

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS

MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

August 13th, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Rod Brewer, Vice-Charmain Ben Hurwitz and Commissioner Errol Galt were present for the meeting.

Claims Review / Minutes Review:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve the minutes from August 6th, 2024. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

Monthly County Attorney Report – Burt Hurwitz

County Attorney Hurwitz & Victim Witness Advocate Laura Taylor entered the chamber at 9 a.m.

Hurwitz opened by reviewing the Day Springs Restoration Agreement. Hurwitz stated the agreement is not binding, it gives the building/maintenance department a point of contact in an emergency with the understanding any major repairs would have to go out to bid. The commissioners agreed to sign the agreement.

Hurwitz reported Sean Hill, Yellowstone Environmental Solution agreed to continue providing Sanitarian services to the county.

Hurwitz updated on the Flying T settlement, Hurwitz provided pictures of the old county road in question to Susan Swimley to solidify that the county would not be rebuilding the road.

Greg Philpot entered the chambers at 9 a.m.

Philpott requested the Commissioner input on dissolving the Grassy Mountain Ranch Owners Association (GMROA). Hurwitz explained when the subdivision was created the Commissioner at that time put the GMRHOA and Grassy Mountain Fire District (GMFD) in place to ensure the subdivision was self-governing and that burden would not fall back onto the county.

Witness Victim Advocate Laura Taylor review the trials that took place in July and August. The courtroom was extremely hot during the July trial, Taylor explained the steps taken to alleviate the heat for the August trial including moving jury selection to the school. Taylor and Hurwitz discussed option for cooling the courtroom including installing air-conditioning, however any noise from fans or motors inhabit the court reporter from hearing the testimony and they are costly for the amount of time they would be used. Hurwitz brought up the possibility of installing microphones in the courtroom.

ACTION #2

Commissioner Brewer moved to sign the agreement with Day springs Restoration. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed the issue is hereby resolved.

Monthly Cemetery Board Report – Kathy Palmer & Randy Harden:

Cemetery Board Member Kathy Palmer & Sexton Randy Harden entered the chambers at 10:23 a.m.

Palmer stated the board is pleased with the cemetery operations. The board hired Randy Porter for the seasonal Cemetery Assistant. Harden stated he has been working on keeping the weeds under control and mainline for the sprinklers had to be repaired. Harden stated the chain link fence will need to be repaired at some point.

Public Hearing Budget amendments – Dayna Ogle:

Finance Officer Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 10:30 a.m.

Ogle presented the Commissioner with the budget amendments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Resolution 2024 - ~~2025~~ #12

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2023.2024 budget has been set and,

WHEREAS, the General Fund (1000) had unexpected expenses related to the transfer of Entitlement money to the Library in the amount of \$10,200 and,

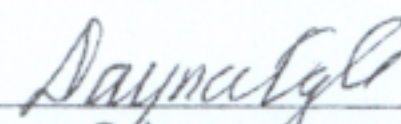
WHEREAS, the General Fund (1000) had unexpected expenses related to the transfer of Entitlement money to the Meagher county Senior Center in the amount of \$15,000 and,

WHEREAS, the General fund (1000) had unexpected revenue from Montana Department of Revenue Entitlement Share payment totaling \$25,200.

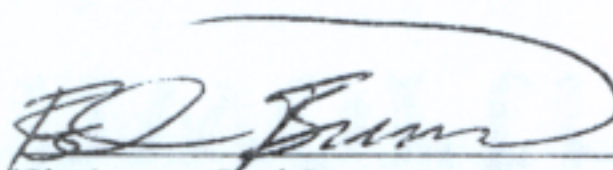
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the budget in the General Fund (1000) for unexpected expense and unexpected revenue totaling \$25,200 (twenty five thousand two hundred dollars and no cents) effective June 30, 2024.

Dated this 13th day of August 2024

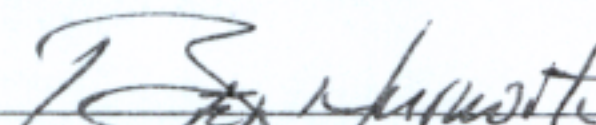
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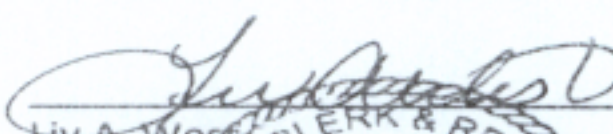

Dayna Ogle
Chief Financial Officer

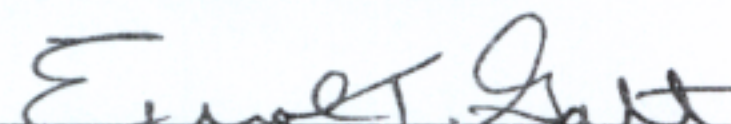
Board of County Commissioners:


Chairman Rod Brewer

Attest:


Commissioner Ben Murwitz


Liv A. West
Clerk & Recorder


Commissioner Errol Galt



Resolution 2024 - 2025 # 13
Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2023.2024 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the General Fund (1000.209) had unexpected expenses related to the purchase of emergency services radios in the amount of \$17,000 and,

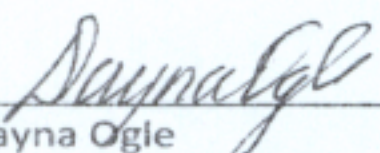
WHEREAS, the General Fund (1000.249) had unexpected expenses related to the purchase of emergency services side by side in the amount of \$30,000,

WHEREAS, the General fund (1000) had unexpected revenue from two Bair Grants totaling \$47,000.

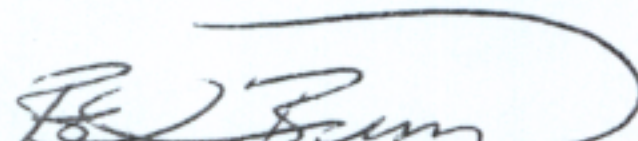
NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the budget in the General Fund (1000) for unexpected expense and unexpected revenue totaling \$47,000 (forty-seven thousand dollars and no cents) effective June 30, 2024.

Dated this 13st day of August 2024

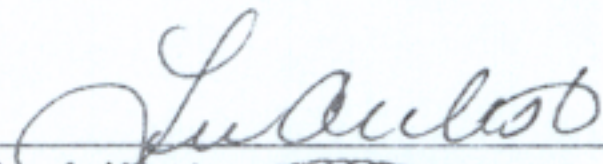
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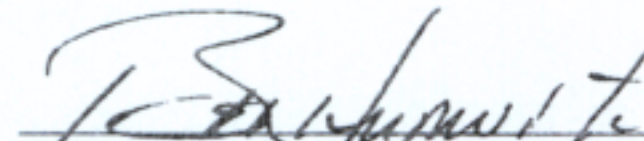

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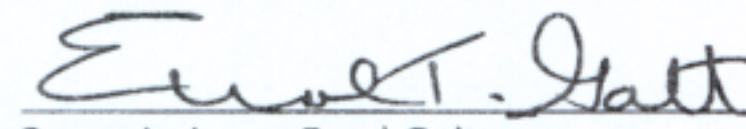
Board of County Commissioners:


Chairman Rod Brewer

Attest:


Liv A. West
Clerk & Recorder


Commissioner Ben Hurwitz


Commissioner Errol Galt



Resolution 2024 - 2025 # 14
Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2023.2024 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff (1000.209) has a checking account outside the Black Mountain Software System program and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff is required to report the revenue and expenditures from this checking account and,

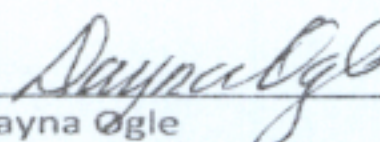
WHEREAS, the Sheriff (1000.209) did not add this amount into the original budget and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff is expecting to receive and expend approximately \$4,536 in the checking account during FY 23.24.

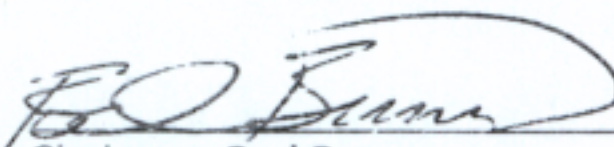
NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the budget for the unexpected revenue and unexpected expense in the Sheriff checking account (1000.209) in the amount of \$ 4,536 (four thousand five hundred thirty-six dollars and no cents) effective June 30, 2024.

Dated this 13st day of August 2024

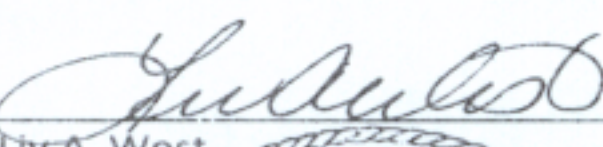
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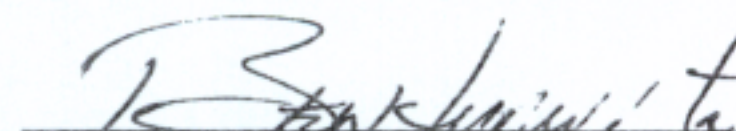

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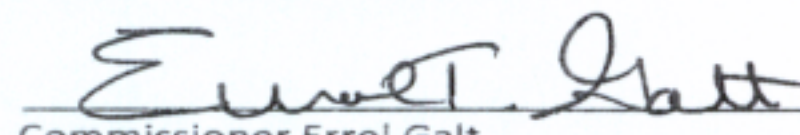
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Clerk & Recorder


Commissioner Ben Hurwitz


Commissioner Errol Galt



Resolution 2024 - 2025 #15

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2023.2024 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Justice of the Peace (1000.211) has a checking account outside the Black Mountain Software System program and,

WHEREAS, the Justice of the Peace is required to report the revenue and expenditures from this checking account and,

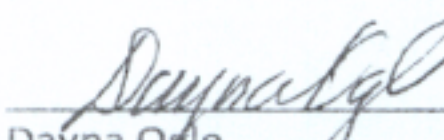
WHEREAS, the Justice of the Peace (1000.211) did not add this amount into the original budget and,

WHEREAS, the Justice of the Peace is expecting to receive and expend approximately \$19,550 in the checking account during FY 23.24.

NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the budget for the unexpected revenue and unexpected expense in the Justice of the Peace checking account (1000.211) in the amount of \$ 19,550 (nineteen thousand five hundred fifty dollars and no cents) effective June 30, 2024.

Dated this 13th day of August 2024

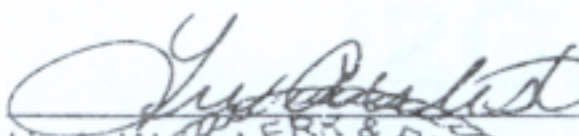
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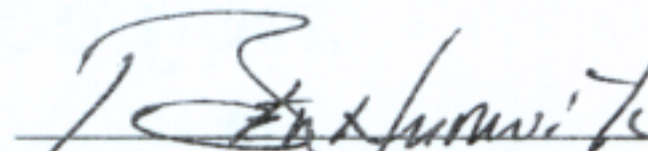

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Chief Financial Officer

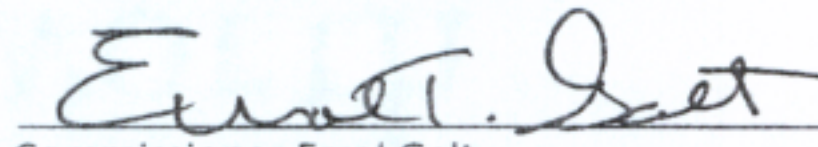
Board of County Commissioners:


Chairman Rod Brewer

Attest:


Liv A. West
Clerk & Recorder


Commissioner Ben Hurwitz


Commissioner Errol Galt



Resolution 2024 - 2025 #16

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2023.2024 budget has been set and,

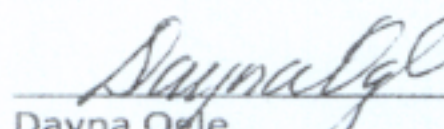
WHEREAS, the Harmon Fund (2790) had unexpected expenses related to banking fees in the amount of \$185 and,

WHEREAS, the Harmon Fund (2790) will utilize their cash on hand to offset the expense.

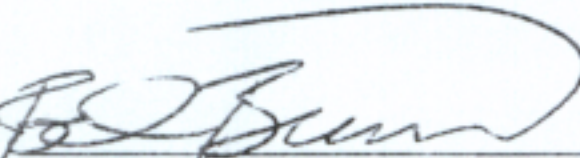
NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the budget in the Harmon Fund (2790) in the amount of \$185 (one hundred eighty five dollars and no cents) effective June 30, 2024.

Dated this 13th day of August 2024

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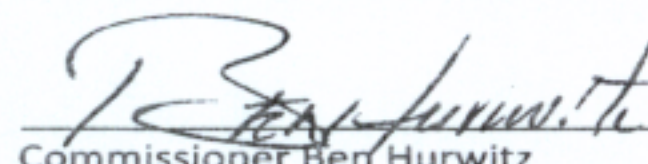

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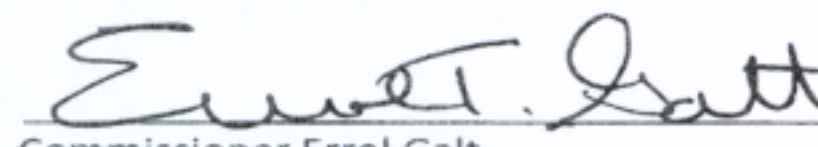
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Clerk & Recorder


Commissioner Ben Hurwitz


Commissioner Errol Galt



Resolution 2024 - 2025 # 17

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2023.2024 budget has been set and,

WHEREAS, the District Court Fund (2180) had unexpected expenses related to postage costs for jury notices in the amount of \$168 and,

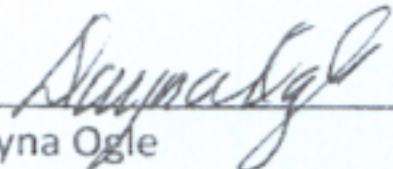
WHEREAS, the District court Fund (2180) will utilized the cash on hand to offset the expense.

NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the budget in the District Court Fund (2180) for unexpected expense totaling \$168 (one hundred sixty eight dollars and no cents) effective June 30, 2024.

Dated this 13st day of August 2024

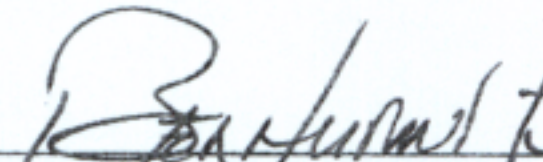
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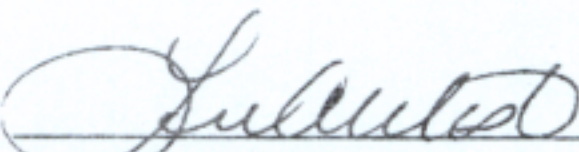
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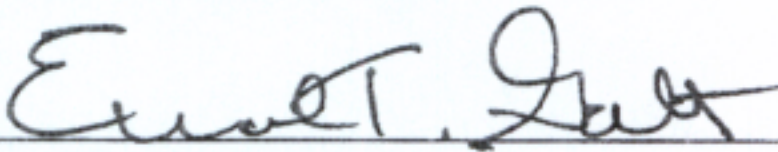

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Commissioner Errol Galt



Resolution 2024 - 2025 # 18

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2023.2024 budget has been set and,

WHEREAS, the Search & Rescue Fund (2382) had unexpected expenses related to cost of repairing the garage door in the amount of \$1,635 and,

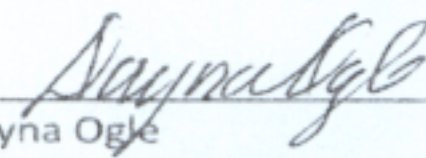
WHEREAS, the Search & Rescue Fund (2382) will utilized the cash on hand to offset the expense.

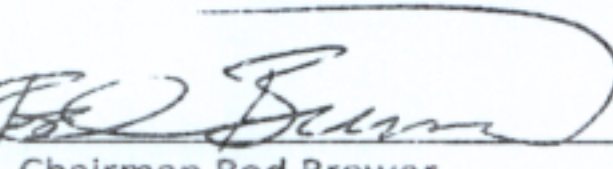
NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the budget in the Search & Rescue Fund (2382) for unexpected expense totaling \$1,635 (one thousand six hundred thirty-five dollars and no cents) effective June 30, 2024.

Dated this 13st day of August 2024

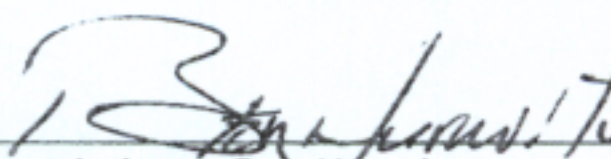
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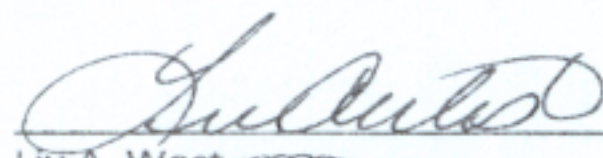
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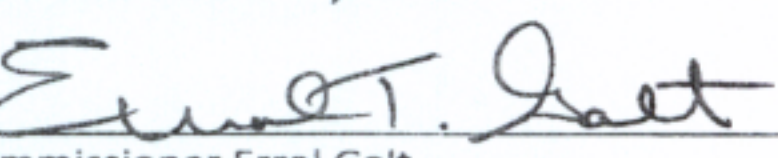

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Clerk & Recorder


Commissioner Errol Galt



Resolution 2024 - 2025 #19

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2023.2024 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Weed Grant Castle View (2842) did not have a budget set for FY 23.24 and,

WHEREAS, the Weed Grant Castle View (2842) had unexpected expenses in the amount of \$17,993 and,

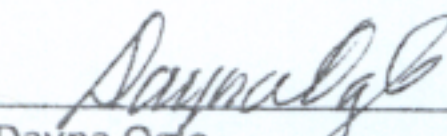
WHEREAS, the Weed Grant Castle View (2842) had unexpected revenue in the amount of 17,993 and,

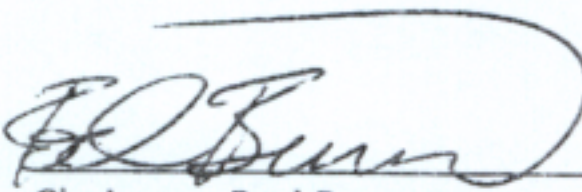
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the budget for the unexpected revenue and unexpected expense in the Weed Grant Castle View (2842) in the amount of \$ 17,933 (seventeen thousand nine hundred thirty three dollars and no cents) effective June 30, 2024.

Dated this 13st day of August 2024

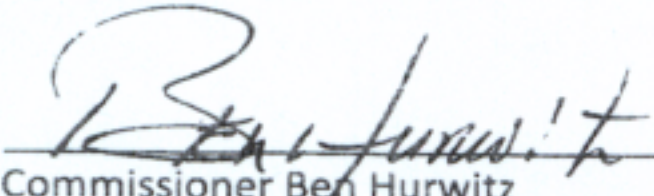
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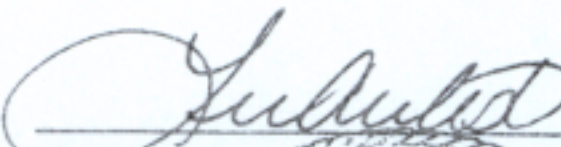
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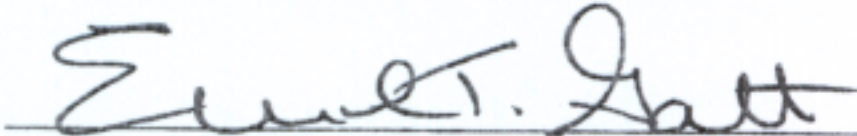

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Chief Financial Officer


Chairman Rod Brewer

Attest:


Commissioner Ben Hurwitz


Liv A. West
Clerk & Recorder


Commissioner Errol Galt



Resolution 2024 - 2025 # 20

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2023.2024 budget has been set and,

WHEREAS, the Crime Victim Advocate Fund (2917) had unexpected expenses related to startup costs for the program in the amount of \$24,500 and,

WHEREAS, the Crime Victim Advocate Fund (2917) had unexpected revenue from PILT (2900) in the amount of \$24,500 and,

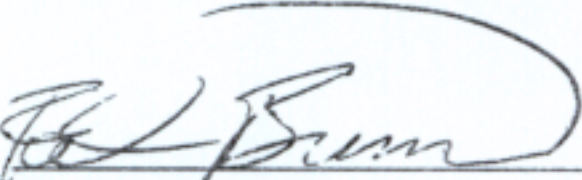
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the budget in the Crime Victim Advocate Fund (2917) in the amount of \$24,500 (twenty-four thousand five hundred dollars and no cents) effective June 30, 2024.

Dated this 13st day of August 2024

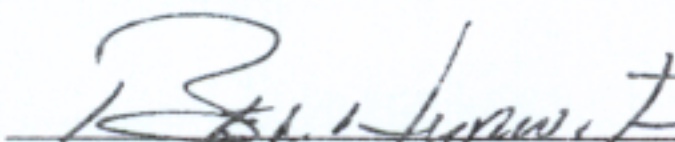
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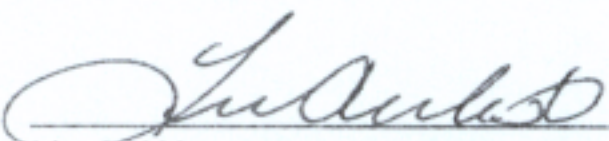
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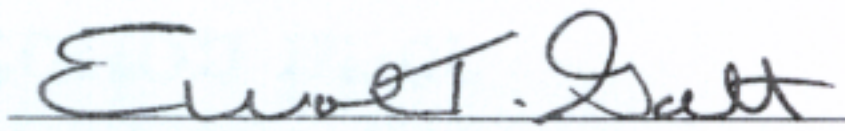

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Resolution 2024 - 2025 # 21

Budget Amendment

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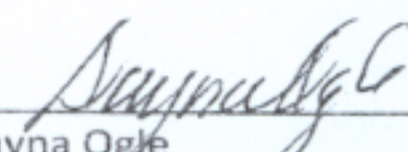
WHEREAS, the Respit Care Fund (2988) had unexpected expenses in the amount of \$2,000 and,

WHEREAS, the Respit Care Fund (2988) had unexpected revenue from PILT (2900) in the amount of \$2,000 and,

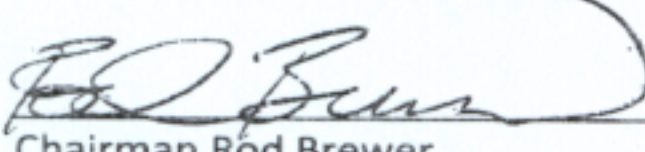
NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of County Commissioners are amending the budget in the Respit Care Fund (2988) in the amount of \$2,000 (two thousand dollars and no cents) effective June 30, 2024.

Dated this 13st day of August 2024

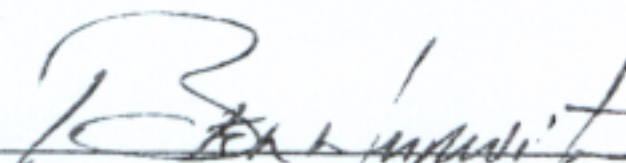
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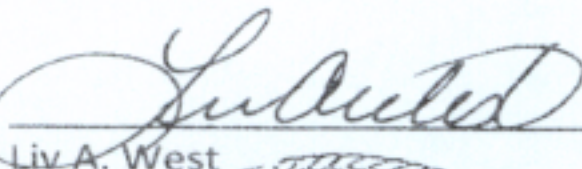

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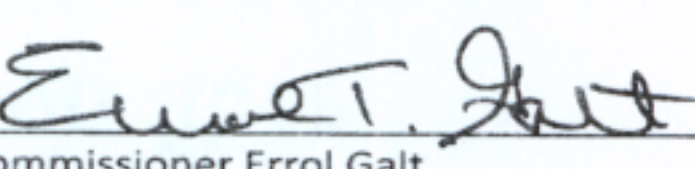
Board of County Commissioners:


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Commissioner Errol Galt



Resolution 2024 - 2025 # 22

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2023.2024 budget has been set and,

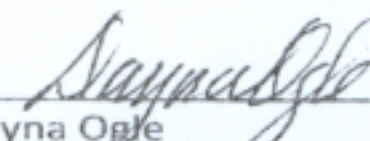
WHEREAS, the Health Alert Network HAN Fund (2974) had unexpected expenses in the amount of \$2,300 and,

WHEREAS, the Health Alert Network HAN Fund (2974) will utilize their cash on hand to offset the expenses.

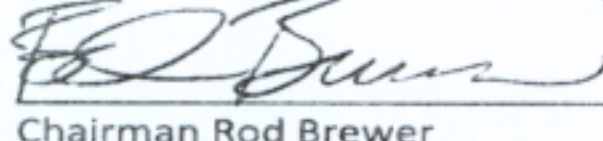
NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the budget in the Health Alert Network Fund (2974) in the amount of \$2,300 (two thousand three hundred dollars and no cents) effective June 30, 2024.

Dated this 13st day of August 2024

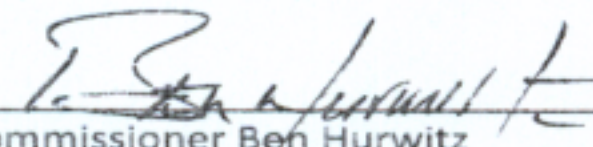
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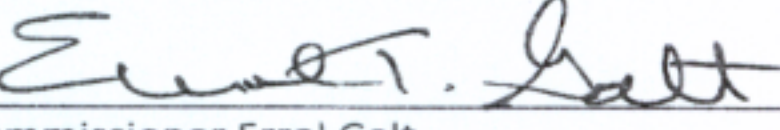
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Commissioner Errol Galt



Resolution 2024 - 2025 # 23

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2023.2024 budget has been set and,

WHEREAS, the Community Service Block Grant (2979) had unexpected expenses in the amount of \$95 and,

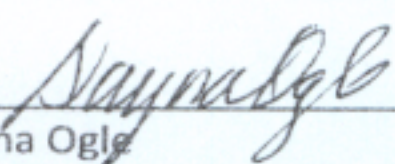
WHEREAS, the Community Service Block Grant (2979) will utilize their cash on hand to offset the expenses.

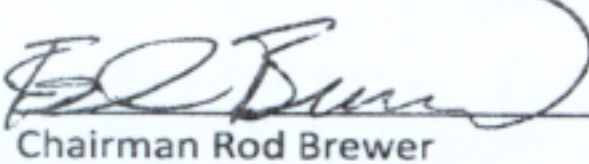
NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the budget in the Community Service Block Grant (2979) in the amount of \$95 (ninety five dollars and no cents) effective June 30, 2024.

Dated this 13st day of August 2024

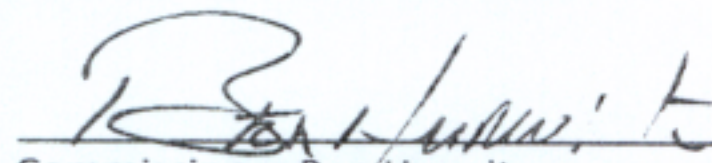
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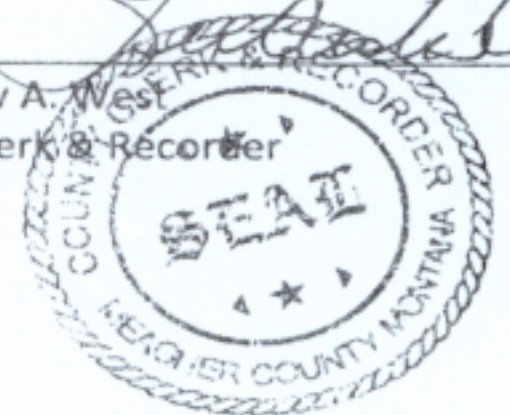
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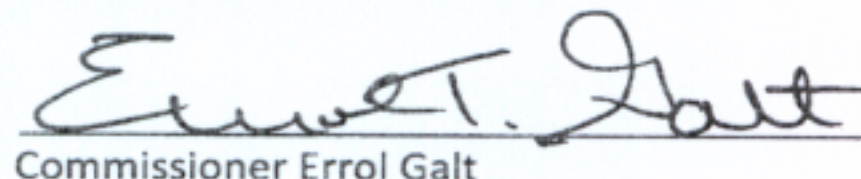

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Chief Financial Officer


Chairman Rod Brewer

Attest:


Commissioner Ben Hurwitz


Liv A. West
Clerk & Recorder



Commissioner Errol Galt

Resolution 2024 - 2025 # 24

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2023.2024 budget has been set and,

WHEREAS, the General Building Capital Outlay fund (4010) had unexpected expenses in the amount of \$940 and,

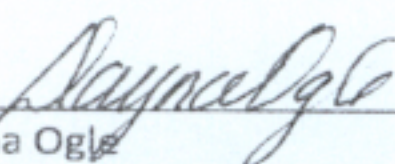
WHEREAS, the General Building Capital Outlay fund (4010) will utilize their cash on hand to offset the expenses.

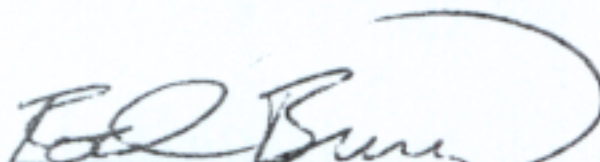
NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the budget in the General Building Capital Outlay fund (4010) in the amount of \$940 (nine hundred forty dollars and no cents) effective June 30, 2024.

Dated this 13st day of August 2024

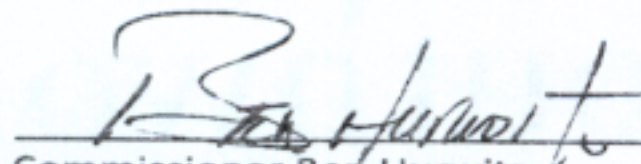
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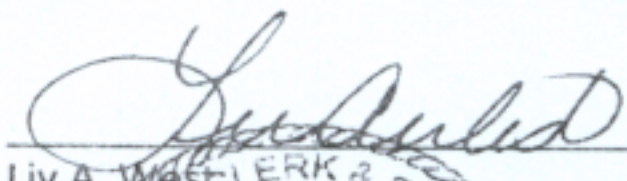
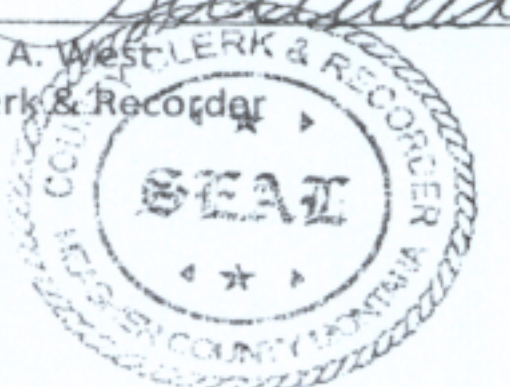
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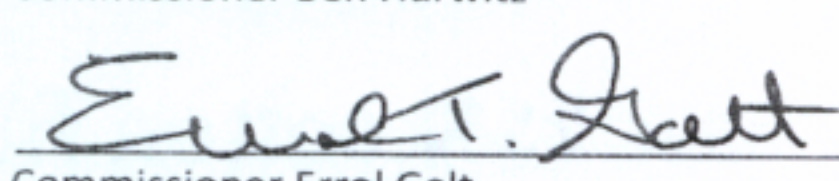

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Chairman Rod Brewer

Attest:


Commissioner Ben Hurwitz


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Clerk & Recorder



Commissioner Errol Galt

Resolution 2024 - 2025 # 25

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2023.2024 budget has been set and,

WHEREAS, the America Recovery Plan Act Fund (2991) had unexpected expenses related to engineering costs for the Martinsdale Water & Sewer Project in the amount of \$6,750 and,

WHEREAS, the American Recovery Plan Act Fund (2991) had unexpected revenue in the form of a loan from PILT (2900) in the amount of \$6,750 and,

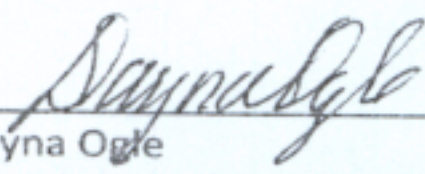
WHEREAS, the American Recovery Plan Act Fund (2991) will receive reimbursement from the State of Montana for the ARPA Minimum Allocation Grant funding in July 2024 and will repay the loan from PILT.

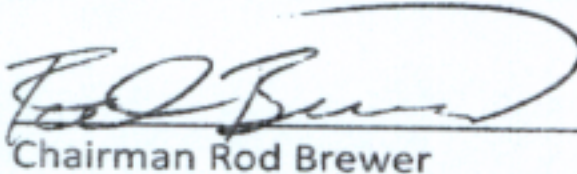
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the budget in the American Recovery Plan Act Fund (2991) for \$6,750 (six thousand seven hundred fifty dollars and no cents) effective June 30, 2024.

Dated this 13th day of August 2024

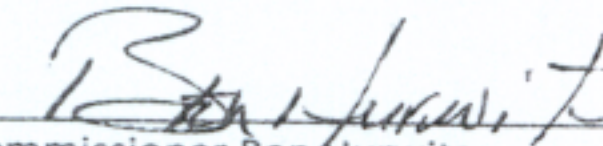
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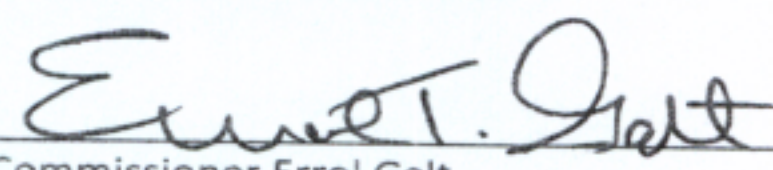

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Attest:


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Resolution 2024 - 2025 # 26

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2023.2024 budget has been set and,

WHEREAS, the Home Health Care Fund (2980) had unexpected expenses in the amount of \$3,600 and,

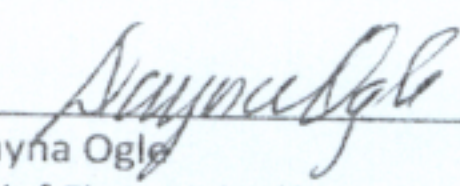
WHEREAS, the Home Health Care Fund (2980) had unexpected revenue from PILT (2900) in the amount of \$3,600 and,

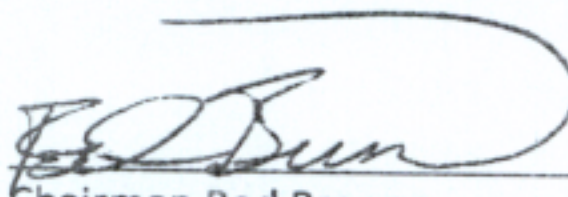
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of County Commissioners are amending the budget in the Home Health Care Fund (2980) in the amount of \$3,600 (three thousand six hundred dollars and no cents) effective June 30, 2024.

Dated this 13th day of August 2024

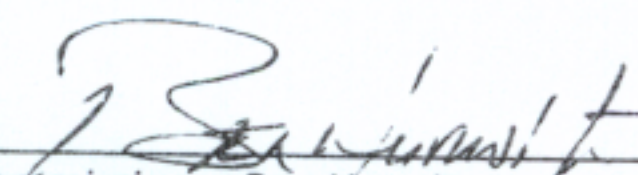
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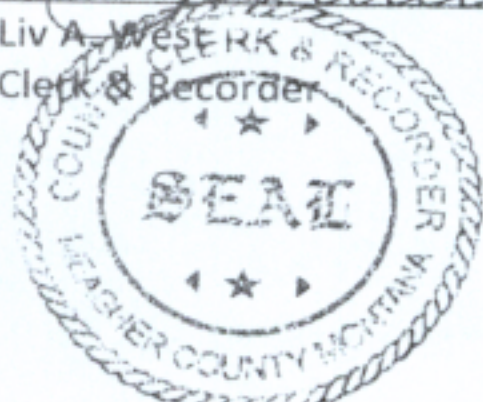

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Grassy Mountain Ranch Owners Assoc. letter:

County Attorney Burt Hurwitz & Greg Philpot entered the chambers at 11:10 a.m. Hurwitz presented a letter to the Commissioners for signature. The letter reiterated the commissioners at the time the subdivision was approved gave the GMROA oversight of the subdivision to keep that burden off the other residents of the county.

ACTIONS #3

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve the letter to the GMROA. Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Martinsdale Water & Sewer Project – Jim Maddox and Kirk Keysor:

Jim Maddox and Kirk Keysor entered the chambers at 11:45 a.m.

Maddox updated the Commissioner on the progress of the Martinsdale project, all main lines are installed and the project will have enough funds to continue the main line on E street and loop it back into system rather having a dead end on that street.

Maddox presented the CDBG draw request #1 for signature. Ogle, Maddox and Keysor then reviewed the ARPA MAG draw request #3 & #4. Ogle stated as soon as the funds were transferred into the county checking account she would deposit the check for the draw requests into the Martinsdale Water & Sewer account.

Meagher County Public TV – BJ Hawkins:

BJ Hawkins entered the chambers at 1:00 p.m.

Hawkins stated this is Meagher County Public TV's 38th year in broadcasting. Hawkins presented a "2023 – 2024 Year in Review". The report she outlined all of the services and programming that were broadcast this past year. Hawkins also presented the year end budget review. Hawkins stated she came in under budget last year and is requesting \$15,500 in support for fiscal year 24.25

ACTION #4

Resolution FY 24.25 #27

Commissioner Brewer moved to accept the agreement with Meagher County Public TV for services in Fiscal year 24.25. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and passed, the issue is hereby resolved.

Flood Plain Plan – Jon Lopp and Laura Taylor:

DES Coordinator Jon Lopp and Deputy DES Coordinator Laura Taylor entered the chambers at 1:30 p.m. County Attorney Burt Hurwitz entered the chambers

Hurwitz stated currently Meagher County does not have a flood plain designation. There are flood plain maps, however they have never been adopted.

Lopp stated he is working on the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Meagher County; the plan requires flood plain regulations to be in place. Adopting a Hazard Mitigation Plan would allow the county to apply for federal grants related to hazard mitigation. Commissioners agreed a flood plain plan would be beneficial to Meagher County. Taylor will work on the next steps to put a plan in place.

Budget Workshop – Dayna Ogle

Finance Officer entered the chambers at 2:00 p.m.

Ogle and the Commissioner review the Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 proposed budget.

Budget workshop will continue on August 20th at 10 a.m.

Claims Approved:

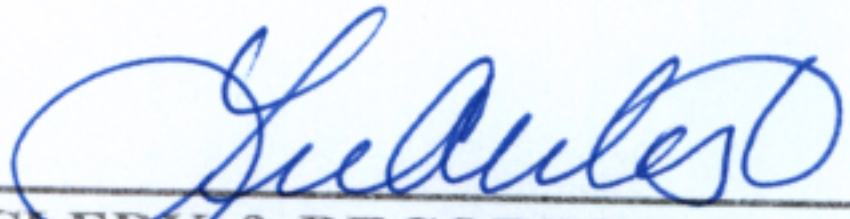
Commissioners were presented with Claim Check #61670 through Check #61687 totaling \$434,672.33 and electronic check #99843 through electronic check # 99853 totaling \$ 119,601.57. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

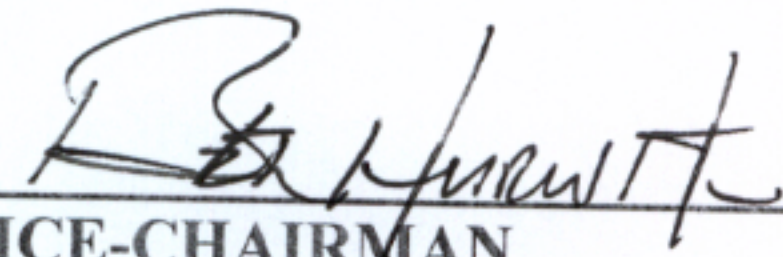
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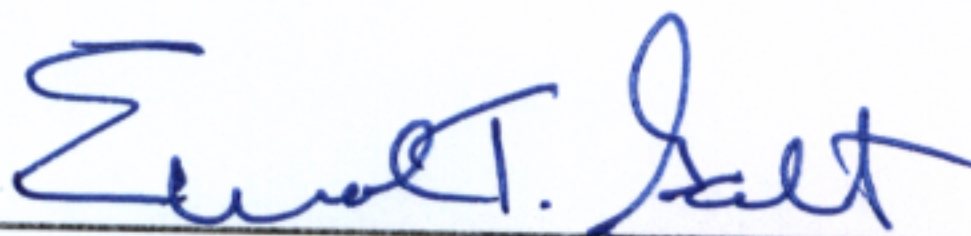
Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, August 20, 2024.


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CHAIRMAN




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COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Chief Financial Officer Dayna Ogle
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