

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS

MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

August 15th, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Rod 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

Chair Brewer moved to approve the Minutes from August 8th, 2023. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

Library Report – Rachel Wahlstrom

Library Director, Rachel Wahlstrom entered the chambers at 9:00 a.m.

Wahlstrom opened with her July report for the Meagher County City Library. Wahlstrom stated that Summer Reading Program is complete. During summer reading the hospital served over 40 lunches to children under 18. The hospital is currently serving approximately 20 lunches to kids on Wednesdays.

Wahlstrom stated the community room at the library is getting a lot of use. The library has added an outside key pad to the door so that patrons can access the community room on weekends or when the library is closed.

Wahlstrom indicated the library took an online poll regarding opening the library on Saturdays. Wahlstrom stated 80 people responded and 75% are in favor of the library being open on

Saturdays. Wahlstrom stated the library is considering opening the library from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Wahlstrom presented to the Commission the proposed library budget for Fiscal Year 23.24

Extension Report – Makayla Paul: Cancelled

Budget Workshop

Finance Officer Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 9:30a.m.

Ogle and the Commissioner reviewed the budget requests in the General Fund for Fiscal Year 23.24

Treasurer Report – Maura Kusek

County Treasurer Maura Kusek entered the chambers at 11:00 a.m.

Kusek presented the Commission with her monthly Cash Report for signature.

Kusek then presented the Commission with a credit card application for the Sheriff's office for signature.

Cemetery Report – Rosie Spaulding

Cemetery Board Member - Rosie Spaulding and Cemetery Board Member Angie Egeler

Spaulding stated, the Cemetery board is looking to purchase a snow plow. They will be looking into estimates. Due to the Heavy snowfall last winter and drivers who were unfamiliar with the cemetery layout some headstones were damaged. Spaulding indicated that purchasing a plow would allow for Cemetery sexton, Mike Marion to work through the winter. Spaulding and the Commissioners discussed that Marion would plow at the Cemetery, Courthouse, Ambulance, Library, Sheriff Office, and at the Airport around the buildings.

The Cemetery Board, Ogle and Commissioners reviewed the proposed Cemetery budget.

LEPC Lunch 12:00 p.m.

Airport Capital Improvement Plan Update – Robert Peccia & Associates, Lance Bowser, Airport Board President, Kurt Burns

Airport Board President, Kurt Burns entered the chambers at 1:25 p.m.

Burns and the Commission discussed the proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the funding for each project. It was unclear how the match for the Runway Overlay project would be funded.

Burns will contact Robert Peccia & Associates, Lance Bowser for more information on the funding options. CIP was tabled until next week August 22nd 2023.

Budget Workshop Cont.:

Finance Officer Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 1:45 p.m.

Ogle and the Commissioners continued to review the Fiscal Year 23.24 budget requests. Budget workshop will continue next week August 22nd 2023.

Public Comment / Claims Approval:

No Public Comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Claim Check #60584 through Check #60604 totaling \$22,353.16. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Chief Financial Officer Dayna Ogle/ formatted by Clerk to the Commission Jennifer Deems.
Distributed August 22nd, 2023 to Chairman Brewer, Vice Chair Hurwitz, and Commissioner Galt, and Clerk & Recorder Liv West