**

**WHEREAS**, there is no statutory and administrative regulation which addresses burial vaults and liners, and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned Blaine County Commissioners find that the use of concrete burial vaults, concrete liner, PVC plastic vault, or 10 gauge or better steel vault serve to keep the contents of the burial casket within the confines of the designated burial plot, and

**WHEREAS**, the said Commissioners further find that the use of concrete burial vaults, concrete liner, PVC plastic vault, or 10 gauge or better steel vault stabilize the soil above the top of the vault, thereby minimizing or eliminating any slump or cave in and thereby maintaining a solid even surface above each grave which minimizes the risk of falls,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we hereby direct each cemetery district within Blaine County to adopt and adhere to a written policy mandating the installation of concrete burial vaults, concrete liner, PVC plastic vault, or 10 gauge or better steel vault in all cemeteries under Blaine County control.

The remainder of the day was spent on regular county business.

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Commissioner

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Regular Session, November 10, 2014

The Blaine County Commissioners met in Regular Session, Monday, November 10, 2014. Present were Frank DePriest, Charles Kulbeck and Clerk Sandra L. Boardman. Meeting was called to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m.

Oil & Gas royalty payment was received from Montana Land & Exploration, Inc. in the amount of \$8.00.

Commissioner Kulbeck made the motion to approve the Repeater Agreement with Gordon Young. Commissioner DePriest seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Recorded in the Clerk & Records Office in Book 55 Misc page 744.

The remainder of the day was spent on regular county business.

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Tuesday, November 11, 2014 the Courthouse was closed in observance of Veteran's Day.

Regular Session, November 12, 2014

The Blaine County Commissioners met in Regular Session, Wednesday, November 12, 2014. Present were Dolores Plumage, Frank DePriest and Clerk Sandra L. Boardman. Meeting was called to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m.

Commissioner Kulbeck attended the Rocky Mountain Fair Association's Annual Convention in Great Falls.

Approval was given on Cancellation Order # 1419 was received or Arline Baker for tax year 2014 on real property Harlem Township Barton's addition BLK 52 lot 5 in the amount of \$1,870.90.

A letter of support was given sent to Opportunity Link and reads as follows:

As a Vibrant Futures Consortium Member and active participant in developing North Central Montana's Regional Plan, we fully support Opportunity Link's application for a Promise Zone Designation. Our region-wide visioning and planning, as partners on the Vibrant Futures project, has resulted in a 20-year, multi-jurisdictional development plan that we feel is well aligned with the goals of the Promise Zone Initiative, and Blaine County is pleased to pledge our involvement on this initiative.

We are committed as a supporting partner to contributing resources or advising on the direction of the strategy to create jobs, increase economic activity, improve educational opportunities and public safety, reduce poverty, and leverage private capital. Examples of this include: in-kind donations of the use of meeting space, equipment, telecommunications services, or staffing for particular functions; letters or other expressions of support for Promise Zone activities and applications for resources at the local, tribal, state and federal level; participation in steering committees or other advisory bodies with respect to the overall Promise Zone strategy or particular elements of it.

If designated, we will work to collaboratively develop a formal memorandum of understanding with Opportunity Link and other regional partners, reflecting our willingness to be actively engaged in moving forward the goals of our residents and the Promise Zone Initiative. We hope that you will favorably consider North Central Montana for a Promise Zone Designation.

A letter of concern was received from Kraig Hansen concerning the hill out of the Sheriff's Department parking lot leading to Illinois Street.

An Amendment to Standard Audit Contract was received from Galusha, Higgins & Galusha and reads as follows:

**Amendment to Standard Audit Contract**

**Governmental Entity:** Blaine County

**Contractor:** Galusha, Higgins & Galusha, PC Havre

**Period covered by audit contract:** July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016

**Amendment:**  
Paragraph 2.a. on page 1 of 12, of the standard audit contract is amended to read as follows:

- a. In consideration of the faithful performance of this contract, the Entity will pay the Contractor for the audit work on the basis of time and necessary out-of-pocket expenses, which will not exceed:

\$ 20,500 \$ 28,000 for initial (or sole) audit covering 7 / 1 / 13 to 6 / 30 / 14  
\$ 22,000 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for subsequent audit covering 7 / 1 / 14 to 6 / 30 / 15  
\$ 23,500 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for subsequent audit covering 7 / 1 / 15 to 6 / 30 / 16

The fees are set out in detail in Appendices A, B & C, as applicable, which are attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

Sections 1, 2, and 7 of Appendix A on Pages A1 and A2 are amended to read as follows:

1. Audit Period and Dates of Engagement:

- A. This audit will cover the fiscal year(s) ending  
June 30 2014 (and \_\_\_\_\_).  
(Month & Day) (Year) (Year)
- B. Date to commence audit work: 07/01/14
- C. Date to submit final audit report to Entity and State: 06/30/15

2. Time and Price for Engagement:

FY(s) Ending June 30 2014 (and \_\_\_\_\_).  
(Month & Day) (Year) (Year)

A. Estimated total hours -	<u>181.00</u>	<u>240.00</u>
B. Price for audit personnel	\$ <u>19,910.00</u>	\$ <u>27,410.00</u>
Price for Travel	<u>300.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Price for typing, clerical and report preparation	<u>290.00</u>	<u>290.00</u>
Total price for this engagement	\$ <u>20,500</u>	\$ <u>28,000</u>

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7. The audit scope with regard to federal financial assistance received by the Entity for the above fiscal year(s) will be as indicated below:

- The audit will be a single audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular A-133 because the Entity expended a total amount of federal awards equal to or in excess of \$500,000 during the fiscal year(s), or such other dollar amount as may be established by OMB that is effective for the fiscal year(s) being audited.
- OR**
- The audit will not be a single audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular A-133, and will not include audit coverage of any federal financial assistance in accordance with requirements of that Circular, because the Entity expended a total amount of federal awards of less than \$500,000 during the fiscal year(s), or such other dollar amount as may be established by OMB that is effective for the fiscal year(s) being audited.

The remainder of the day was spent on regular county business.

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Clerk

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Chair

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Commissioner

Regular Session, November 13, 2014

The Blaine County Commissioners met in Regular Session, Thursday, November 13, 2014. Present were Dolores Plumage, Frank DePriest and Clerk Sandra L. Boardman. Meeting was called to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m.

Commissioner Kulbeck attended the Rocky Mountain Fair Association's Annual Convention in Great Falls.

Commissioner DePriest participated in the Oil, Gas & Coal Counties conference call.

The Treasurer's Monthly cash report was submitted for the month of October.

Oil & Gas royalty payment was received from Behm Energy in the amount of \$415.22.

Scrivener's Affidavit of Error pertaining to a New Road Petition # 748 filed in the official records of Blaine County. Recorded in Book: 55 MISCBOOK Page: 733

A letter of support for PILT was sent to United States Senator Jon Tester and reads as follows:

On behalf of the 6,604 residents of Blaine County, I respectfully request your urgent help and support in developing a bi-partisan, bi-cameral funding solution for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program. PILT has not been reauthorized for Federal Fiscal Year 2015 and without congressional action; our county will face a budget shortfall that will impact our ability to provide essential services to residents and visitors.

Blaine County is just one of nearly 1,900 counties in 49 states and three U.S. territories that receive PILT funding. The federal government owns approximately 28 percent of all land in the U.S., and these lands are not taxable by local governments. PILT helps to offset these losses in tax revenues and help communities provide essential services to federal employees and families, the public and users of public lands. In my county, PILT funds are used to fund road and bridge maintenance, law enforcement, fire protection and geographic information systems (GIS).

Currently the House Interior, Environment and Related Agencies appropriations bill includes \$442 million for PILT as a one-year extension of mandatory spending. However, the Senate has no comparable measure. I urge you to work with your colleagues and leadership to ensure that we can continue to provide services necessary to keep our nation's counties healthy, vibrant, safe and resilient.

Thank you for your continued service to Blaine County and we stand ready to work with you to develop a funding solution for PILT for Fiscal Year 2015 and beyond.

The remainder of the day was spent on regular county business.

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