

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

March 7th, 2023

12:30 p.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, and Vice-Chair Ben Hurwitz were present for the meeting. Commissioner Errol Galt was absent.

Minutes:

Minutes from February 21st, 2023 were tabled until next scheduled meeting.

Monthly Building Report – Bill Dutton:

Building Maintenance Supervisor Bill Dutton, Chief Financial Officer/HR Dayna Ogle, Rosie Spaulding, and Maddy Adams entered the chambers at 1:00 p.m.

Dutton and Spaulding introduced Maddy Adams to the Commissioners. Spaulding stated she reached out to Adams about contract cleaning of the courthouse. Adams then stated that for the required cleaning hours it was not feasible for her to create a cleaning business to contract clean the courthouse. All present then discussed the duties and responsibilities of the three-quarter time janitor position. Spaulding stated that she would also assist Dutton with smaller general maintenance projects. Dutton requested to change the three-quarter time janitor position to a full time Assistant Building Maintenance/Janitor position. The added help will allow the County to do more maintenance projects in house and have a second licensed boiler operator. After discussion it was decided to create an Assistant Building Maintenance/Janitor position. The following motion was made.

ACTION #1

Resolution Fiscal Year 22.23 - #91

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to create an Assistant Building Maintenance/Janitor position. Chair Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Dutton will work with Ogle on a job description before posting the position. Dutton then reported he has boiler at the school unit until the vacancy in the maintenance position is filled.

Monthly Cemetery Board Update:

Cemetery Board Member Rosie Spaulding, Cemetery Board Member Angie Evans, Clerk & Recorder Liv West, and Human Resources Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 1:30 p.m.

Spaulding stated that the Cemetery Board hired Mike Marion as the Mayn Cemetery Sexton and is expected to start on March 20th, 2023. Spaulding also stated the Chamber of Commerce requested the Cemetery Board setup a booth at the Community Health Fair Expo on April 22nd,

2023. The Cemetery Board is working with the Clerk & Recorder's Office for information to provide at the Community Health Fair. Discussion then took place about equipment needs of the Cemetery. At this time, the board needs to replace a zero-turn mower. The board is looking at different mower options. The board is also looking at snow plow options for the next snow removal season; no decisions were made about equipment at this time. Discussion ended on the hiring of the seasonal assistant. Cemetery Board members will work with Ogle to define the season job position and post the advertisement.

Monthly Sheriff Report – Jon Lopp:

Sheriff Jon Lopp entered the chambers at 2:00 p.m.

Lopp presented the Commissioners with the February 2023 Complaint Report and a Homeland Security Grant. Lopp stated that Meagher County DES is submitting a Homeland Security Grant to purchase thirty (30) portable and forty (40) vehicle mounted radio units, software, and installation for all Meagher County Emergency Services departments. Grants will be awarded sometime in the Summer of 2023 and requires no match funding from the County.

Commissioners then asked if the Meagher County Sheriff's Department has handled cases regarding fentanyl. Lopp stated that fentanyl is in surrounding counties but has not been directly seen by the department in Meagher County.

Monthly Road/Fire Report – Jake Kusek:

Road Supervisor Jake Kusek entered the chambers at 2:30 p.m.

Kusek presented the Commissioners with the State Fuel Tax Mileage Certification Form and Maps for SFY24. Commissioners and Kusek reviewed the maps and no changes were made. Chair Brewer signed the certification form as presented. Maps will be mailed back to the State Dept. of Transportation. Kusek then updated the Commissioners on damages that occur to a residents' well covering in Ringling during snow removal. Kusek stated that he is working on a replacement of the individual's damaged property.

Verkada Security Presentation – Clint Browning:

Clerk & Recorder Liv West entered the chambers at 3:00 p.m. Sheriff Jon Lopp and Verkada Representative Clint Browning attended via ZOOM Teleconferencing.

Browning started with a presentation about Verkada Security. The presentation covered a company history, how the cameras work, the cloud storage subscriptions, and the features available. Main features demonstrated were how to search for specific criteria, camera accessibility and integrated system security. Lopp asked the cost for camera units and which Montana Counties utilized their system. Browning stated that costs for camera units are determined through third party contractors but Browning could send estimate numbers and the Montana counties that Verkada serves. Commissioners thanked Browning for his presentation.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #58900 through Check #589018 totaling \$11,334.46. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 14th, 2023.



CLERK & RECORDER



CHAIRMAN

SEAL





VICE-CHAIRMAN



COMMISSIONER

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