

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

**Tuesday**

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

1:00 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Commissioners Present:**

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

**Minutes:**

**ACTION #1**

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve the minutes from March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

**Southwestern Montana Insurance Center – Julie Blocky**

Southwestern Montana Insurance Agent Julie Blocky entered the chambers at 1:00 p.m.

Blocky reviewed the projected changes to Meagher County's health insurance renewal for July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. While there have been some small increases in premiums and deductibles, overall, the policies remain fairly steady. Blocky explained the recent update related to the "Family Glitch Rule," impacting enrollment availability for eligible family members on the marketplace.

**Monthly Sheriff Report – Jon Lopp**

Meagher County Sheriff Jon Lopp entered the chambers at 2:20 p.m.

Sheriff Lopp presented the Commissioners with the statistics from March. The Sheriff's Office received 251 incoming calls, 279 people came in the office, and 16 9-1-1 call. For a total of 546 people contacting the Sheriff's Office in March.

Lopp informed the Commissioners that he applied for a High Visibility Enforcement – Mini Grant from DOT to help offset the cost of Red Ants Pants Music Festival.

Lopp presented an Emergency Management Performance Grant for Disaster & Emergency Services (DES) to Chairperson Brewer for signature.

**Clerk & Recorder / Temp. Employee / Job Posting – Liv West**

Clerk & Recorder Liv West entered the chambers at 2:55 p.m.

West informed the Commissioners regarding the resignation of Deputy Clerk & Recorder Emma Bess. West requested the Commissioners allow her to post the open Deputy Clerk & Recorder position ASAP. West also requested hiring former Clerk & Recorder Penny Plachy as a temporary Deputy Clerk & Recorder until the position is filled.

**Resolution FY 23.24 #81**

Commissioner Brewer moved to post the Deputy Clerk and Recorded Position. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed the issue is hereby resolved.

Agenda

April 12, 2024

7:00 AM

Meagher County Courthouse

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting

3. Public Hearing

4. Board Business

5. Adjourn

6. Open House

7. Public Comment

8. Board Business

9. Public Hearing

10. Board Business

11. Public Comment

12. Board Business

13. Public Hearing

14. Board Business

15. Public Comment

16. Board Business

17. Public Hearing

18. Board Business

19. Public Comment

20. Board Business

21. Public Hearing

22. Board Business

23. Public Comment

### **Resolution FY23.24 #82**

Commissioner Galt moved to hire Penny Plachy as the Temporary Deputy Clerk & Recorder. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

West presented the Commissioners with a contract entered into with the school for them to use the Express Votes machine during the upcoming School election on May 7, 2024.

West informed the Commissioners she has coordinated with Mr. Houser, the White Sulphur Springs Government Teacher. Government students will pre-stuff election envelopes with materials and voting instructions to further the students' knowledge of the election process. West stated that she has confirmed approximately 20 election judges and scheduled judge's training for April.

Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), a branch of Homeland Security was here last week to assess election security. This was not an audit; it was an assessment which is required every 3 years. CISA met with West, Sheriff Lopp DES, Deputy Director of Emergency Services Laura Taylor and Garrett Johnson from DIS Technologies was available via Zoom. The assessment is meant to identify gaps in security so any issues can be resolved prior to elections. CISA seemed pleased with the Cyber Security that is in place and offered a few suggestions to mitigate vulnerabilities. We should receive the completed report soon.

#### **Subdivision Regulations – Great West Engineering – Jerry Grebenc**

Great West Engineering Jerry Grebenc entered the chambers Via Zoom at 3:30 p.m.

Grebenc explained the changes made in the Legislature impacting County Subdivision Regulations. The only changes to Meagher County Subdivision Regulations are changes that were implemented during the last Legislative Session.

#### **P.E.R.S Retirement Contributions Discussion**

Finance Officer Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 4:00 p.m.

Discussion tabled until next week at 2:30 p.m.

#### **Public Comment:**

No Public Comment.

#### **Claims Approved:**

Commissioners were presented with check #61267 through check #61339 totaling \$68,821.60 and electronic check # -99960 through electronic check # -99950 totaling \$7,196.15. All checks were signed as presented.

Payroll Check #14052 through Check #14061 totaling \$34,971.02 and Electronic Payroll Check #-85209 through Check #-85369 totaling \$160,964.58. All Checks were signed as presented.

#### **Meeting Adjourned:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

March 17, 2024

Dear Mr. [Name],

I am writing to you regarding the [Subject]

The [Subject] is currently [Status]

I have reviewed the [Subject] and [Details]

I am sorry that [Subject]

I will be happy to [Subject]

Sincerely,  
[Signature]

[Name]

[Title]

[Address]

[City]

[State]

[Zip]

[Phone]

[Email]

[Additional Info]