

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS

MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

August 22nd, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Rod Brewer called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 15th, 2023. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

Special Police – Rick Nelson

White Sulphur Springs, Mayor Rick Nelson entered the chambers at 9:15 a.m.

Nelson and the commissioners discussed the Special Police Fund. Nelson stated the City of White Sulphur Springs would be able to contribute \$6000 in addition to what the Special Police Fund will receive in tax revenue.

Nelson stated the city's preliminary Budget Hearing is set for August 29, 2023 and if there are no changes final budget will be approved on September 5th, 2023.

Budget Workshop - Dayna Ogle:

Finance Officer Dayna Ogle enter the chambers at 9:00 a.m.

Ogle and the Commissioners discussed the Budget requests for Fiscal Year 23.24.

Airport Capital Improvement Plan Update – Robert Peccia & Associates, Lance Bowser,

Airport board:

Airport Board President Kurt Burns entered the chambers at 10:00 a.m.

Robert Peccia & Associates, Lance Bowser was available by phone.

Bowser opened by stating all FAA Grants require a 10% local share. Burns asked about the \$1.4M FAA funding for 2025 that was stated in Bowsers previous report. Bowser states that is available but also requires a 10% local share. The Airport Runway Overlay Project including engineering costs would be an estimated \$2.5M project requiring \$250,000 local share. The preliminary engineering will start in 2024 with an estimated cost of \$150,000. FAA funding will pay for \$135,000 with a \$15,000 local match. Bowser will apply for a Montana Aeronautics grant however it may only cover half of the local share. Bowser stated that when the grant is applied for, the Airport can state in the application, a minimum monetary requirement needed to complete the project and without that amount the project would not be able to move forward. This could assist with the grant attaining approval.

ACTION #2

Chair Brewer motioned to accept the 5 years Airport Capital Improvement Plan as presented and start the preliminary engineering for the Airport Overlay Project this year. Commissioner Galt seconded it. A vote was taken and passed.

Cemetery: Rosie Spaulding

Rosie Spaulding entered the Chambers at 11:00 a.m.

Spaulding presented the Commissioners with several quotes for the purchase of a snow plow for the Cemetery truck. Quotes included:

High Country Boats for \$11,695; available in 2 – 4 weeks

Montana Boat Center had no full-size plows.

HCL Trucks for \$9,500; availability unknown.

Kois Brothers Equipment for \$10,700; in stock and available immediately.

Spaulding also presented the commission with a budget proposal for replacing the front door on the Courthouse. Frontline Glass for \$19,643.00.

ACTION #3

Vice Chair Hurwitz motioned to purchase a snow plow from Kois Brothers in Great Falls for \$10,700. Chair Brewer seconded it. A Vote was taken and the plow will be purchased.

Budget Workshop Continued:

Finance Officer Ogle and the Commissioners continued to review the Fiscal Year 23.24 budget requests. Commission instructed Ogle to make final changes to the budget and schedule a Preliminary Budget Hearing for August 30th, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Public Comment / Claims Approval:

No Public Comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Claim Check #60634 through Check #60654 totaling \$37,440.98. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Wednesday, August 30th, 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 September 5th, 2023 to Chairman Brewer, Vice Chair Hurwitz, and Commissioner Galt, and Clerk & Recorder Liv West.