

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

Monday

May 18th, 2026

9:17 a.m. –11:17 p.m.

Commissioner Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

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

Public Comment:

There is no public comment at this time.

Minutes Approval:

Chairman Hurwitz moved to approve meeting minutes from April 20th, 2026. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Library Report- Rachel Wahlstrom

County Library Co-Director Rachel Wahlstrom entered the chambers at 9:23 a.m.

Wahlstrom started her monthly report advising that the library has a two-week break from story time before summer reading starts. She added that the hospital will provide lunches again this year.

The library just got an AED through a grant. Rachel stated that herself Claudia and Shannon will need to complete training. Cassie already has the proper training.

They also got a grant for a telescope with Montana Library Association. The Library will host a launch party to introduce it. Rachel has training how to calibrate it. She states that people can check it out for a week at a time.

The Friends of the Library has started bird watching kits. There are adult, junior and kids bird watching kits. The kits include binoculars, bird books and will be available to check out. They had a great turn out for their bird watching kick-off event at Four Mile. They had interest in doing a second event.

Wahlstrom added that she received a grant from Town Pump for summer reading. Last year they had an average of 70 kids for summer reading with a total of 120 different kids that joined the summer reading program.

Wahlstrom has been busy acting as a spokesperson for anything related to the mill levy. She will be hosting a Question and Answer on factual points on the mill levy at the Senior Center.

Salary Compensation Board Appointment- Liv West

County Clerk & Recorder Liv West entered the chambers at 9:59 a.m.

West presented the Commissioners with a packet full of information for the 2026 Salary Compensation Board. She stated that there needs to be a new appointment for Rob Brandt's seat. West said Cal Moore was interested and Commissioners agreed. She states that Nancy Schlepp's term has expired and she will also need to be appointed.

ACTION #1

Resolution FY 25.26 #87

Commissioner Brewer moves to appoint Nancy Schlepp and Cal Moore to the Salary Compensation Board. Vice-Chairman Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Transfer Site Discussion- Republic Services and Scott Frasier

Maintenance Scott Frasier entered the chambers at 10:27 a.m.

County Health Eva Kerr entered the chambers at 10:28 a.m.

SWMTC Van Puckett entered the chambers via zoom at 10:29 a.m.

Republic Services Ryan Coffman entered the chambers via zoom at 10:31 a.m.

Chairman Hurwitz started the conversation questioning who is responsible for the transfer site and the repairs currently. Ryan Coffman states that there was once a MOU from 1999 but it has since expired. There is discussion back and forth about the business of Republic Services and how they operate with other counties. Coffman states that there is no other agreement or situation that they operate out of that compares to ours. Coffman agrees to continue research into the damages at the transfer station and how to move forward.

Frasier updated the Commissioners on the Janitorial position. There will be a need to fill the position again. Frasier states that the 6-month window to pull from the same applicant pool is still open and those applicants can be considered before opening it back up.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Checks #63611 through Checks #63633 for the amount of \$77,059.77. All Checks were signed as presented.

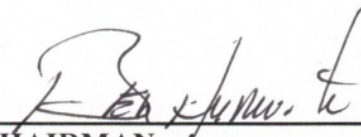
Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Monday, June 1st, 2026.


CLERK & RECORDER


CHAIRMAN




VICE CHAIRMAN


COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Taylor Johnson.
Distributed May 4th, 2026 to Chairman Hurwitz, Vice-Chairman Galt, Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Liv A. West.