

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

March 2nd, 2021

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 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 Chair Rod Brewer, and Commissioner Ben Hurwitz were present for the meeting.

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Chair Townsend moved to approve the Minutes from February 16th, 2021. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

Sheriff Report – Jon Lopp:

Sheriff Jon Lopp entered the chambers at 9:30 a.m.

Lopp presented the Commissioners with the Complaint Report for February 2021. The Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement between Meagher County and the Forest Service was presented for Signature. Commissioners and Lopp discussed both the compliant report and the agreement. Discussion ended with a request from Lopp to place the 2006 Chevy Pickup and 1988 Humvee up for public auction. Commissioners and Lopp determined that minimum bid for each vehicle would be \$6,000.

ACTION #2

Resolution 2021 – 27

Commissioner Brewer moved to place the 2006 Chevy Pickup and 1988 Humvee each with minimum bid of \$6,000. Bids will be accepted until Friday April 2nd, 2021 at 4 p.m. Chair

Townsend seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The vehicles will be posted in the Meagher County news.

Chief Financial Officer Report – Dayna Ogle:

Chief Financial Officer Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 10:00 a.m.

Ogle presented the Commissioners with an office report and the February 2021 Payroll Report. Ogle updated the Commissioners on the completion and filing of the FY 19.20 AFR, county departments that submitted Bair Grants, and Airport bid information. Ogle and the Commissioners discussed the Cares Act grant that was submitted in December 2020.

Creation of Disease Intervention Specialist Position:

County Attorney Burt Hurwitz entered the chambers at 10:30 a.m.

Ogle and County Attorney Hurwitz presented the Commissioners with a request to create a three quarter-time Disease Intervention Specialist position in the Health Department. The position is temporary and funded by the State due to the Covid-19 emergency. Commissioners, Ogle, and County Attorney Hurwitz discussed the funding, the need for the position, and the qualifications required for it.

ACTION #3

Resolution 2021 - 28

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to create a three quarter-time Disease Intervention Specialist position and advertise immediately. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Congressman Rosendale Update – Cade Overstreet:

Field Representative Cade Overstreet for Representative Matt Rosendale’s Office entered the chambers at 11:30 a.m.

Overstreet introduced himself to the Commissioners and explained that he is the field representative for the South-Central District of Montana for Representative Matt Rosendale. Commissioners and Overstreet discussed the Black Butte Copper project, COVID19 impacts, and events in Meagher County that Rep. Rosendale might attend.

Lunch

Priorities for Hard Rock Impact Funds – Planning – Burt Hurwitz:

County Attorney Burt Hurwitz and Chief Financial Officer Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 1:30 p.m. City Attorney Susan Wordal attended the meeting via ZOOM Teleconferencing.

City Attorney Wordal opened discussion with the planning concerns of the City and the status of the City's proposed interim zoning. Ogle presented information/recommendations from former CEO of MACo Harold Blattie on withdrawing Hard Rock Impact Fees and the accounting for the usage of the fees. Under the plan, both the City and the County were allocated \$40,000 for planning purposes. Commissioners, County Attorney Hurwitz, and Ogle discussed the timing of and requirements for requesting funds. Commissioners determined the next large planning project for the County will be the re-write of the Subdivision Regulations and directed that Ogle should request the funds.

FLAP Grant Draft – Brian Obert:

Road Supervisor Jake Kusek and Brian Obert entered the chambers at 2:00 p.m.

Obert presented the Commissioners with three (3) maps showing the project areas that Meagher County is going to address within the FLAP Grant. Commissioners, Obert, and Kusek discussed the total grant request and the 13.7% match, the project work from start to finish, and the cycle of the grant. During discussion it was clarified that the Newlan Creek Road didn't qualify under the grant because of lack of access to Federally owned land, a requirement of the Grant.

Road Report – Jake Kusek:

Kusek updated the Commissioners on the MACRs conference that will take place in person on March 30th through April 1st, 2021. Kusek stated that David Collins and Brian Holtz will attend the conference. Kusek and the Commissioners then discussed the installation of the heater and propane tank at the Ringling Building.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #57859 through Check #57886 totaling \$31,584.28. Pre-presented Claim Check #57838 through Check #57858 totaling \$7,969.89. Payroll Check # 13286 through Check #13307 totaling \$42,338.89 and Electronic Payroll Check #87058 through Check #87101 totaling \$116,129.74. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 9th, 2021.

Tuesday
March 9th, 2021
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Commissioners Present:

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

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve the Minutes from March 2nd, 2021 with minor corrections. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

County Attorney Report – Burt Hurwitz:

County Attorney Burt Hurwitz entered the chambers at 1:30 p.m.

County Attorney Hurwitz presented the Commissioners with a February 2021 Report. County Attorney Hurwitz updated the Commissioners on Civil and Criminal matters of the county. Commissioners and County Attorney Hurwitz discussed the lawsuit against the Castle Mountain Restoration Project by the Alliance for the Wild Rockies and Natives Ecosystems Council.

Health Nurse Report – Eva Kerr R.N.:

Health Nurse Eva Kerr R.N. entered the chambers at 2:00 p.m.

Kerr presented the Commissioners with a County Health Nurse Report for February 2021. Kerr stated that currently between the County Health Office and the Mountain Medical Clinic 500 first doses of the COVID19 vaccine and 400 second doses of COVID19 vaccine have been distributed at this time. Commissioners and Kerr discussed the phases of requirements for the COVID19 vaccine and the distribution rate of Meagher County.

Housing Study Update – Jackson Rose:

Mayor Rick Nelson and County Attorney Burt Hurwitz entered the chambers at 2:30 p.m. HRDC Representative Tracy Menuz, Jackson Rose, City Clerk Michelle Stidham, and Assistant City Clerk Shannon Graham attended via ZOOM Teleconferencing.

County Attorney Hurwitz presented the Commission and Mayor Nelson with the *Agreement for Contract Services for a Housing Needs Assessment* for signature. Rose and Menuz updated all present on the current scope of work for the Housing Needs Assessment and explain the data collection process. Discussion ended with scheduling monthly updates to the Commissioners and potentially City Council Members.

Treasurer’s Report – Shauna Porter:

Treasurer Shauna Porter rescheduled for the March 16th, 2021 meeting.

Public Hearing – Budget Amendment – Dayna Ogle:

Chief Financial Officer Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 3:30 p.m.

Ogle presented the Commissioners with a budget amendment for the General Fund (1000) and an amendment to the Budget Amendment 2021-14 to properly reflect the PILT Fund (2900).

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #578887 through Check #57907 totaling \$43,347.55. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 16th, 2021.

Tuesday
March 16th, 2021
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Commissioners Present:

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

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the Minutes from March 9th, 2021. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

Library Report – Jessica Ketola:

Librarian Jessica Ketola entered the chambers at 1:30 p.m.

Ketola updated the Commissioners on the progress of the book inventory, February 2021 Storytime attendance, and upcoming events. Commissioners and Ketola discussed the theme for the 2021 Summer Reading program and ideas for large group activities that pertain to the theme.

Road Report – Jake Kusek:

Road Supervisor Jake Kusek entered the chambers at 2:00 p.m.

Kusek and the Commissioners reviewed the FY 21.22 Gas Tax maps for road accuracy. Commissioners and Kusek discussed the possibility of contracting work for Fish Wildlife and Parks on the Fishing Access Road. Kusek will evaluate the condition of the road and respond to FWP on the matter.

Fire Report – Chad Evans & Jake Kusek:

Chad Evans entered the chambers at 2:30 p.m.

Evans and Kusek updated the Commissioners about scheduled trainings in April 2021, pest control at the airport, and the DNRC Truck program. Commissioners, Evans, and Kusek also discussed receipt of a structure truck from Clarkston, Montana and the Volunteer Fire Fighter's Compensation Act.

Clerk & Recorder Report – Penny Plachy:

Clerk & Recorder Penny Plachy entered the chambers at 3:00 p.m.

Plachy presented the Commissioners with a report for February 2021. Plachy updated on the Montana Votes Training that took place on March 8th – March 11th, 2021, address updating with Great West Engineering, and the progression of the document digitizing. Commissioners and Plachy discussed the upcoming school and municipal elections.

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ACTION #

Resolution 2021- 29

Resolution 2021 - 29

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2019 - 2020 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, Meagher County entered into a lease agreement to purchase a new copy machine and, the corresponding entry to record the proceeds from the capital lease were inadvertently not done and,

WHEREAS, Meagher County recorded the proceeds from a capital lease on the copy machine in the amount of \$11,785 accounting system.

WHEREAS, Meagher County will make monthly lease payments for the purchase of the copy machine.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the budget in the General Fund (1000) for the proceeds from a capital lease in the amount of \$11,800 (eleven thousand eight hundred dollars and no cents)

This Budget amendment is effective 6/30/20.

Dated this ~~19th~~ ^{11th} day of ~~January~~ ^{March} 2021

Prepared by:

Board of County Commissioners:

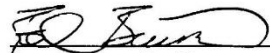


Dayna Ogle
Chief Financial Officer




Chairman Herb Townsend

Attest:



Commissioner Rod Brewer



Penny Plachy
Clerk & Recorder



Commissioner Ben Hurwitz



Treasurer's Report – Shauna Porter:

Treasurer Shauna Porter entered the chambers at 4:00 p.m.

Porter presented the Commissioners with the Cash Report for February 2021. Commissioners and Porter discussed the cash report and the delinquent tax list. Commissioners and Porter discussed how COVID19 has impacted the collection of taxes.

Review of Contract for Sanitation Services related to Septic Permits, Subdivisions, and Certificate of Surveys:

Clerk & Recorder Penny Plachy and Health Nurse Eva Kerr entered the chambers at 4:30 p.m.

Plachy presented the Commissioners with *Task Order #4 – County Sanitarian Services* from Great West Engineering. Plachy and the Commissioners discussed the specifications of services for septic permits, subdivisions, and certificates of survey. Commissioners, Plachy, and Kerr then discussed the remaining duties of the Sanitation Office in regards to licensed food establishments, emergency procedures, and food illnesses.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #57908 through Check #57925 totaling \$16,252.82. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, April 6th, 2021.