

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

February 14th, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.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 Hurwitz moved to approve the Minutes from February 7th, 2023. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

Grant Application Signing Time Slot:

No applications were presented or signed.

Monthly County Attorney Report- Burt Hurwitz:

County Attorney Burt Hurwitz and Clerk of Court Candi Richardson entered the chambers at 9:00 a.m.

County Attorney Hurwitz presented the Commissioners with a January 2023 Report.

Richardson updated the Commissioners on upcoming jury trials scheduled for March 2023. Richardson stated that she would be receiving assistance from retired Clerk of Court Donna Morris during the trials. Richardson requested to pay Morris for her time during the trials. Commissioners agreed to pay for assistance.

County Attorney Hurwitz then updated the Commissioners on the criminal and civil matters of the County. County Attorney Hurwitz reported on the presentation by Trent Townsend at the February Consolidated Planning Board Meeting and how the board is still moving forward with the Forest Service on a Willow Creek Drainage project. County Attorney Hurwitz ended his update on the continued work on the Grassy Mountain Fire District and the Predatory Animal Control Program Fee petitions.

Monthly Health Nurse Report – Eva Kerr R.N.:

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

Kerr presented the Commissioners with a January 2023 Health Nurse Report. Kerr then presented the Bair Grant, Homemaker Grant, and Respite Care Grant for signature. Kerr stated that she is applying for \$9,000 from the Bair Foundation, \$14,675 for the Homemaker Grant, and \$5,250 for the Respite Care Grant. Commissioners agreed to sign the applications as presented. Kerr then updated the Commissioners on the Disease Intervention Specialist Grant. The Grant will continue to fund one full-time position until June 2023. Kerr is applying for a Public Health and Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) – Work Force Grant to continue funding the full-time position. If Meagher County is awarded the grant the position would be fully funded through June 2027. Commissioners gave their full support of the program. Discussion ended on how the reporting of self-administered COVID19 tests has changed. A self-administered test will be listed as a pending unless the person is tested within a healthcare facility; with this change we will see case numbers decrease.

Monthly Extension Report – Makayla Paul:

Extension Agent Makayla Paul entered the chambers at 10:30 a.m.

Paul presented the Commissioners with a January 2023 Extension Report. Paul updated the Commissioners on the 4H Beef Barn project. Demolition of the old barn has been completed and MQS should be delivering materials at the end of March 2023. Delivery of the materials will be based on weather conditions. Paul then stated that the 4H Horse program began riding on February 4th, 2023 in the indoor arena at Checkerboard Cattle Company. The Horse Program is hoping to utilize the facility until weather permits outdoor riding. Paul stated she is planning workshops for the swine and beef projects. Paul then stated that on February 21st, 2023 will be the second Ag News & Brews event. This event will cover the topic of the Richardson Ground Squirrel (Gophers). Paul and the Commissioners ended discussion on future producer program topics for the late spring/early summer time.

Lunch

Federal Forrest Protection Fee Payment Decision:

Commissioners discussed the Federal Forrest Fire Protection Fee owed to the DRNC. The following decision was made.

ACTION #2

Resolution Fiscal Year 22.23 - #87

Chair Brewer moved to pay the \$23,990.54 from the PILT Fund (2900). Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A Vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Monthly Cemetery Board Update:

Cemetery Board Members Rosie Spaulding and Kathy Palmer entered the chambers at 1:30 p.m.

Spaulding and Palmer updated the Commissioners on the Mayn Cemetery Sexton Job Description, posting of the Cemetery Sexton position, and number of applications received. The board has received two (2) applications; one (1) applicant is no longer interested in the position. Spaulding and Palmer then updated the Commissioners on the cemetery pickup, grounds maintenance the board will address in Spring of 2023, and the replacement of the flags by the American Legion. The cemetery truck needs an oil change, brakes redone, and a new battery. Discussion took place on the sprinkler system and repairs in the upcoming irrigating season and the cemetery inventory. Board members expressed the potential need for a second riding mower before the end of the Fiscal Year 22.23.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #60050 through Check #60066 totaling \$22,206.67.
All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, February 21st, 2023.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Rebekah Luchterhand
Distributed February 14th, 2023 to Chairman Brewer, Vice Chair Hurwitz and Commissioner Galt, and Clerk & Recorder West.