

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A REQUEST  
BY THE WINIFRED FIRE DISTRICT TO FUND THE DISTRICT'S  
ACTIVITIES BY IMPOSITION OF AN ANNUAL MILL LEVY

WHEREAS, there is a validly existing fire district known as the Winifred Fire District, which has been formed and organized pursuant to the provisions of Title 7, Chapter 33, Part 21; and until this time the District has chosen to fund its activities by accepting subscriptions from members or property owners within the district; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Winifred Fire District, has passed a resolution, dated February 20, 2014, requesting the Board of County Commissioners to allow the district to raise revenue by imposition of an annual tax levy; and in minutes from the Board of Trustees dated July 27, 2015, the Trustees have requested a sufficient levy to raise the amount of \$57,000.00 on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the state of Montana regarding rural fire districts specifically recognize that the manner of funding of such fire districts is by an annual tax levy (section 7-33-2109, MCA); and it is the position of the Board of County Commissioners that with such statutory authority it is not necessary to submit the issue to the voters of the district; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners scheduled a public hearing on the issue, and Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Lewistown News Argus on December 12<sup>th</sup> and December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2015, a public hearing took place on the issue of funding of the district by an annual tax levy, and after the

close of the public hearing, the Board, by passage of this resolution, approved the request of the District, with the terms of the approval being described below;

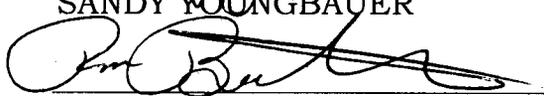
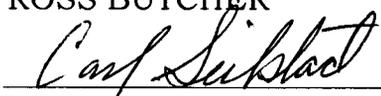
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the request of the Winifred Fire District to raise revenue by an annual tax levy; provided such tax levy does not affect or diminish the ability of the Board of Commissioner to levy annually for other County purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the maximum amount of mills that may be levied to support district operations is yet to be determined, yet nonetheless the Board of Commissioners at this time approves whatever levy is necessary to raise the amount of \$57,000.00 annually; or if such amount exceeds the maximum amount legally permissible, then the amount to be levied will be set at the maximum amount.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fergus County Clerk and Recorder shall provide a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Revenue.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2015.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

  
SANDY YOUNGBAUER  
  
ROSS BUTCHER  
  
CARL SEILSTAD

ATTEST:  
  
RANA WICHMAN, Clerk & Recorder