

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

**Monday**

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Chambers

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Chairman Hurwitz called the meeting to order 9:00 a.m.

**Commissioners Present:**

Chairman Ben Hurwitz and Vice-Chairman Galt and were present for the meeting.

**Public Comment:**

**Sheriff Report- Jon Lopp:**

Sheriff Lopp entered the chambers at 9:02 a.m.

Lopp and the Commissioners discussed the Complaint Report for the month of February 2026. The Sheriff's Office received two hundred three (203) incoming calls, twenty-four (24) 9-1-1 calls, and seventy-three (73) people came into the office. In total, three hundred (300) people contacted the Sheriff's Office. There were zero (0) reportable cases in the county and one (1) in the City for the NIBRS. The Sheriff's Office issued fifteen (15) citations in the County and (2) in the City. There were zero (0) warrants of arrests in the City and the County. There were zero (0) sets of civil papers served in the County and seven (7) in the City.

The new dispatch hire, Chris Tilson, has been settling into the position well.

**Road Report- Jake Kusek:**

Road Supervisor Jake Kusek entered the chambers a 9:22 a.m.

Kusek informed the Commissioners that Sam Berg with Fort Logan Ranch has accepted the new pit offer. Kusek will begin searching for bids for crushing the gravel at the new pit. Commissioner Galt mentioned to Kusek that there is available grant money to use in all aspects; including working Mag-Chloride back into his budget. Kusek and the Commissioners discussed about the important Mag-Chloride locations for summer of 2026. The conversation then led to possibly leasing a tractor and mower for county road mowing to then sell grader mower attachment. The current mower attachment is unsafe when attached to a tractor. The Commissioners also discussed a possible roller lease for a month this summer. Commissioner Galt stated that leasing equipment allows the department to still get their seasonal work done without having to absorb the high cost of such equipment. Kusek and the Commissioners conversed about the snow blower to eliminate hazardous drifts across the county upon the arrival of more snow.

**Library Mill Levy Report - Rachel Wahlstrom:**

Library Co-Director Rachel Wahlstrom entered the chambers at 9:56 a.m.

County Attorney Burt Hurwitz entered the chambers at 9:57 a.m.

County Treasurer Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 9:58 a.m.

Wahlstrom and County Attorney Hurwitz were able to connect and assemble the new mill levy proposal that will be on the ballot for 2026. County Attorney Hurwitz is meeting with the City Attorney today to get approval and will make changes, if necessary, then present the changes to the Commissioners later this week. Wahlstrom has asked the Friends of the Library to help with the campaign in hopes of the voters passing the new mills. If passed, the mills will be on Meagher County resident's taxes for the next five (5) years and the re-evaluated. If failed, the Library is likely to lose their funding from taxes in totality. The purpose of switching the Library mills to a fixed amount is so they can better predict their budget and increase clerk wages.

**ACTION #1**

**Resolution FY 25.26 #**

Commissioner Hurwitz made the motion to approve the new Library mills on the June 2, 2026 ballot. Galt seconded and the motion passed with a positive proxy vote from Commissioner Rod Brewer.

**Airport Update- Non-Primary Entitlement Fund Transfer- Briana Frasier:**

Finance Officer Briana Frasier entered the chambers at 10:37 a.m.

Frasier read an email from Mat Wilder with Robert, Peccia, & Associates Inc. Wilder asked for a concurrence from Kurt Burns and the Commissioners that since the airport was due to get a transfer of funds back from the West Yellowstone Airport in 2026, the project manager asked for an extension in payment until 2027. Frasier already spoke with Kurt Burns and he approved as the airport does not have any projects planned for 2026. The Commissioners also agreed.

**Treasurer Report- Dayna Ogle:**

County Treasurer Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 11:30 a.m.

Ogle gave the Commissioners September, October, and November 2025 Cash reports to review and sign in approval. Ogle and the Commissioners discuss the report and she answered questions. September had three hundred six (306), two hundred fifty-nine (259) in October and one hundred eighty-four (184) in November motor vehicle transactions. Ogle discussed the allocations from state, county and city in motor vehicle transactions.

Ogle presented the contract for Susan Nicosia who will help create the report for the County's AFR filing. The Commissioners agreed and allowed Ogle to proceed in getting Nicosia's assistance.

**Claims Approved:**

Commissioners were presented with Checks #63379 through Checks #63424 for the amount of \$110,868.35. All Checks were signed as presented.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.


**Next Meeting:**

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

  
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Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Taylor Johnson.  
Distributed March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to Chairman Hurwitz, Vice-Chairman Galt, Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Liv A. West.