

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS

MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

November 6th, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.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-Charmain Ben Hurwitz and Commissioner Errol Galt were present for the meeting.

Claims Review / Minutes Review:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Galt moved to approve the minutes from October 15th, 2024. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Monthly Sheriff Report – Jon Lopp

Sheriff Jon Lopp entered the chambers at 1:45 p.m.

Sheriff Lopp presented the Commissioners with the Complaint Report for the month of October. There were 221 incoming calls, 29 9-1-1 calls and 312 people came into the Sheriff's office. A total of 562 people contacted the Sheriff's office in October.

Lopp presented the DUI Taskforce Memorandum of Understanding for signature.

Lopp requested that Zane Frisbie's Reserve Officer wage be raised to match his Dispatch wage.

Action #2

Resolution FY24.25 #37

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve the Reserve Officer wage increase to \$22.42/ hour effective July 1, 2024. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Monthly Road Report / Fire Report – Jake Kusek

Road Supervisor / Fire Chief Jake Kusek entered the chambers at 9:35 a.m.

Kusek stated bridge #03653 on Lavell Lane at Ringling will be replaced with a culvert. Bridge #03654 at Martinsdale has been repaired and is waiting for the state to reopen it.

Kusek stated the CAT grader will cost \$25,000- \$30,000 to repair. Kusek stated the bearings and clutch packs for Transmission are being replaced. Kusek stated the CAT grader's motor only has 2000 hours on it. Commissioners and Kusek discussed the cost of leasing a new grader vs.

Action #3

Resolution FY 24.254 #37A

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to rescind Resolution FY 24.25 #36 for the lease of 2025 John Deere 672G Grader. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Public Hearing Budget Amendments – Dayna Ogle

Chief Finance Officer Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 9:10 a.m.

Ogle presented the Commissioners with 2 Budget amendments for signature.

Action #4

Resolution FY24.25 #38

Resolution 2024 - #38

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2023.2024 budget has been set and,

WHEREAS, the Rural Addressing Fund (2300) had unexpected in the amount of \$874 dollars and,,

WHEREAS, the Rural Address Fund (2300) will utilized the cash on hand to offset the expense.

NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the budget in the Rural Address Fund (2300) for unexpected expense totaling \$874 (eight hundred seventy four dollars and no cents) effective June 30, 2024.

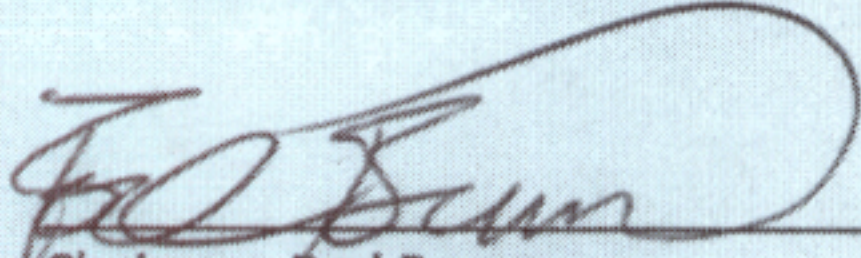
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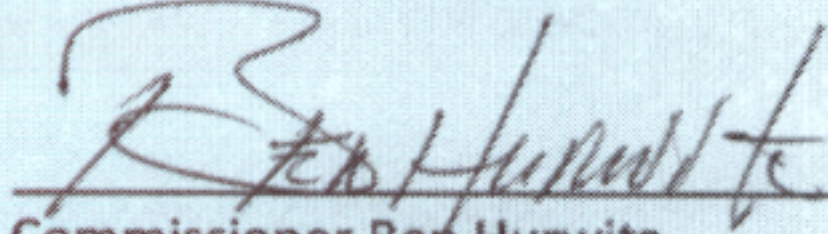
Dayna Ogle
Chief Financial Officer

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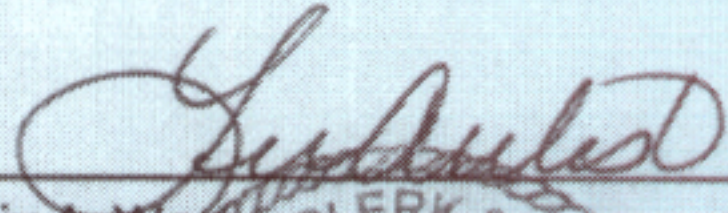


Chairman Rod Brewer

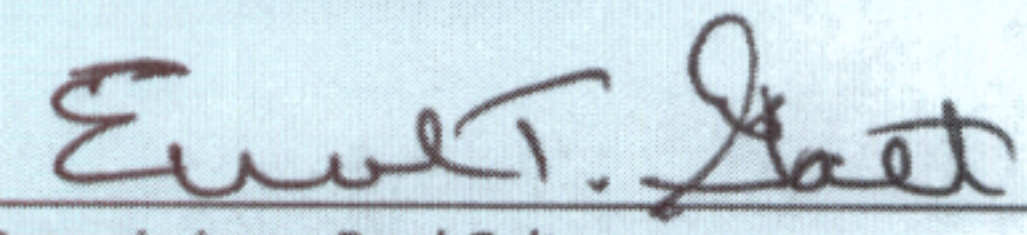
Attest:



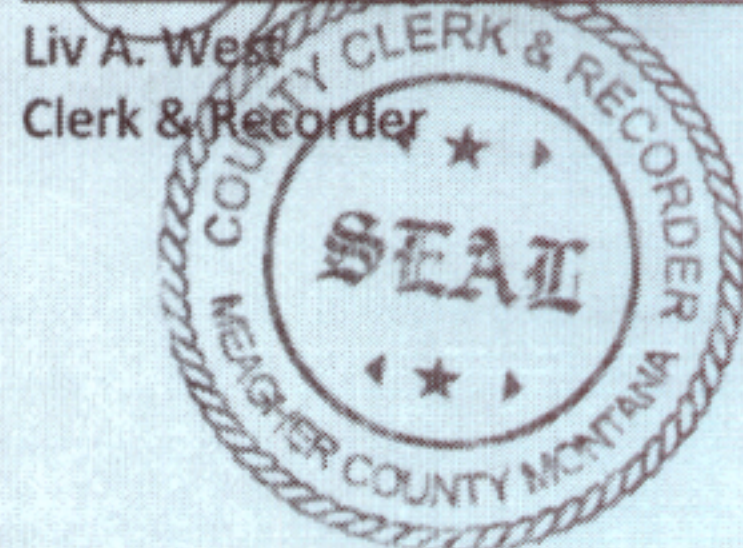
Commissioner Ben Hurwitz



Liv A. West
Clerk & Recorder



Commissioner Errol Galt



Action# 5

Resolution FY24.25 #39

Resolution 2024 - #39

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2023.2024 budget has been set and,

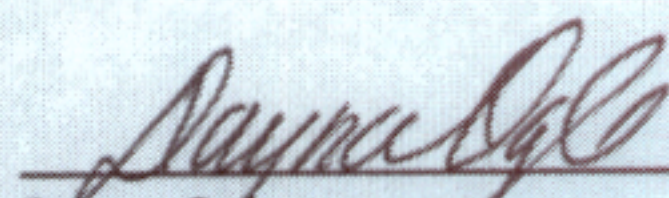
WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Fund (2500) had unexpected expenses in the amount of \$660 dollars and,

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Fund (2500) will utilized the cash on hand to offset the expense.

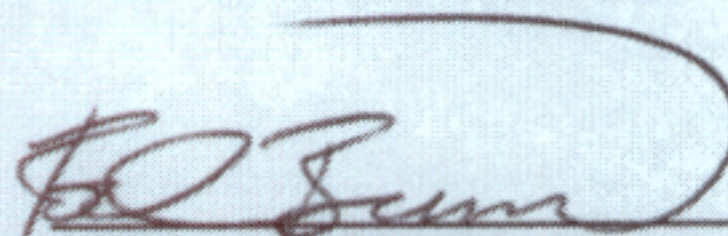
NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the budget in the Solid Waste Fund (2500) for unexpected expense totaling \$660 (six hundred sixty dollars and no cents) effective June 30, 2024.

Dated this 15th day of October 2024

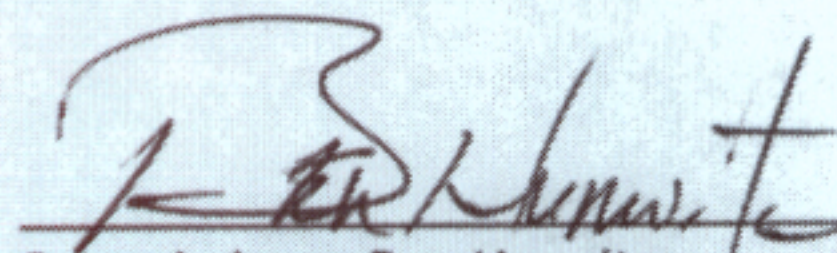
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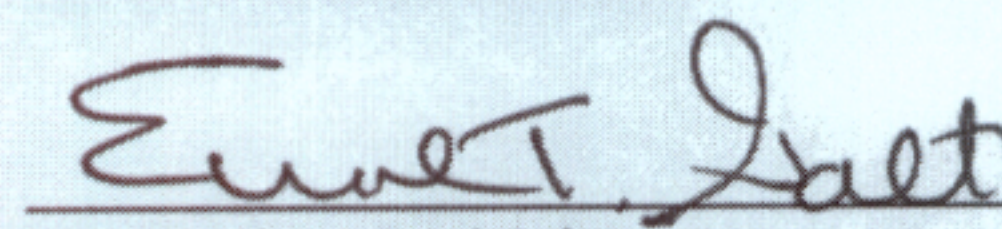
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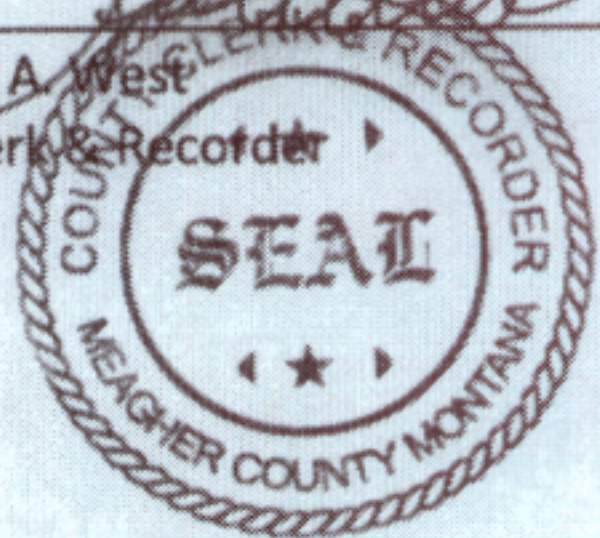

Chairman Rod Brewer

Attest:


Commissioner Ben Hurwitz


Liv A. West
Clerk & Recorder


Commissioner Errol Galt



Contract Superintendent – Liv West

Clerk & Recorder Liv West entered the chambers at 10:15 a.m.

West informed the commissioners that she would like to contract with Matthew Henry from Gallatin County to assist with Superintendent of Schools.

Action # 6

Resolution FY24.25 #40

**CONTRACT FOR SERVICES
OF
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT**

This Contract entered into this 6th day of November, 2024, by and between Matthew Henry and Meagher County Montana, and pursuant to section 20-3-201 (3) (a), Montana Code Annotated.

WHEREAS, the office of the Meagher County Superintendent of Schools has been consolidated with the office of Meagher County Clerk & Recorder, and

WHEREAS, the Meagher County Clerk & Recorder does not have the qualifications required by statute to assume the duties required in 20-3-207 and 20-3-210 Montana Code Annotated for the office of County Superintendent of Schools, and

WHEREAS, Section 20-3-201, Montana Code Annotated, provides in this instance, that the county shall, with the approval of the governing body, contract for the duties required of a county superintendent, and

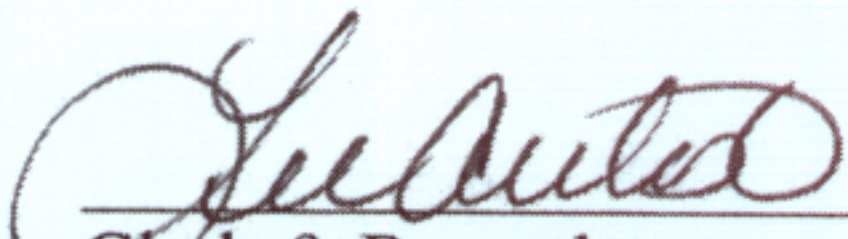
WHEREAS, Matthew Henry as former Gallatin County Superintendent of Schools has the necessary qualifications required by statute to assume those duties.

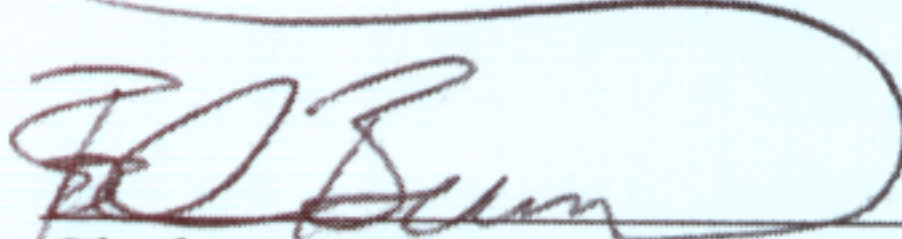
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration and for the terms set forth below, the parties, signing this contract, hereby enter into an agreement with Matthew Henry to provide services of County Superintendent of Schools to Meagher County, Montana for the balance of fiscal year 2024-2025 as follows:

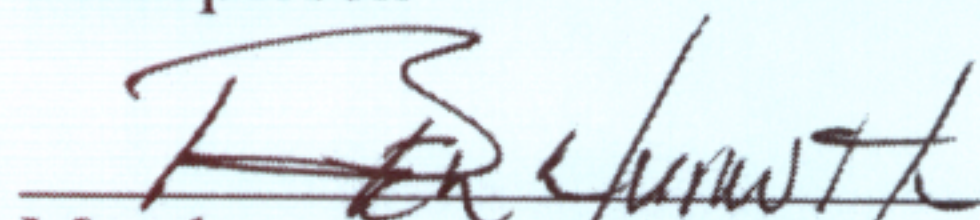
- 1) Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per year.
- 2) Service provided as per 20-3-207 and 20-3-210 MCA, at an hourly rate of \$40.00 per hour.
- 3) Current state rates for meals, mileage, and motels.
- 4) Legal representation from the Meagher County Attorney for controversy disputes and hearings *or* when in conflict, legal representation to be agreed upon by the Meagher County Commission.

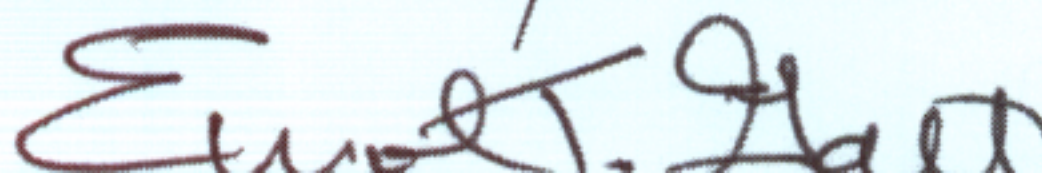
ATTEST:

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


Clerk & Recorder


Chairperson


Member





Ogle requested Commissioner's approval to move \$9.60 from PILT (2900) to Alcohol Tax (2800) and \$938.31 from PILT (2900) to Building Outlay (4000).

Action #7

Resolution FY24.25 #41

Commissioner moved to approve the transfer of \$9.60 from PILT (2900) to Alcohol Tax (2800) and \$938.31 from PILT (2900) to Building Outlay (4000). Commissioner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Airport Improvement Plan – Lance Bowser

Robert Peccia & Associates (RPA) Lance Bowser and FAA project Manager Gary Gates attended via Teams meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Bowser stated that Meagher County has almost Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Grant money and Non-Primary Entitlement (NPE) Money. This money requires a 10% Local share. This money requires 10% local share and is set to expire at the end of 2026. If the money is not used, we will lose it.

Bowser stated the approach procedures were developed on 10/31/24. Bowser stated the procedures look good; they are one-mile procedures at 250 feet high. Bowser stated the procedures have been published and pilots are able to use them.

Bowser stated that the FAA is not able to support a runway pavement overlay project. The runway is in too good of a condition to overlay. Bowser suggests a runway pavement maintenance project rather than an overlay project next year. Bowser stated the project would come in around \$200,000 with a 5% local share. Bowser stated the county can apply for a MT Aeronautics grant for the local share. Bowser stated they would like to do some Geotechnical investigations to better evaluate the pavement strength as part of the maintenance project..

Claims Approved:

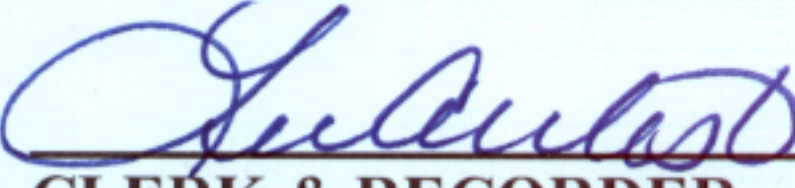
Commissioners were presented with Claim Check #61964 through Check #61985 totaling \$10,736.93 and electronic check #-99775 through electronic check #-99771 totaling \$995.42. All Checks were signed as presented.

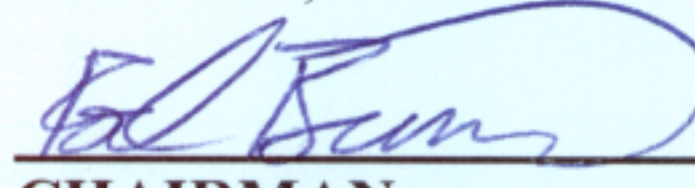
Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

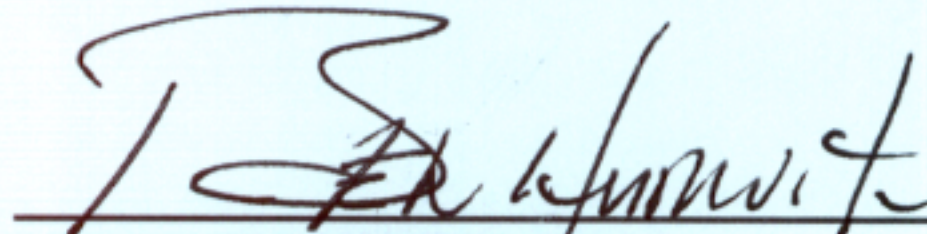
Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, November 12th, 2024.


CLERK & RECORDER


CHAIRMAN




VICE-CHAIRMAN