

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

December 20th, 2022

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Townsend called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Herb Townsend, Vice-Charmain Rod Brewer, and Commissioner Ben Hurwitz were present for the meeting.

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the Minutes from December 13th, 2022. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

Monthly Library Report – Rachel Wahlstrom:

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

Wahlstrom updated the Commissioners on that the Library Board recommends Shannon Graham to fill the vacant seat on the Library Board. Library Board member Elton Lee turned in his resignation at the end of November 2022. Wahlstrom then updated the Commissioners that currently the library is two thirds of the way through cataloging the library's inventory for the new Partners book sharing program. We will be partnered with Livingston for courier service and it will help expand materials for patrons. Wahlstrom ended her update on the grants opportunities the Library is considering for raising money to help offset the handicap button installation and replacement of the desktop computers. Commissioners and Wahlstrom discussed the age of the public desktop computers and how the replacements and installation of 6 unit would be an estimated \$10,000.

Monthly Extension Update – Makayla Paul:

Extension Agent Makayla Paul entered the chambers at 9:30 a.m.

Paul presented the Commissioners with a December 2022 Report. Paul updated the Commissioners on the different trainings and conferences she attended during October 2022 and November 2022. Paul stated that the 4H Council accepted the bid from MQS, Inc. to build the 60'x60'x10' Beef Barn for \$81,000 on November 14th, 2022. Also, that the 4H Council purchased new hog panels for the hog barn. The old panels were sold and proceeds from the sale helped buy the new panels. Paul stated for the 2022-2023 4H Year there are fifty-six (56) members enrolled. Paul then updated she will be hosting a Pesticide Workshop in January 2023. Also, that she is planning multiple different workshops for the community and producers starting in January 2023. Commissioners and Paul discussed virtual fencing information that was learned

through the Beef Nutrition Conference that took place in November 2022. Main topic discussed was a usability of a virtual fencing systems for Meagher County Producers.

Monthly Treasurer Report – Shannon Graham:

Treasurer Shannon Graham entered the chambers at 11:00 a.m.

Graham presented the Commissioners with the November 2022 Cash Report and a current delinquent Real Property List. Graham and the Commissioners then discussed the delinquent list and transferring monies from the County Checking Account to STIP. The County earns 3.53% interest on our STIP Account.

Lunch

Fiscal Year 22.23 Budget Review:

Chief Financial Officer Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 1:00 p.m.

Ogle presented the Commissioners with a worksheet breaking down the ARPA Fund 2291, Cares Act Fund 2999, LATCF Fund 2994, Tintina Impact Fees Fund 2399, and PILT Fund 2900. Each fund was broken down by monies received and monies spent during Fiscal Year 21.22 or allocated for expenditure in Fiscal Year 22.23. Commissioners and Ogle discussed each fund and the parameters for how the money can be spent. From discussion it was determined to utilize ARPA monies for the window upgrades in the Courthouse and utilize Cares Act Fund 2999 for the purchases of the Sheriff Patrol Vehicle and the Fire Chief/Road Truck from the. The following motion was made.

ACTION #2

Resolution Fiscal Year 22.23 - #62

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to transfer \$56,613.00 from the Cares Act Fund 2999 to the Fire Fund 22340. Commissioner Brewer 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 #59880 through Check #59906 totaling \$48,484.07. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023.


CLERK & RECORDER


CHAIRMAN

SEAL




VICE-CHAIRMAN


COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Rebekah Luchterhand
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