

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

Tuesday

May 20th, 2025

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

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

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the minutes from May 13th, 2025. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Monthly Library Report – Rachel Wahlstrom

Library Co-Director Rachel Wahlstrom entered the chambers at 9:00 a.m.

Wahlstrom stated the library received a Town Pump Grant in the amount \$1,000.00. Typically, this is used for supplies for Summer Reading Program. Wahlstrom stated there has been significant growth in the summer reading program with an average of 30 kids attending each session. Wahlstrom stated they are having discussions regarding the potential for a second summer reading session due to the high attendance. Wahlstrom stated that Mountainview Medical Center will be partnering with the library again this year to bring lunches to the library during summer reading program. The first summer reading session will begin June 18th.

Wahlstrom explained that this year's Broad Valley Federation meeting was held online due to budget constraints. She noted that the library, which receives Coal Severance Tax funding from the state, will see a reduction of one hundred dollars (\$100) in its allocation this year.

Wahlstrom reported that all library clerks have successfully completed the continuing education credits required by the state. She also noted that Cassi Zimmerman expressed interest in pursuing her Library Administration certification, which requires 60 hours of training—significantly more than the 10-hour requirement for clerks.

Monthly Treasurer Report – Maura Kusek

Treasurer Maura Kusek entered the chambers at 9:15 a.m.

Kusek presented the Commissioners with March and April Cash Reports for signature. Kusek also discussed Meagher County's investment earnings for the 24.25 Fiscal Year.

Action #2

**Fiscal Year 24.25
RESOLUTION #78**

WHEREAS, Meagher County Investment earnings for the 24/25 FY on pooled monies are \$396,581.69 and,

WHEREAS, Meagher County Treasurer is entitled to 3% of the total interest earned and,

WHEREAS, White Sulphur Springs School is entitled to 22% of the remaining interest earned on the monies included in the pooled monies and,

WHEREAS, Meagher County is entitled to 78% of the remaining interest earned on the monies included in the pooled monies.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

\$87,372.08 (Eighty-seven thousand three hundred seventy-two dollars and 08/100) shall be transferred from the County General Fund Investment earnings into the County School Funds.

\$11,897.45 (Eleven thousand eight hundred ninety-seven dollars and 45/100) be transferred from General Fund Investment earnings into General Treasurer Fees.

\$297,312.16 (Two hundred ninety-seven thousand Three hundred twelve dollars and 16/100) Interest to remain in the General Investment earnings.

Distribution:

Total Interest:	\$396,581.69
Treasurer's 3%	11,897.45
	\$384,684.24
School 22%	87,372.08
County Interest 77%	\$297,312.16

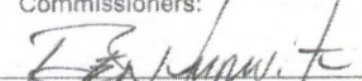
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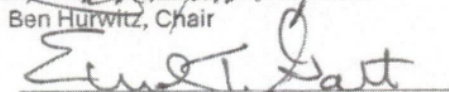
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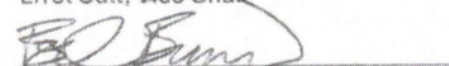

Liv West, Clerk & Recorder



Commissioners:


Ben Hurwitz, Chair


Errol Galt, Vice Chair


Rod Brewer, Commissioner

Cemetery Board Update – Randy Harden

Cemetery Sexton Randy Harden entered the chambers at 9:30 a.m.

Harden expressed strong appreciation for Cemetery Assistant Randy Porter, describing him as a valuable asset to the cemetery. Harden noted that Porter consistently arrives on time, performs his duties diligently, and completes tasks without complaint. In recognition of his reliability and contributions, Harden requested that the Commissioners approve a wage increase of one dollar, bringing Porter's hourly rate to \$17.06 as of April 27, 2025.

Action#3

Resolution FY 24.25 #79

Commissioner Hurwitz mover to increase Cemetery Assistant Randy Porter's wage to \$17.06 as of April 27, 2025. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Extension Report – Makayla Paul

Extension Agent Makayla Paul entered the chambers at 9:40 a.m.

Paul shared several updates about the 4-H program, which continues to thrive with 51 active members and 13 dedicated volunteers. Notably, the Castle Mountaineers 4-H Club has been reactivated this year under the leadership of Katrina Feddes and Charlotte Kalstrom, and it now includes 17 members.

Paul informed the Commissioners, 4-H Camp is scheduled for June 2nd through 6th, with eleven members already registered to attend. Paul also noted that 4-H Congress will take place from July 7th to 11th, and registration is currently open. Charlotte Kalstrom will be serving as the chaperone for this event. The 4-H Fair is set for July 17th, and registration is open until June 12th. Paul announced that with JimBo Logan, of Logan Auction Service Inc., recent retirement, Ascent Auction has been hired to serve as this year's auctioneer. The auction is expected to feature 11 steers, 7 lambs, 1 goat, and more than 18 hogs.

Finance Officer Exit Interview- Dayna Ogle

Closed session

Action #4

Resolution FY 24.25 #80

Commissioner Brewer moved to accept applications for Finance Officer position through June 9th, 2025. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Camera Policy – Live West

Clerk & Recorder Liv West entered the chambers at 10:51 a.m.

West presented the Commissioners with a proposed camera policy for the election \ security cameras. After reviewing the document and discussing any concerns with West, the Commissioners requested that the policy be converted into a formal resolution. West will present the finalized version of the policy in resolution format at the regular Commission meeting scheduled for June 3, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #62534 through Check #62556 totaling \$12,917.07. Electronic Check #-99586 through #-99580 totaling \$5,022.07. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

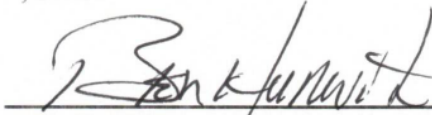
Next Meeting:


Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025.


CLERK & RECORDER

SEAL




CHAIRMAN


VICE-CHAIRMAN


COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Jennifer Deems
Distributed June 3rd, 2025 to Chairman Hurwitz, Vice Chair Galt, and Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Liv A. West.