

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

Tuesday

June 17th, 2025

8:30 a.m. –11:00 a.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Commissioners Present:

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

Public Comment:

Benjamin Haugen shared his perspective on the Grassy Mountain Ranch Owners Association's proposed plans with the Commissioners. He also requested that a commissioner and a representative from Law Enforcement attend the GMROA annual meeting on August 23, 2025 @10:00 a.m.

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the minutes from June 10th, 2025. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Library Report – Rachel Wahlstrom

Library Co-director Rachel Wahlstrom entered the chambers at 9:30 a.m.

Wahlstrom stated that Summer Reading starts Wednesday June 18, 2025. Mountainview Medical Center and Castle Mountain Grocery will provide lunches for the children after summer reading.

Treasurer Report – Maura Kusek

Treasurer Maura Kusek entered the chambers at 10:00 a.m.

Kusek presented the Commissioners with May Cash sheet for signature. Kusek also provided directions on changing information on banking and investment accounts.

Clerk & Recorder Update – Liv West

Clerk & Recorder Liv West and Salary Compensation Board Member Rob Brandt entered the chambers at 10:30 a.m.

West submitted Task Orders for signature with Great West Engineering and the Interlocal Agreement for the Child Protective Services Team to the Commissioners.

Resolution FY24.25 #90

**Meagher County
Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team**

RESOLUTION NO 2025-[#]90

Whereas, section 52-2-211, section (1) MCA, states "county commissioners of each county shall form a county interdisciplinary child information and school safety team by written agreement";

Whereas, section 52-2-211(1) further states that such agreement be signed by authorized representatives of the following: youth court, county attorney, department of public health and human services, county superintendent of schools, sheriff, chief of any police force, all public school districts operating within the boundaries of the county and the department of corrections;

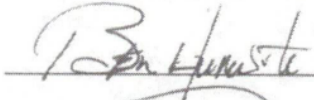
Whereas, section 52-2-211(2) further directs that team officials "may by majority vote allow the following persons to sign the written agreement and join the team": physicians, psychologists, psychiatrists, nurses, and other providers of medical and mental health care, attorneys, and a person or entity that has or may have a legitimate interest in one or more children that the team will serve;

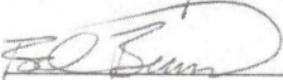
Whereas, the interdisciplinary child information and school safety team will operate under the further guidance of 52-2-211(3),(4),(5),(6),(7) and (8);


Whereas, 52-2-211(8) requires "The County Superintendent of Schools shall provide to the Office of Public Instruction a current copy of any written agreement under this section no later than September 1;"

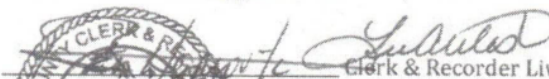
Therefore, Be It Resolved, the following team members comprise the Meagher County Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2025

 Chairperson Commissioner Ben Hurwitz

 Commissioner Rod Brewer

 Commissioner Errol Galt

 Clerk & Recorder Liv A. West



**2024-2025
Meagher County
Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team**

Meagher County Attorney	Burt Hurwitz
Meagher County Victim Witness Advocate	Laura Taylor
Meagher County Sheriff	Jon Lopp
Meagher County Superintendent of Schools	Liv West
Meagher County Health Nurse	Eva Kerr
School District #8 Superintendent	Meredith Feddes
School District #8 Principal	Lacey Arthun
School District #8 Counselor	Tiffany Sweeney
School Resource Officer	Jerami West
Mountainview Medical Center	Kay Lowe
Preschool	Jane Townsend
ASPEN	Rebecca Ruhd
DPHHS	
Stevens Youth Center	Bethany Wieferrich
Children's Advocacy Center	Paula Samms
Dept of Corrections	Anthony Spencer

West and Brandt provided the Commissioners with a comprehensive packet outlining proposed cost-of-living adjustments for the upcoming fiscal year. Brandt recommended a 4.5% increase, exceeding the State's suggested 2.9% COLA.

Grassy Mountain Ranch Owners Association – Clayton Moss

Grassy Mountain Ranch Owners Association President Clayton Moss and GMROA member Joe Mast entered the chambers at 11:00 a.m.

Moss has proposed dividing the Grassy Mountain Subdivision into five distinct sections, each forming its own homeowners' association (HOA). This suggestion arises from ongoing difficulties in achieving unanimous decisions across the entire subdivision. By establishing separate HOAs, each section would gain the autonomy to make decisions tailored to its specific needs, while still adhering to the existing Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs).

The Grassy Mountain Ranch Owners Association (GMROA) is scheduled to meet on August 23 to discuss the proposal. Attorney Alana Griffin, is representing GMROA in this matter. One of the key concerns raised is whether the proposed division would conflict with Meagher County

Subdivision Regulations. Additionally, Galt questioned how the current GMROA funds would be distributed among the new HOAs if the separation proceeds.

Mast clarified that the CC&Rs are being updated regardless of the outcome of the proposal. Moss noted that 83 votes are required to achieve a majority decision. Galt further inquired whether this majority refers to 50% of all landowners or 50% of those who actually vote. Moss responded that he would look into the answer. Moss also mentioned that while Attorney Griffin does not believe Commission involvement is necessary, the Commission is being notified in advance in case their approval becomes required.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #62596 through Check #62619 totaling \$89,333.32 Electronic Check #-99559 through Electronic Check #-99544 totaling \$35070.96. All Checks were signed as presented.

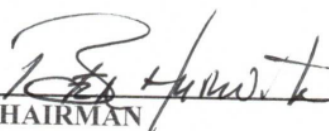
Meeting Adjourned:


Meeting was adjourned at a.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, June 23rd, 2025.


CLERK & RECORDER


CHAIRMAN


VICE-CHAIRMAN


COMMISSIONER

SEAL



Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Jennifer Deems
Distributed June 23rd, 2025 to Chairman Hurwitz, Vice Chair Galt, and Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Liv A. West.