

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

December 12th, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.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-Chairman Ben Hurwitz, and Commissioner Errol Galt were present for the meeting.

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve the Minutes from December 5th, 2023. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

County Attorney Report – Burt Hurwitz:

Attorney Hurwitz entered the chambers at 9:10 a.m.

Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 10 a.m.

Attorney Hurwitz stated the Montana Supreme Court decided the Westmoreland Coal Mine case in favor of the environmental groups. Considering the timing of oral arguments this summer, Hurwitz believes that a decision about the Black Butte Copper Mine may come as early as the end of December. He continued that a split decision should it come to that, would likely take longer. Hurwitz updated the Commissioner on other criminal and civil matters.

Attorney Hurwitz stated he and Treasurer Maura Kusek had a discussion regarding the DMV / Victim Witness Advocate position. They had six excellent applicants and interviewed three. Hurwitz requested to modify the job descriptions and hire the top two candidates, one position focused on Victim/Witness services and one on Motor Vehicle and IT services.

ACTION #2

RESOLUTION FY23.24 #53

Chairman Brewer moved to hire Frisbie for the DMV/IT position and Taylor for the Victim Witness Advocate, Deputy DES, Special Project Clerk & Records Office. Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Hurwitz stated he spoke with Marilee Duncan a Billings Employment Law Attorney to mediate ongoing disputes with the Sexton and the Cemetery Board in January.

Health Nurse Report – Eva Kerr:

Health Nurse Eva Kerr entered the chambers at 10:30 a.m.

Kerr stated she administered around 40 COVID-19 vaccines in the last two months. She also mentioned that COVID-19 cases can manifest in different ways, with some patients displaying sore throats and cold-like symptoms, while others exhibit flu-like symptoms with sudden vomiting. Kerr stated that she has not had any positive flu cases so far this season.

Kerr mentioned that the State of Montana approached her about conducting a CASPER (Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response) to evaluate how St. Pete's Hospital can help serve Meagher County residents. The assessment would involve a random phone survey. In 2021, Lewis and Clark County conducted a similar assessment and found that Meagher County residents use St. Pete's Hospital in Helena more than they anticipated.

Kerr conducted a flu clinic at Parent Teacher conferences to test the Points of Distribution (POD) system. She stated that it went well. Additionally, Kerr provided CPR training at a skills day, but she mentioned that she did not have as many people attend as she would have liked.

Public Hearing – Budget Amendment – Dayna Ogle
Chief Financial Officer Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 10:45 a.m.

Ogle presented the commission with budget amendments for Fiscal Year 22.23 Commissioners made the following motions.

Resolution 2023 – # 54

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 22.23 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff Capital Outlay Fund (4109) had unexpected expenses related to the purchase of an Unmanned Ariel Vehicle (DJI Matrice 30 Series Drone) in the amount of \$18,500 and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff Capital Outlay Fund (4109) had unexpected revenue in the form of a loan from the PILT Fund (2900) in the amount of \$18,000 and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff Capital Outlay Fund (4109) will utilize their remaining \$500 cash on hand to offset the purchase of the UAV and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff Capital Outlay Fund (4109) will repay the loan from PILT Fund (2900) with future revenue.

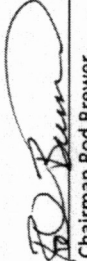
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the budget for the unexpected revenue and unexpected expense in the amount of \$18,500 (eighteen thousand five hundred dollars) in the Sheriff Capital Improvement Fund (4109). This budget amendment is effective June 30, 2023

Dated this 12th day of December 2023

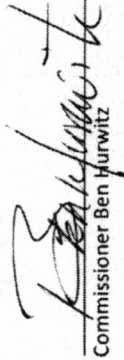
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Dayna Ogle
Finance Officer

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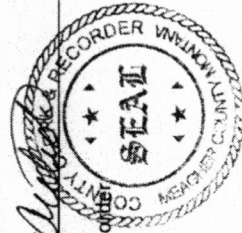

Chairman Rod Brewer

Attest:


Commissioner Ben Hurwitz


Errol Galt
Clerk & Recorder


Commissioner Errol Galt



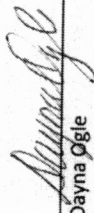
Resolution 2023 – #55

Budget Amendment

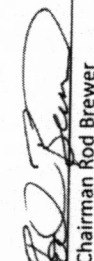
WHEREAS, the 22.23 budget has been set, and
WHEREAS, the Paul Hill Fund (7030) was created after the final budget had been set and,
WHEREAS, the Paul Hill Fund (7030) had unexpected revenue in the amount of \$7,750 and,
WHEREAS, the Paul Hill Fund (7030) had unexpected expenses in the amount of \$1,600 and,
WHEREAS, the Paul Hill Fund (7030) will use their cash on hand to offset the expenses.
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 Paul Hill Fund (7030) in the amount of \$1,600 (one thousand six hundred dollars). This budget amendment is effective June 30, 2023


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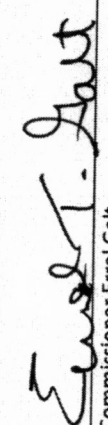
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Errol T. Galt
Commissioner Errol Galt



Cemetery Report – Rosie Spaulding / Mike Marion

Cancelled

Discussion to Purchase Weed Department Truck – Lee Zehntner

Weed Supervisor Lee Zehntner entered the chambers at 10:55 a.m.

Zehntner requested that the Commissioners purchase the 2003 Ford F350 V10 pickup with the V-plow for the Weed Department for \$15000.

ACTION #3

Resolution FY 23.24 #56

Brewer moved to purchase the 2003 Ford F350 V10 with a V-plow for \$15,000. Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Claim Check #60955 through Check #60982 totaling \$68,054.65 All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, December 19th, 2023.


CLERK & RECORDER


CHAIRMAN

SEAL




VICE-CHAIRMAN


COMMISSIONER