

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

Monday

February 9th, 2026

8:45 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Hurwitz called the meeting to order 8:45 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

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

Public Comment:

Sheriff Jon Lopp entered the chambers at 8:45 a.m.

Dispatch Chris Tilson entered the chambers at 8:45 a.m.

Lopp introduced to the Commissioners the newly hired dispatch communicator, Chris Tilson.

Clerk & Recorder, Elections Administrator, County Superintendent of Schools Update-Liv West

Clerk and Recorder/ Elections Administrator/ County Superintendent of Schools Liv West entered the chambers at 9:02 a.m.

West gave an election update to the Commissioners. Chairman Hurwitz stated he will not be filing for another term as Commissioner. West stated that Chairman Ben Hurwitz, Judge John Lesofski, County Attorney Burt Hurwitz, Clerk and Recorder Liv West, Treasurer Dayna Ogle and Sheriff Jon Lopp's terms all expire December 31, 2026. Candidates for these offices will need to file by March 4, 2026.

West mentioned the candidate filing deadline is today at 5:00 p.m. for the White Sulphur Springs school board trustee races.

Martinsdale Water and Sewer District's filing deadline is also today. Jackie Burkhart intends not to run again. Kirk Keysor filed, as well as incumbents Becky Britt and Ron Prevost.

Grassy Mountain Fire District Valerie Seibken did not file, however she will continue on the board until the end of her term May 31, 2026.

Ben Haugan has also resigned, effective immediately, from the Grassy Mountain Fire District Board. Grassy Mountain Fire District Board will work with the commissioners on appointing new members to fill the vacancies.

Meagher County Water Conservation District will swear in Aaron Buckingham tomorrow, February 10th, to fill Rob Brandt's vacancy on the board. Sam Berg, Tyson Hill and Vance Voldseth terms are up this year.

West, as County Superintendent of Schools, announced the Spelling Bee was held at the White Sulphur Springs school last week. The competition was won by a sixth grader and he will be competing at the state level in March.

Road Report-Jake Kusek

Road Supervisor Jake Kusek entered the chambers at 9:15 a.m.

Kusek and the Commissioners discussed some recent fires in the area. Road crew member, Tyler Dreidlein, is set to get his dollar raise since he has been here six months and has done a satisfactory job. Roy Goleman injured his arm lifting the door on the county shed. Kusek will

look into obtaining door openers for the building. Commissioner Brewer asked about adding concrete beneath the doors, and Kusek raised the possibility of using millings for the floor and constructing an apron in front of the building. Discussion included Kusek's rough cost estimates for installing new concrete throughout the entire building versus completing only the apron and millings. Additional topics included cattle guards, culverts, advancing work on seasonal roads earlier than usual due to warm weather, newly ordered road signs and their cost, and rehabilitation of the shale pit near Smith River Road. It was noted that if the landowner does not want the pit reclaimed, they will be required to sign and return a landowner agreement to DEQ.

Interviews-Finance Assistant

ACTION #1

Chairman Hurwitz moved to go into a Closed Session for interviews for the Finance Assistant Position at 10:00 a.m. Vice-Chairman Galt seconded. The meeting is now closed.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Checks #63334 through Checks #63356 for the amount of \$33,070.53. All Checks were signed as presented.

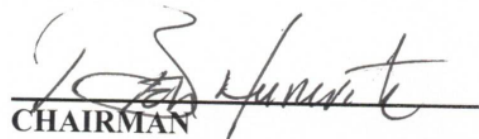
Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting:

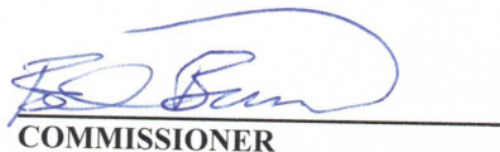
Commissioners are scheduled to meet Monday, February 17th, 2026.


CLERK & RECORDER


CHAIRMAN




VICE CHAIRMAN


COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Briana Frasier.
Distributed February 17th, 2026 to Chairman Hurwitz, Vice Chairman Galt and Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Liv A. West.