

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

August 5th, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 11:34 a.m.

Commissioner Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

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

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Rod Brewer moved to approve the minutes from July 22nd, 2025. Vice-Chairman Errol Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Road/Fire-Jake Kusek

Jake Kusek entered the chambers at 9:00 a.m.

Kusek met with the Commissioners to discuss the Road and Fire Report. The roller for the millings was delivered on Thursday, July 31, 2025. Currently, Roy Goleman is working on piling millings, while Bryan Holtz and Tyler Dreidlein are in Martinsdale removing old asphalt. Kusek is also working on reassembling the grader and mowing.

Road/Fire Budget-Jake Kusek

County Treasurer Dayna Ogle and Jennifer Deems entered the Chambers at 9:32 a.m.

Kusek, Ogle, and Deems talked with the Commissioners about the Road/Fire Budget.

Sheriff Report-Jon Lopp

Sheriff Jon Lopp entered the chambers at 10:14 a.m.

Sheriff Lopp presented the Commissioners with the Complaint Report for the month of July, 2025. The Sheriff's Office received two hundred thirty-nine (239) incoming calls, thirty-five (35) 9-1-1 calls, and one hundred seventy-five (175) people coming into the Sheriff's office for a total of four hundred forty-nine (449) people who contacted the Sheriff's Office.

For the month of July 2025, in the city, three incidents were required reportable to the National Incident-Based Reporting System. In the county, seven incidents were required to be reported.

During the Red Ants Pants Festival, there were one hundred forty (140) calls for service reported between Wednesday night and Sunday night. There were four incidents involving DUI in the county, however; only two of the four incidents were related to the Red Ants Pants Festival.

Sheriff Budget-Jon Lopp

Lopp, Ogle, and Deems talked with Commissioners over the Sheriff's Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Lopp informed the Commissioners the need to start the process to purchase a new vehicle this year. The amount budgeted should be around \$75,000-80,000.

Lopp also stated that the firearm budget has increased due to the department's need to purchase new firearms. The old firearms will be traded in to offset the price of the new firearms.

The Sheriff's Office is considering switching from paper-only tickets to an electronic ticketing system. The full upgrade, which includes electronic tickets, tracking, and photo documentation along with another module called Field Ops for deputies which would provide only tracking and photo capabilities—would cost around \$14,000 together or \$3,000 for just the latter.

District Court Checking Account-Dayna Ogle and Candi Richardson

Candi Richardson and Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 11:00 a.m.

Ogle requested the Commissioners sign a letter to authorize the Clerk of District Court, Candi Richardson, to open a checking account at the Bank of the Rockies. This account will be used for the collection and distribution of fees collected by the court.

The signers on the account will be the District Court Clerk, Candi Richardson and the Meagher County Treasurer, Dayna Ogle.

Building Update-Dayna Ogle

County Treasurer Ogle updated the Commissioners that the Maintenance Assistant/Janitor Rosie Dutton's last day was on Friday, August 1st, 2025. Building Maintenance Boiler Operator Bill Dutton's last day will be August 8th, 2025.

The Commissioners emphasized the urgency of advertising the Maintenance position as soon as possible. The selected candidate will be required to obtain a boiler license within six months of hire.

Budget Workshop-Jennifer Deems

Budget workshop tabled until August 12th, 2025.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #62730 through Check #62757 totaling \$16718.92. Electronic Check #-99509 through #-99500 totaling \$3018.44. All Checks were signed as presented.

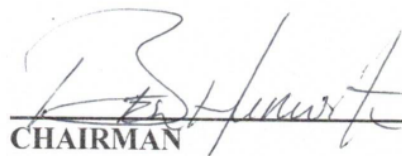
Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, August 12th, 2025.


CLERK & RECORDER


CHAIRMAN



VICE-CHAIRMAN


COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Briana Frasier.
Distributed August 12th, 2025 to Chairman Hurwitz, Vice Chair Galt, and Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Liv A. West.