

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

Tuesday

March 11th, 2025

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Commissioners Present:

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

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Galt moved to approve the minutes from March 4th, 2025. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Monthly County Attorney – Burt Hurwitz

CANCELLED

Health Nurse Report – Eva Kerr:

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

Kerr expressed her concerns to the commissioners regarding the funding for her programs. She noted that the Area IV Agency on Aging has not yet received its funding for March. Typically, the agency provides \$1,000 per month for the Homemaker Program and \$375 per month for the Respite Program. Kerr also mentioned her uncertainty about the current status of funding for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and the Workforce Grant Public Health Nurse Position. She highlighted that a significant portion of her grants are federally funded.

Kerr mentioned that she had a conversation with Sanitarian Sean Hill of Yellowstone Environmental Solutions regarding the restaurant inspections last year. Hill shared that he will forgo his salary for December and intends to train a successor for the Sanitarian position in Meagher County. This matter will be further discussed during the Board of Health's meeting with the Commissioners on April 8, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Clerk and Recorder Copier Purchase – Liv West

Clerk & Recorder Liv West, and Finance Officer Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 9:35 a.m.

Ogle and West discussed with the Commissioners several options for the copier in the Courthouse. Commissioners have agreed to purchase a new Cannon Image Runner Advanced copier from Fischer Technologies.

ACTION #2

Resolution FY 24.25 #61

Commissioner Brewer moved to purchase a new Cannon Image Runner Advanced copier from Fischer Technologies for \$7,484.76. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Public Hearing Road and Bridge Policy – Jake Kusek

Road Supervisor Jake Kusek entered the chambers at 11:00 a.m.

Kusek and the Commissioners reviewed the recent amendments to the Meagher County Road and Bridge Policy. The most significant change is the new priority for snow plowing, with the airport now being the top priority, followed by mail routes and other county roads. A copy will be held at the Road Department building, and the Clerk and Recorder's office. Additionally, Kusek proposed that the County implement a Mag Chloride policy

Kusek informed the Commissioners that he had two of the fire trucks inspected last week by Lockwood Engineering Testing and Repair. One truck is at the fire station in White Sulphur Springs and the other is stationed at the White Sulphur Springs Airport. Kusek presented the Commissioners with the list of repairs needed to bring both trucks up to specifications.

Kusek presented the commissioners with a quote from RDO Equipment for a 2025 John Deere 672G Grader priced at \$422,150.70. This quote is a reduction from the \$479,900.00 estimate received in October 2024. Commissioners tabled this discussion until closer to budget time.

ACTION #3

Resolution FY 24.25 #62

Commissioner Galt moved to approve the changes to the Road and Bridge Policy. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Treasurer Discussion

Clerk & Recorder Liv West, DMV Clerk Rebekah Luchterhand, Finance Officer Dayna Ogle, District Court Clerk Candi Richardson entered the chambers at 11:40 a.m.

Treasurer Maura Kusek submitted her resignation as of June 26, 2025. Commissioners asked about the process to fill the vacancy. Ogle responded that because the vacancy will occur after July 31 in the second year of the term the Board of Commissioners must fill the vacancy by appointing someone to serve until the end of the current term. The appointed person will then have to run in the 2026 election. Ogle will prepare a job posting for the Commissioners to review at the Commission meeting on March 18th, 2025

DIS Technologies Contract Renewal – Dayna Ogle

Finance Officer Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 9:25

Ogle presented the Commissioners with the contract for DIS Technologies. Ogle and the Commissioners went over the contract changes and discussed the overall satisfaction with DIS Technologies.

ACTION #4

Resolution FY24.25 #63

Commissioner Brewer moved to accept the new 3-year contract for DIS Technologies. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Non-Agenda Item

Ogle explained that a county employee has been absent due to medical issues and has exhausted their vacation and sick leave. Ogle requested that the Commissioners approve the use of pooled sick leave for this employee.

ACTION #5

Resolution FY 24.25 #64

Commissioner Galt moved to approve pooled sick leave for a county employee. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Public Comment:

A question was presented to the Commissioners regarding maintaining the County portion of Duck Creek Road. Commissioners decided to speak with Road Supervisor Jake Kusek about putting up signs stating the road is a seasonal road and is not maintained.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Claim Check #62367 through Check#62382 totaling \$48,164.61. and electronic check# -99656 through electronic check# -99648 totaling \$3,507.06. All Checks were signed as presented.

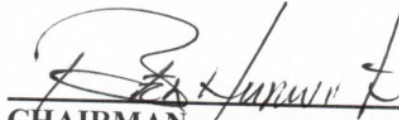
Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

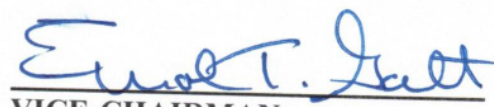
Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 18th, 2025.


CLERK & RECORDER


CHAIRMAN

SEAL




VICE-CHAIRMAN


COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Jennifer Deems
Distributed March 18th, 2025 to Chairman Hurwitz, Vice Chair Galt, and Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Liv West.