

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS

MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Monday

May 11th, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 11:44 p.m.

Commissioner Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Ben Hurwitz and Commissioner Brewer were present for the meeting.

Public Comment:

There is no public comment at this time.

Employee Health Insurance Update- Dayna Ogle and Briana Fraiser

Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 9:00 a.m.

Briana Fraiser entered the chambers at 9:00 a.m.

Dayna Ogle presented a statewide County Insurance Contribution worksheet to show what other counties contribute to their employee's insurance. The rates have increased and there is discussion about the history of contribution.

ACTION #1

Resolution FY 25.26 #83

Commissioner Brewer moved to increase Meagher County's contribution to employee insurance to \$1,100 per month. Chairman Hurwitz seconds the motion.

Capital Improvement Plan- Mat Wilder and Lance Bowser

Mat Wilder and Lance Bowser entered the chambers at 9:29 a.m.

The conversation between Lance Bowser and the Commissioners started with the property north of the airport that has sold. There is concern that the property will be developed and harm the airspace. Bowser, Wilder and the Commissioners discuss the current and future operations of the airport.

Mat Wilder and Lance Bowser presented the Commissioners with the Capital Improvement Plan they put together. There is a great deal of grant money that is available to apply for to complete projects that enhance the airport. The next step in the Capital Improvement Plan is to construct helipads.

Health Nurse Report- Eva Kerr

County Health Nurse Eva Kerr entered the chambers at 10:32 a.m.

Eva Kerr initiated her update by telling the Commissioners that she received zero applications for the Respite and Homemaker position opening.

Kerr continued with the development of the future location of the County Health Office. She stated that she still doesn't have a definite answer but is entertaining all of the options. The grant that Kerr acquired to fund Frisbie's wages will run out June 2027. Kerr is hopeful to find another grant to keep Frisbie on staff. Kerr would prefer to keep Kim Frisbie on staff than pay a high

office lease fee. That may mean that the County Health Department has to come back to the Courthouse.

Kerr has had some troubles with the Sanitarian services in regards to Republic Services and the transfer station. She stated that Van Puckett knows she is upset but now it is just waiting game to find out how to move forward with Republic Services.

Kerr added that she received the Bair Grant in the full amount she requested.

Grassy Mountain Fire Department- Penny Plachy

Penny Plachy entered the chambers at 10:41 a.m.

Greg Philpot entered the chambers at 10:41 a.m.

Tony Perrone entered the chambers at 10:41 a.m.

Shawn and Becky Derby entered the chambers at 10:44 a.m.

Greg Philpot started the discussion by updating the Commissioners on the current board they have formed for the Grassy Mountain Fire Department. Perrone advised that the Home Owners Association has donated a piece of land to build a fire hall. The next item the board would like to pursue is to purchase a new truck for the Department. The Grassy Mountain Fire Department Board has approved the amount of \$27,000 to spend on travel and purchases of a new truck.

ACTION #1

Resolution FY 25.26 #84

Commissioner Brewer made a motion to approve the request of the Grassy Mountain Fire Department Board to purchase a new fire truck for approximately \$27,000. Chairman Hurwitz seconded the motion.

Chairman Hurwitz questioned the Board about how these projects will change the property owners' taxes in Grassy Mountain. Philpot states that currently there will be no changes as they have collected for a number of years before and that money was not spent. The property owner's taxes will change in the future to keep a steady pool of money for regular maintenance of the fire trucks and building.

There was discussion of creating a memorandum of understanding with Meagher County for insurance, licensing, and trainings. The Commissioners agree that this process could be very painless.

Treasurer Update- Dayna Ogle

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

Ogle started the conversation with the Commissioner's discussing a check in the Treasurer's Fund from November 2024 that was never cashed. Dayna requests approval from the Commissioners to cancel check number 2786 to Chale Bolin for \$7.50.

ACTION #2

Resolution FY 25.26 #85

Commissioner Brewer moves to cancel check number 2786 to Chale Bolin for \$7.50 dated November 8, 2024. Chairman Hurwitz seconded that motion. The issue is hereby resolved.

The next item of business Ogle brings to the Commissioners was delinquent third corrective tax bills. This is a continuation of the last conversation Ogle states that the bills started at \$5 or less and have since gained interest. Four are at \$6.88 and one is at \$6.87.

ACTION #3

Resolution FY 25.26 #86

Commissioner Brewer moved to write-off delinquent third corrective tax bills #200931 for \$6.88, #200553 for \$6.88, #20554 for \$6.87, for #200758 for \$6.88, and #001309 for \$6.88. Chairman Hurwitz seconded the motion. The issue is hereby resolved.

Ogle presented the Commissioners with the breakdown of the Title I Forest Reserve Payments to the County and to the School. Commissioner Brewer questions Ogle on the Fire and Emergency Services money. She advised that the money for Emergency Services is from Title III. There was discussion on the uses for Title III funds and how it can be used within Emergency Response Services. The money cannot be spent until the 45-day comment period starts and ends.

Ogle updated the Commissioners on the mobile home taxes. The mobile home taxes have tripled. There is nothing to do at this time for mobile home owners but the Department of Revenue is working on fixing this issue. Ogle just want the Commissioners to be aware of what is coming.

Dayna and the Commissioner discussed the allocations of vehicle licenses. She stated that not all of the money from a vehicle registration does not stay within the county, some goes to the state and some goes to the city.

Ogle presented the Commissioners with a flow chart and updated them that she has been in contact with Jason Rittal. She is working on getting answers about how the County will pay back the prepaid tax/tax crediting. There is no clear answer yet.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Checks #63593 through Checks #63610 for the amount of \$19,290.87. All Checks were signed as presented.

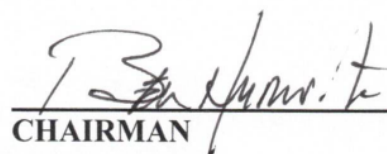
Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:44 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Monday, May 18th, 2026.


CLERK & RECORDER


CHAIRMAN

SEAL




COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Taylor Johnson.
Distributed May 11th, 2026 to Chairman Hurwitz, Vice-Chairman Galt, Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Liv A. West.