

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

**Tuesday**

July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Chairman Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Commissioners Present:**

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

**Minutes:**

**ACTION #1**

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the minutes from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

**Monthly Sheriff's Report-Jon Lopp**

County Sheriff Jon Lopp entered the chambers at 9:00 a.m.

Lopp presented the Commissioners with the complaint report for the Month of June 2025. In this month, the Sheriff's Office received one hundred fifty-nine incoming calls, thirty-one 9-1-1 calls, and ninety-two people coming into the office for a total of two hundred eighty-two people who contacted the Sheriff's Office.

**Extension Report-Makayla Paul**

County Extension Agent Makayla Paul and Tracy Mosley entered the chambers at 9:30 a.m.

Paul stated that her last day will be July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. The county 4-H fair starts next week and she will be working through the fair season. She will have everything prepared and checklists made before she departs and she will make sure all 4-H checks are recorded and processed through Bank of the Rockies. Paul also stated that our teen leadership program has really grown and there are 12 members heading to Congress this week.

Paul informed the Commissioners that her advisor team is willing to continue the Leadership 47 program after she departs.

Mosley inquired about the areas of focus the Commissioners would like emphasized in the responsibilities of the new hire. The minimum qualifications include a Bachelors degree, with a Masters degree preferred. At least one of the degrees preferred in Agriculture or a related field. The position will involve leadership development, working with both adult and youth participants in the 4-H program, and engaging in community outreach initiatives. The positions primary focus will be in 4-H with secondary in agriculture, community vitality and FCS. The open position needs to be advertised for a minimum of 4 weeks with the hope of hiring a candidate by October. Typically, a small committee of extension agents is formed to screen applicants, ensuring they meet the required qualifications and conducting initial interviews. Then, in person interviews will be conducted in the community with community representatives.

**Monthly Health Nurse Report-Eva Kerr**

County Health Nurse Eva Kerr entered the chambers at 10:00 a.m.

Kerr reported that they continue to administer routine vaccinations to children, as well as to some adults. Discussions with state health officials are ongoing regarding the recent measles cases—25 children across the state have been diagnosed, 14 in Gallatin County. While there have been hospitalizations, no measles-related deaths have been reported in Montana to date.

Kerr stated she applied for a grant from the Montana Healthcare Foundation called Rural Health Small Grant for public health in small communities. This is a \$10,000 grant to increase our Community Readiness in CPR/1<sup>st</sup> Aide, Stop the Bleed and Behavioral Health. Kerr's vision is to offer training at least once a month in White Sulphur and reach out as well to do classes in our smaller communities like Martinsdale and Ringling. This grant starts now and runs until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Kerr stated she has great partners locally that she plans to work with.

Sanitarian Sean Hill has officially resigned, effective June 30, 2025. In the interim, Kerr has assumed responsibility for related duties until a replacement is found. There was also discussion about arranging a temporary replacement specifically to assist with the Red Ants Pants event.

#### **Board of Health**

Sandy Harris entered the chambers at 10:30 a.m.

Kerr stated diseases were mild for month of June. There has been one reported case of campylobacter from contaminated water.

There was one child that had all the symptoms of Measles; however, it was ruled out as not Measles.

Kerr stated she will continue sending out reminders and updating children's vaccines including hand written reminders, phone reminders, and return phone messages for appointments.

Kerr emphasized the importance of hiring a Sanitarian Officer to support the Red Ants Pants event and to oversee operations at the Farmer's Market.

#### **Checkerboard Fire-Rick George**

Rick and Judith George entered the chambers at 11:00 a.m.

George said on behalf of the Checkerboard Community thank you to the Massey family for the donation of the land that the new Firehall was built on and thank you also to the County Attorney for all his work and time he put into putting things together.

Two fire training sessions were held at the new Firehall Building. A total of 36 people attended, including residents and ranch hands from Checkerboard, Bair County, Checkerboard Cattle and seasonal residents of Checkerboard.

George proposed reallocating the \$2977.48 originally donated for the construction of the former firehouse. Since they no longer have the maintenance, he recommended applying these funds towards the purchase of a heating unit and propane tank for the new fire house. The Commissioners agreed this is a practical and beneficial use of the remaining funds.

#### **Road Department- Snowblower purchase**

##### **ACTION #2**

##### **Resolution FY 25.26 #2**

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to allow the purchase of a 2019 Ford F-350 4x4 Crew Cab, Super Duty Pickup in the amount of \$37,281.00 for the Road Department. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

##### **ACTION #3**

##### **Resolution FY 25.26 #3**

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to purchase the snowblower from Paul Walker for \$8,000. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

#### **Public Comment:**

No public comment

#### **Claims Approved:**

**Meeting Adjourned:**

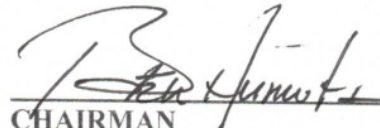
Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

**Next Meeting:**

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

  
CLERK & RECORDER



  
CHAIRMAN

  
VICE-CHAIRMAN

  
COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Briana Frasier  
Distributed July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to Chairman Hurwitz, Vice Chair Galt, and Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Liv A. West.