

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

May 21st, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.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, Vice Chair Ben Hurwitz and Commissioner Errol Galt were present for the meeting.

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve the minutes from May 14, 2024. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Non-Agenda Item – Travis Deems

Interim Cemetery Sexton, Travis Deems entered the chambers @ 8:50 a.m.

Deems introduced himself to the Commissioners and highlighted some of the things that he accomplished during his time as the interim Cemetery Sexton. Deems voiced a willingness to assist the new Sexton, Randy Harden, by dedicating one day a week to the Cemetery if needed. Deems expressed his interest in joining the Cemetery Board when there is an opening.

Monthly Library Report – Rachel Wahlstrom

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

Wahlstrom presented the Commissioners with a couple handouts, one explaining The Trust for Montana Libraries and another showing the proposed budget from the State Librarian to the State Library Board Commission. The State Library Board of Commissioners does not vote on funding, they approve it and send it to the Governor's Office for final approval. Wahlstrom attended the meeting for State Library Board Commission on April 17, 2024. The State Library Commissioners decided not to move forward with funding. The State Librarian and the Montana Association of Libraries is looking to move forward with the request for funding without the approval of the Library Commission. Wahlstrom stated The Trust for Montana Libraries advocates for funds for libraries across the state. The Trust has always had an agreement with the State Library Commissioners. However, this year the State Library Commissioners have chosen not to continue that agreement. Wahlstrom stated, she is unsure of how this will affect the Meagher County City Library.

Wahlstrom stated Story time at the library is finished for the season. The library will transition to its Summer Reading Program starting June 12th.

Wahlstrom stated the library has received the Train Table they ordered. The train table was built by the Montana State Correctional Facility.

Document # 150624 Page: 1 of 4

Recorded at 11:00 AM on 6/4/2024 Fee: \$0.00

Liv A. West Clerk & Recorder, MEAGHER COUNTY By 30

Wahlstrom stated the Meagher County Library received a \$1000 grant from Town Pump for the Summer Reading Program. This grant allows the library to add some fun, bigger programming to the Summer Reading Program.

Monthly Treasurer Report – Maura Kusek

Treasurer Maura Kusek entered the chambers at 9:30a.m.

Kusek presented the Commissioners with the April Treasurer Cash sheet for signature. Kusek presented the Commissioners with the investment earnings on pooled monies for Fiscal Year 22/23. The earnings are disbursed between the County and School District 8.

ACTION #2

Commissioner Galt moved to approve Resolution FY23.24 #92 for the disbursement of investment earning on pooled monies for FY 22.23. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

**Fiscal Year 23 - 24
RESOLUTION #92**

WHEREAS, Meagher County Investment earnings for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year on pooled monies are \$211,246.25 and

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

WHEREAS, White Sulphur Springs School is entitled to 27% of the remaining interest earned on the monies included in the pooled monies and,

WHEREAS, Meagher County is entitled to 70% of the remaining interest earned on the monies included in the pooled monies.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

\$44,506.48 (forty-four thousand five hundred six dollars and 48/100) interest shall be transferred from the County General Fund Investment earnings into the County School Funds.

\$6,337.39 (Six thousand three hundred thirty-seven dollars and 39/100) interest shall be transferred from the County General Fund Investment earnings into General Treasurer Fees.

\$160,402.38 (One hundred sixty thousand four hundred two dollars and 38/100) interest shall remain in the County General Fund Investment earnings.

Distribution:

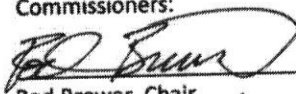
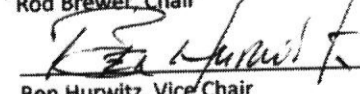
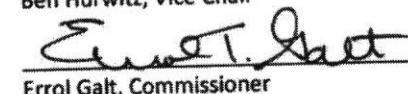
Total Interest:	\$211,246.25
Treasurer's 3%	<u>6,337.39</u>
	\$204,225.06
School 27%	<u>\$ 44,506.48</u>
County interest	\$160,402.38

Dated this May 21, 2024.

Attest:


Liv West, Clerk & Recorder


Commissioners:


Rod Brewer, Chair

Ben Hurwitz, Vice Chair

Errol Galt, Commissioner

Document # 150624 Page: 2 of 4

Recorded at 11:00 AM on 6/4/2024 Fee: \$0.00

Liv A. West Clerk & Recorder, MEAGHER COUNTY By BO

Kusek requested to abate the taxes on two mobile homes in Meagher County due to age and value.

ACTION #3

Commissioner Galt moved to approve the tax abatement of mobile home # 300395 of Lucas Ranch due to age and value, and mobile home #300099 of Kolt Tellock due to age and value. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion a vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Resolution FY 23.24 #93

RESOLUTION #93

May 21, 2024

Treasurer Maura Kusek presented the Commissioners with a request to abate the taxes on the following:


IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the following Mobile Home taxes assessed should be abated:


- Lucas Ranch #300395 Due to age and value of MH it will no longer be taxed per DOR taxes for year 2023 \$88.15 + P&I \$8.15 = \$96.30 and also for year 2024 \$77.35.
- Kolt Tellock #300099 Due to age and value of MH it will no longer be taxed per DOR Taxes for year 2023 \$75.53 + P&I \$6.99 = \$82.52 and also Taxes for year 2024 \$66.29.

Total to be abated: \$322.46

A vote was taken and unanimously approved. It is therefore resolved.

Attest:


 Liv West, Clerk & Recorder



Commissioners:


 Rod Brewer, Chair


 Ben Hurwitz, Vice Chair


 Errol Galt, Commissioner

Game Warden Update – Tanner Mitchell

Game Warden Tanner Mitchell entered the chambers at 9:55 a.m.

Game Warden Mitchell brought in several confiscated mounts from an out-of-state hunter who was illegally hunting in Meagher County. These mounts will be displayed in the Meagher County Courthouse. Mitchell also informed the Commissioners that he has relocated and will no longer serve as the Game Warden in Meagher County. As of now, Fish, Wildlife and Parks have not yet appointed a replacement Warden.

Document # 150624 Page: 3 of 4

Recorded at 11:00 AM on 6/4/2024 Fee: \$0.00

Liv A. West Clerk & Recorder, MEAGHER COUNTY By BD

Petition to Abandon County Road – Liv West

Clerk & Recorder Liv West, Brian Gallik, attorney for the Flying T Ranch, Attorney, Susan Swimley, MACo attorney representing Meagher County, entered the chambers at 10:55 a.m.

West presented the Commissioners with a petition to abandon Moss Agate Road. West had reviewed the petition and verified that it met the statutory requirements. Susan Swimley explained that the petition was a portion of the settlement that had been reached on litigation concerning the use of Moss Agate Road. A petition to abandon the road had been first considered in 1969, however, the litigation had raised questions over whether the County Commission in 1969 had successfully abandoned it, and therefore, the petitioners had requested the County go through the steps to abandon it again.

Action #4

Commissioner Brewer moved to accept the Petition. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Commissioner Brewer and Road Supervisor Jake Kusek were then appointed as road viewers to examine the Moss Agate Road as soon as practicable and return to the Commission in June with their recommendation.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #61427 through Check #61451 totaling \$44,880.91 and electronic Checks #-99921 through #-99918 totaling \$1,466.14 All checks were signed as presented.

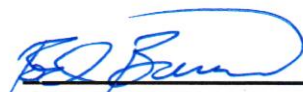
Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, June 4th, 2024.


CLERK & RECORDER


CHAIRMAN




VICE-CHAIRMAN


COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Jennifer Deems
Distributed June 4th, 2024 to Chairman Brewer, Vice Chair Hurwitz, and Commissioner Galt, and Clerk & Recorder West

Document # 150624 Page: 4 of 4

Recorded at 11:00 AM on 6/4/2024 Fee: \$0.00

Liv A. West Clerk & Recorder, MEAGHER COUNTY By BO