

**Montana Coal Board**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**March 14, 2024**  
Billings, MT

**Roll Call of Board Members:**

Hal Fuglevand - Present	Catherine Laughner - Present
Pat Lorello - Present	Sandra Jones - Present
Tim Schaff - Present	Sandy Tutvedt - Present
Jon Wells - Present	

**Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present:**

Galen Steffens, Division Administrator  
Rachel Young, Administrative Officer  
Anita Proul, Executive Assistant  
Canon Luerkens, Research and Information Services

**Public Present:**

John Williams, Mayor Colstrip	Jim Atchison, SEMDC
Joe Purcell, Mayor Hardin	Lon Sibley, PW Director Roundup
Chad Hanson, Great West Engineering	Brad Caton, Programs Dir Red Lodge Comm Fdn
Bill Bullock, Carbon County Commissioner	Sig Pugrud, Petroleum County Commissioner
Robie Culver, Stahly Engineering	Sara Strissel, Bear Paw Development
Tim Brurud, Executive Dir Boys & Girls Club	Representative Paul Tuss, HD28
Michael Hurff, Public Works Director Hardin	Dennis Kopitzke, Mayor Forsyth

**Call Meeting to Order**

0:00 Chair Wells called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.  
0:00 Ms. Young called the roll for Board members.  
16:50 \*\*Audio restored.

**Commerce Updates**

17:31 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

29:35 Chair Wells asked for any public comments on items not on the agenda, but within the Board's jurisdiction:  
Jim Atchison, SEMDC  
John Williams, Mayor Colstrip  
Joe Purcell, Mayor Hardin

**Budget Status Update**

**Cash Activity Detail – page 5 of binder**

38:33 Presenter: Ms. Young

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**Project Updates**

**#0959 – Big Horn County – Radiology Equipment at Big Horn Hospital-Thank You Letter-page 7 of binder**

41:35 Presenter: Ms. Young

**#0967 – Miles City – Two Police Vehicles-Thank You Letter-page 10 of binder**

42:13 Presenter: Ms. Young

**#0971 – Musselshell County – Purchase of Backhoe-Thank You Letter – page 12 of binder**

42:34 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Open and Closed project status – page 14 of binder**

43:03 Presenter: Ms. Young

**New Applications**

**#0983 – City of Roundup – Purchase Garbage Truck – page 16 of binder**

0:47:05 Presenter: Ms. Young

**#0984 – Carbon County – Purchase AWD Vehicle – page 39 of binder**

0:52:55 Presenter: Ms. Young

**#0985 – Petroleum County – Courthouse Renovation – page 62 of binder**

1:00:58 Presenter: Ms. Young

**#0986 – City of Havre – Boys & Girls Club Heating/Cooling Upgrades – page 280 of binder**

1:17:54 Presenter: Ms. Young

**#0987 – City of Hardin – Purchase Garbage Truck – page 321 of binder**

1:33:44 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Board Action Items:**

**Approval of Minutes**

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1:41:50 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – approve minutes as written

Second: Ms. Jones

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**#0937 – City of Forsyth – Water System Construction Costs-Extension Request – page 365 of binder**

1:42:49 Presenter: Ms. Young

Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – grant extension to December 2025

Second: Mr. Fuglevand

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

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**Board Action on Grant Applications**

**#0983 – City of Roundup – Purchase Garbage Truck – page 16 of binder**

1:46:59 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – fund full amount, \$200,000  
Second: Ms. Laughner  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes, except Ms. Jones abstained. Motion Passed.

**#0984 – Carbon County – Purchase AWD Vehicle – page 39 of binder**

1:48:44 Motion: Ms. Laughner – fund full amount, \$87,396  
Second: Mr. Fuglevand  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all no except Mr. Fuglevand and Ms. Laughner. Motion Failed.

**#0985 – Petroleum County – Courthouse Renovation – page 62 of binder**

1:51:32 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – fund full amount, \$495,850  
Second: Ms. Laughner

1:56:14 Motion: Chair Wells – amend motion to fund \$250,000  
Second: Ms. Tutvedt  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

1:59:11 Motion: Chair Wells – vote on original motion as amended  
Second: N/A  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**#0986 – City of Havre – Boys & Girls Club Heating/Cooling Upgrades – page 280 of binder**

2:00:01 Motion: Ms. Jones – deny application  
Second: Ms. Tutvedt  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Ms. Laughner & Chair Wells. Motion Passed.

**#0987 – City of Hardin – Purchase Garbage Truck – page 321 of binder**

2:02:19 Motion: Hal Fuglevand – fund full amount, \$210,000  
Second: Ms. Laughner  
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

2:03:44 Chair Wells opened the meeting for any public comment:  
Jim Atchison, SEMDC  
John Williams, Mayor Colstrip

**Board Matters**

**Confirmation of next meeting dates and location**

2:07:25 Presenter: Ms. Young

**Adjournment**

2:08:34 Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.