

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

**Tuesday**

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Chairman Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer Discussion**

Finance Officer Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 1:30 p.m.

Ogle presented the Commissioners with the job description for the soon to be vacated Treasurer position for review. Commissioners requested some changes to the job description. Ogle made the changes and submitted the post to the Meagher County News for publication.

**Monthly Treasurer Report – Maura Kusek**

Meagher County Treasurer Maura Kusek entered the chambers at 9:15 a.m.

Kusek presented the Commissioners with the February Cash Report for signature.

**DES – Report – Jon Lopp**

Sheriff Jon Lopp entered the chambers at 2:15 p.m.

Lopp presented the Commissioners with the 2024 Western Montana Region Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioners reviewed and approved the plan.

**ACTION #2**

**Resolution FY24.25 #65**

Resolution # 5

**Adopting the 2024 Western Montana Region  
Hazard Mitigation Plan**

**Whereas**, Meagher County recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community, and

**Whereas**, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

**Whereas**, an adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple Federal Emergency Management Agency pre- and post- disaster mitigation grant programs; and

**Whereas**, Meagher County resides within the Planning Area, and fully participated in the mitigation planning process to prepare this Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the Meagher County Board of County Commissioners, hereby adopts the Western Montana Region Hazard Mitigation Plan, as an official plan; and

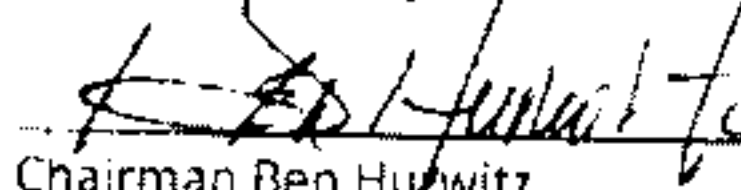
**Be it further resolved**, the Meagher County Board of County Commissioners will submit this Adoption Resolution to the Montana Disaster & Emergency Services and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region VIII officials to enable the Plan's final approval. While some content may require revisions to meet the plan approval requirements, changes occurring after adoption will not require Meagher County to re-adopt any further iterations of the plan.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025



  
Liv A. West  
Clerk & Recorder

Board of County Commissioners:

  
Chairman Ben Hurwitz

  
Commissioner Errol Galt

  
Commissioner Rod Brewer

Sheriff Lopp also informed the Commissioners that it is possible that Grant funding for Disaster Emergency Services (DES) will go down from \$19,000 to \$10,000.

**Library Report – Rachel Wahlstrom**

Library Co-director Rachel Wahlstrom entered the chambers at 2:30 p.m.

Wahlstrom stated The Friends of the Library (FOL) reached out to her to see if there were any projects the library needed assistance completing. Wahlstrom informed them that the Flag Pole at the library is in need of replacement due to damage from the wind. FOL expressed interest in undertaking that project. Wahlstrom reported the FOL approached the American Legion and the City of White Sulphur Springs for funding the project and were turned down. FOL did not contact the County Commission prior to securing funding from Jamie Doggett.

Wahlstrom announced that the library will be launching a seed library, allowing residents to borrow seeds and, ideally, return any surplus to the collection. Additionally, the library has applied for a grant from Town Pump to support the Summer Reading Program. Next week, the

Friends of the Library will be stepping in to assist, as all four library employees will be attending the 2025 Montana Library Association Annual Conference from March 26th to 29th

Wahlstrom stated that Paul Komlosi has stepped down from the Library Board. There are now two openings on the library Board.

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comment.

**Claims Approved:**

Commissioners were presented with Check #62383 through Check #62407 totaling \$86,320.43 and Electronic Check # -99647 through #-99640 totaling \$3,193.93  
All Checks were signed as presented.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

  
CLERK & RECORDER

  
CHAIRMAN

SEAL



  
VICE-CHAIRMAN

  
COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Jennifer Deems  
Distributed April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 to Chairman Hurwitz, Vice Chair Galt, and Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Liv West.