

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

**Tuesday**

February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Commissioner Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Commissioners Present:**

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

**Minutes:**

**ACTION #1**

Commissioner Galt moved to approve the Minutes from February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

**Grant Application Signing Time Slot:**

Search & Rescue/Ambulance Member Jay Kolbe presented the Commissioners with two (2) Bair Grants for signature. The Search and Rescue Grant is to assist the Sheriff's Office in purchasing the Drone Unit and the Ambulance Bair Grant is to purchase a third Lucas Device.

Sheriff Jon Lopp presented the Commissioners with two (2) Bair Grants for signature. The Sheriff's Office Grant is to purchase hand-held thermal imaging devices for all deputies and the D.E.S. Grant to purchase programmable portable radios.

County Attorney Burt Hurwitz updated the Commissioners his research for CBDG Grant requirements before drafting the Bair Grant to assist in a Preliminary Architectural Review of the Sheriff Office Building and Health Department Building.

Commissioners signed all grants as presented.

**Monthly Library Report – Rachel Wahlstrom:**

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

Wahlstrom updated the Commissioners on the Hoopla Program, a digital media access subscription, for patrons that launched the beginning for February 2023 and the positive responses from patrons. Wahlstrom also stated that Library Director Shannon Washburn and herself are continuing to re-inventory the library books to come into compliance with Montana State Library Standards.

**Fund Transfer & New Fund Creation – Dayna Ogle:**

Chief Financial Officer Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 9:30 a.m.

Ogle requested to transfer \$42.00 from the General Fund 1000 (Clerk & Recorder) to Death Certificate Fees Fund 7552. This money is due to the State from the printing of Death Certificates. Ogle then requested to create the Paul Hill Memorial Fund 7030. The fund will be used to purchase and sell Paul Hill memorial decals.

**ACTION #2**

**Resolution Fiscal Year 22.23 - #88**

Commissioner Galt moved to transfer the \$42.00 from the General Fund 1000 (Clerk & Recorder) to Death Certificate Fees Fund 7552. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

**ACTION #3**

**Resolution Fiscal Year 22.23 - #89**

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to create the Paul Hill Memorial Fund 7030. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Discussion ended on renaming the Harmon Trust Fund 2790. The money in the fund is not restricted by a trust. Ogle would like to shorten the name to the Harmon Fund; to prevent confusion on the reporting requirements of a special revenue fund vs. a trust fund. It was decided to change the name from the Harmon Trust Fund to the Harmon Fund.

**Airport Project Update – Lance Bowser:**

Airport Manager Kurt Burns, Airport Board Member John Zawada, Mayor Rick Nelson, and Chief Financial Officer Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 10:00 a.m. RPA Engineer Lance Bowser attended via ZOOM Teleconferencing.

Ogle presented Bowser's Airport Update Report. Bowser updated all present on the Instrument Approach Procedure for the Meagher County/White Sulphur Springs Airport. The approach has been drafted by the FAA. Tentatively, at this time the instrument approach can be drafted without the need of moving the powerlines. The FAA will conduct a Flight Check sometime in the Fall of 2023 before the approach will be finalized. If the drafted flight plan fails then the board will have to look at moving the powerlines. All present agreed with Bowser's to wait on addressing the obstruction until after the results of the FAA Flight Check. Bowser ended his update on the repayment of FAA Non-Primary Entitlement money loaned to Hill County Airport. The next payment in the cycle will take place in 2024.

**Meagher County Seal Change – Liv West:**

Clerk and Recorder Liv West entered the chambers at 10:30 a.m.

West presented the Commissioners with the proposed new seal and County Seal MCA 7-4-2112. The board of County Commissioners has the jurisdiction to adopt a seal of their choosing for the county. A description and impression of the new seal must be filed in the Clerk & Recorder's Office and with the Montana Secretary of State's Office. The following decision was made.

**ACTION #4**

**Resolution Fiscal Year 22.23 - #90**

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to change the Meagher County Seal to the presented image. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

*The seal image will be attached to the resolution in Resolution Binder Fiscal Year 22.23.*

**Monthly Treasurer Report – Maura Kusek:**

Treasurer Maura Kusek entered chambers at 11:00 a.m.

Kusek presented the Commissioners with the January 2023 Cash Sheet and the quarterly Harmon Investment Report. Kusek explained how the Cash Sheet did not balance with Black Mountain Report because of a NSF Check. Commissioners and Kusek then discussed the Department of Revenue's changes to the Personal Property tax reporting. The threshold increased from \$100,000 to \$300,000 for reporting in each county. Businesses/individuals with personal property valuing less than \$300,000 are not required to report their person property. Only businesses/individuals s with \$300,000 or more are required to report their property to the State and will receive a Personal Property Tax Bill.

*Commissioners moved up afternoon appointments due to weather.*

**4H Beef Barn Update – Makayla Paul & Vance Voldseth:**

4H Council President Vance Voldseth and Extension Agent Makayla Paul entered the chambers at 11:30 a.m.

Voldseth and Paul presented the Commissioners with the final 4H Beef Barn Drawings, electrical bids, and layout map. Voldseth explained the changes to the doors, addition of windows, layout of building next to existing structures. Commissioners suggested that the 4H Council use conduit for the electrical in the building and stated that the County will provide gravel for the building pad. Construction for the building id scheduled for April 2023.

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comment.

**Claims Approved:**

Commissioners were presented with Check #60050 through Check #60066 totaling \$22,206.67. All Checks were signed as presented.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

  
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SEAL



*Absent*  
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CHAIRMAN

  
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VICE-CHAIRMAN

  
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COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Rebekah Luchterhand  
Distributed March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to Chairman Brewer, Vice Chair Hurwitz and Commissioner Galt, and Clerk & Recorder West.