

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

Tuesday

October 14th, 2025

9:00 a.m.-11:02 a.m.

Commissioner Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Commissioners Present:

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

ACTION #1

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the minutes from October 7th, 2025. Vice-Chairman Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Cemetery Report-Kathy Palmer

Cemetery Board Chair Kathy Palmer and Cemetery Sexton Randy Hardin entered the chambers at 9:01 a.m.

Palmer stated that Hardin's hours will be half starting next month. Hardin will do snow removal at the courthouse, ambulance barn, library, cemetery, and airport.

Hardin received a verbal bid of \$75,000 for a new building at the cemetery, excluding the cost of the well. The proposed building specifications include dimensions of 20 feet by 60 feet with a height of 10 feet, featuring one garage door, one standard entry door, and four windows.

Palmer stated that they have applied for the Camas Grant which is \$5,000 to raise funds for a tractor. Palmer has been researching other grants as well that they can apply for.

Sheriff Report-Jon Lopp

Sheriff Jon Lopp entered the chambers at 9:24 a.m.

Lopp distributed the Complaint Report for the Month of September 2025.

In this month, the Sheriff's Office received two hundred thirty-two (232) incoming calls, twenty-eight (28) 9-1-1 calls, and ninety-eight (98) people coming into the office. For a total of three hundred fifty-eight (358) people who contacted the Sheriff's Office.

In September 2025, the city recorded two incidents that were required to be reported to NIBRS, while the county recorded five reportable incidents.

Lopp and the Commissioners discussed the confiscated vehicles located at the gravel pit and explored options for their disposal.

Health Nurse-Eva Kerr

County Health Nurse Eva Kerr R.N. entered the chambers at 10:00 a.m.

Kerr distributed the County Health Department report for the month of September 2025 to Commissioners.

Kerr distributed the Area IV Agency on Aging contract and Chairman Hurwitz approved and signed.

Kerr provided the Commissioners with updates on various ongoing initiatives, including vaccinations, grant activities, school-based CPR training, and homemaker respite services. She also stated that she signed the yearly contract for Homemaker.

Cody Wilson and Kerr conducted a 'Stop the Bleed' training session and plan to offer an additional class for teachers in the spring.

Board of Health-Eva Kerr

Board of Health Member Sandy Harris entered the chambers at 10:24 a.m.

Zach Kozicky and Van Puckett of Southwest Montana Consulting, Inc. entered the chambers at 10:26 a.m.

County Attorney Burt Hurwitz entered the chambers at 10:34 a.m.

County Clerk and Recorder Liv West entered the chambers at 10:40 a.m.

Kerr distributed the Report for the Meagher County Board of Health to Commissioners.

Kerr provided the Commissioners with updates from the Board of Health, including information on current vaccination efforts, recent incidents involving dog and cat bites, communicable disease activity, Hepatitis B laboratory testing, and preparedness plans for a potential outbreak in local schools.

Puckett stated that they will be attending the LEPC meeting today and then following they will be hosting a training for septic installers at 1:00 p.m. Earlier in the day, they were present at the White Sulphur Springs school and have recently conducted work in the Martinsdale area.

County Attorney Hurwitz informed the Commissioners that the County is authorized to hire a Sanitarian on a temporary basis. However, to meet legal requirements, a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) process was necessary. That process has now been completed, and the next step is to proceed with hiring Southwest Montana Consulting, Inc. for a long-term position.

ACTION #2

Resolution FY 25.26 #33

Vice-Chairman Galt moved to hire Southwest Montana Consulting Inc. for a long-term contract. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

County Attorney Hurwitz informed the Commissioners that a new lawsuit has been filed against the County. He requested to be placed on the agenda for a Closed Session regarding litigation strategy, scheduled for October 21, 2025.

Non-Agenda Item: Finance Officer Jennifer Deems discussed with Commissioners the Custodian position at the courthouse.

ACTION #3

Resolution FY 25.26 #34

Vice-Chairman Galt moved to approve the placement of an advertisement for a Custodian position. Chairman Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Checks #62930 through Check #62945 for the amount of \$18,977.36.

Commissioners were presented with Electronic Checks #-99440 through Check #-99438 for the amount of \$2,791.66.

The total amount for Claim Checks: \$21,769.02. All Checks were signed as presented.

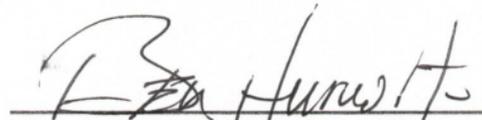
Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, October 21th, 2025.


CLERK & RECORDER


CHAIRMAN




VICE-CHAIRMAN


COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Briana Frasier,
Distributed October 21th, 2025 to Chairman Hurwitz, Vice-Chairman Galt, Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Liv A. West.