

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

**Monday**

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

9:15 a.m.- 12:12 p.m.

Commissioner Chambers

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Chairman Hurwitz called the meeting to order 9:15 a.m.

**Commissioners Present:**

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

**ACTION #1**

Commissioner Galt moved to accept the meeting minutes from March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026. Commissioner Brewer seconded.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment for this meeting.

**Elections Update- Liv West**

County Clerk and Recorder Liv West entered the chambers at 9:18 a.m.

West brought a binder with information on a proposed subdivision for the Commissioners to browse. Commissioner Galt inquired Clerk and Recorder Liv West about local land purchase and if it was subdivided. West advised the Commissioners to verify with County Attorney Burt Hurwitz on the status of the transfer.

Liv updated the Commissioners on her required election training she attended in Helena. The Commissioners and West discussed the details of primary versus general elections and what elected seats are state and what are county. West submitted a letter of notice to the Commissioners recommending to cancel local races for the primary elections. These seats include Commissioners, County Sheriff, County Treasurer, County Clerk and Recorder, and County Justice of Peace.

**ACTION #2**

**Resolution FY 25.26 #57**

Commissioner Galt made the motion to cancel the primary election for local government offices. Commissioner Brewer second the motion and the issue is hereby resolved.

Clerk and Recorder West updated the Commissioners on a selection of previous Election Judges. West stated Meagher County has an excellent judge pool and has confirmed their willingness to be judges again. The Commissioners reviewed the list. Per 13-4-101 MCA, the Commissioners must appoint the Election Judges.

**ACTION #3**

Commissioner Brewer moved to accept the Election Judges list presented by Election Administrator Liv West. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

County Clerk and Recorder Liv West reported to the Commissioners that the White Sulphur School District will handle their election for school board trustees, including staffing and funding the election. West presented a contract for the required Express Vote machine per ADA compliance. Meagher County will provide the machine and the school will assume responsibility for it. West stated that this is a traditional practice between the County and the School District.

#### **ACTION #4**

Commissioner Galt moved to accept the contract with White Sulphur Springs School for the Express Vote machine for the 2026 School Board Election. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion.

#### **Rural Tourism Asset Grant Application – County Attorney Burt Hurwitz**

County Attorney Burt Hurwitz entered the chambers at 10:21 a.m.

County Attorney Burt Hurwitz started the conversation recounting how the Department of Commerce had begun to rely on county-wide demographic and economic data which has prevented Meagher County from succeeding with recent CDBG applications. Cassie Coburn, Meagher County Stewardship Counsel, found the current opportunity, which is directly from Congressman Troy Downing's office. While utilizing the same forms and many of the same goals as CDBG, it is a different pot of federal dollars. The current application is for infrastructure planning and study for the potential affordable housing development near the new hospital. It is a replacement for the CDBG application that was denied. Coburn was able to get letters of support from the community and several non-profit organizations. The Commissioners and County Attorney Burt Hurwitz discussed the numbers of the grant and how much is needed to complete the Phase II master plan for affordable housing on the hospital property. There is the potential for a match requirement for the County, however, private matching funds will be sought before the County is obligated, Hurwitz cautioned however, that the County should be prepared if no sources can be found.

#### **ACTION #5**

##### **Resolution FY 25.26 #58**

Commissioner Galt made the motion to approve the Rural Tourism Grant Application. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded to approve the motion.


RESOLUTION 26 58

BE IT RESOLVED that the Meagher County Commission submit an application to the office of Hon. United States Representative Troy Downing for the FY27 Community Project Funding for the Meagher County Housing Master Plan - Phase 2, at a total project cost of \$102,338, including the potential match of \$12,500. This project is necessary to address critical housing needs for Meagher County and its residents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Meagher County, Montana, this 9th day of March, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

  
Ben Hurwitz, Chairman

  
Rod Brewer, Commissioner

  
Errol Galt, Commissioner

CLERK AND RECORDER

  
Liv West  


**Mid-Montana Insurance- Jodi Tierney**

Jodi Tierney entered the chambers at 10:50 a.m.

Jodi Tierney handed the Commissioners the numbers for all buildings and vehicles for review. Jodi Tierney discussed and answered all questions the Commissioners presented. Tierney walked the Commissioners through each line and discussed each building insurance coverage. The Commissioners decided that each department head had a better idea of what vehicles and equipment needed coverage and updated information. In collaboration, the finance office and department heads are to review all of the information provided and report back to the Commissioners with an updated list of vehicles and equipment for insurance coverage. The updates are scheduled to be presented to the Commissioners in upcoming meeting(s).

**Claims Approved:**

Commissioners were presented with Checks #063358 through Checks #063378 for the amount of \$27,525.81. Checks were signed as presented.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

  
CLERK & RECORDER

  
CHAIRMAN



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VICE CHAIRMAN

  
COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Taylor Johnson.  
Distributed March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to Chairman Hurwitz, Vice-Chairman Galt, Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Liv A. West.