

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

June 11th, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Commissioners Present:

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

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Galt moved to approve the minutes from June 4th 2024, Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

County Attorney Report – Burt Hurwitz

County Attorney Burt Hurwitz and Victim Witness Advocate Laura Taylor entered the chambers at 9:10 a.m.

Attorney Hurwitz briefly updated the Commissioners on civil and criminal matters. There have been two new Partner and Family Member Assaults (PFMA), two burglary cases, and two felony probation violations.

Meagher County Fire District Long Term Planning

Mayor Rick Nelson and City Council Member Pattie Berg entered the chambers at 9:20 a.m.

Attorney Hurwitz stated he attended the Grassy Mountain Fire District (GMFD) meeting on June 8th, 2024. The board elected their officers and set a meeting schedule. Hurwitz stated the board will meet again on June 15th, 2024.

Mayor Nelson discussed merging WSS City fire Departments with Meagher County. Most volunteers respond to fires regardless of their location, and it is hoped that by merging into a single entity would streamline training, financial tracking, and equipment management. Attorney Hurwitz discussed the possibility of creating a County wide Fire Service Area. This county-wide fire service area would include all other fire districts, such as Grassy Mountain Fire District and the City of White Sulphur Springs. To place all services under one umbrella would require merger or annexation agreements with each entity. Mayor Nelson and City Council Member Pattie Berg discussed how this would help the White Sulphur Springs Fire Department as they need to replace one of their fire engines. All Commissioners expressed support for the idea. Attorney Hurwitz stated he would begin researching the best course of action and return to the commissioners with an outline.

Discussion – Flying T v. Catlin

Attorney Susan Swimley, Jake Kusek, Scott Jackson entered the chambers at 10:05 a.m.

Susan Swimley, Scott Jackson and the Commissioners discussed where the road to be abandoned is located and followed it on a map. The road committee will travel the road and write a report and submit it to Susan Swimley.

Red Ants Pants Festival Update – Sarah Calhoun

Red Ants Pants Founder, Sarah Calhoun entered the chambers at 10:30 a.m.

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