

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

Tuesday

October 7th, 2025

8:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Commissioners Present:

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

ACTION #1

Vice Chairman Galt moved to approve the minutes from September 16, 2025. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Road Report- Jake Kusek

Jake Kusek entered the chambers at 8:55 a.m.

Kusek and the Commissioners engaged in a discussion regarding the application of magnesium chloride on roadways, specifically its effectiveness in reducing dust levels and enhancing road stability on Slaughter-house Road, Luppold Road and the Smith River Road.

Building Update-Scott Frasier

Scott Frasier entered the chambers at 9:56 a.m.

Frasier stated that he will have boiler training in Helena at the end of this month. Rooney's will have the parts to put together the boiler at the Sheriff's office and should have the boiler put back together before the next cold snap.

Frasier stated he is working on setting up high voltage electric for the A/C mini splits.

Intermountain Heating and Cooling requested that the County establish a method for placing the A/C condensers on the roof. Frasier noted that each condenser weighs approximately 115 pounds, and recommended using a telehandler as a more cost-effective alternative to a crane.

The Commissioners signed the estimate for the mini splits from Intermountain Heating and Cooling.

Final Housing Plan-Cassie Coburn

County Clerk and Recorder Liv West entered the chambers at 10:27 a.m.

County Mayor Rick Nelson entered the chambers at 10:24 a.m.

Cassie Coburn entered the chambers at 10:27 a.m.

Great West Engineering Kevin Angland entered the chambers VIA ZOOM at 10:32 a.m.

Coburn and the Commissioners talked in detail about the application for the CDBG grant. Coburn stated that the hospital and Tintina has agreed to pay 1/3 match on the grant if Meagher County will also pay 1/3.

ACTION #2

Resolution FY 25.26 #32

Commissioner Galt moved to approve the application for the CDBG grant. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Catalyst for Change-Christy May

Meredith Feddes entered the chambers at 10:50 a.m.

Sarah Hamlin entered the chambers at 11:06 a.m.

Rick Nelson entered the chambers at 10:24 a.m.

Amber Martinsen, Christy May, Kori Martinson, and Maria Rostad entered VIA ZOOM at 11:02 a.m.

Martinsen and the Commissioners talked about the need in the community for mental health help and if the Commissioners want to proceed with Catalyst for Change.

The Commissioners stated that there should be a meeting with the superintendent at the school Meredith Feddes, Mayor Rick Nelson, CEO Mountainview Medical Center Rob Brandt, Work in Progress PLLC Jenn Hurwitz and Catalyst for Change to discuss options.

FFA to Washington D.C-Meredith Feddes

Meredith Feddes entered the chambers at 10:50 a.m.

Beau Shroyer entered the chambers at 11:30 a.m.

Sarah Hamlin entered the chambers 11:06 a.m.

Feddes gave the Commissioners updates on Operation Wise Owl (A Student-Led Delegation for Secure Rural Schools (SRS). Operation Wise Owl brings Future Farmers of American (FFA) students, supported by Superintendents and FFA Advisors, to Washington, D.C. to speak with Members of Congress to highlight the need to pass Secure Rural Schools (S.356) bill and uphold the promise to support rural education. They have an appointment with speaker of the house Mike Johnson on October 20th at 10:00 a.m. They will be addressing the request to reauthorize this bill to fund our county and state.

Public Comment:

Jess Secrest, Catalina Geyger, Fey Reiff, Dick Roma, and Claudia Celander entered the chambers at 8:30 a.m.

Secrest initiated the discussion by noting that all attendees either reside near or operate businesses adjacent to Slaughterhouse and Leupold Roads. He expressed concern over the condition of the road, stating that it was graded and left for 10 days because of significant rainfall. The frequent passage of large gravel and cement trucks at high speeds has further exacerbated the road's condition and contributed to elevated dust levels. Celander emphasized that the road is currently in the worst state they have ever observed. Additionally, the issue of confiscated vehicles at the gravel pit was raised, with inquiries made regarding potential actions that could be taken to address the situation.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Checks #62896 through Check #62929 for the amount of \$237,637.96.

They were presented with Electronic Checks #-99453 through check #99441 for the amount of \$18371.52.

The total amount for Claim Checks: \$256,009.48. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next Meeting:

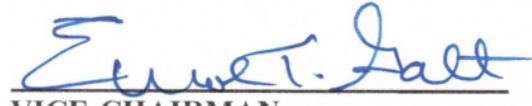
Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, October 14th, 2025.

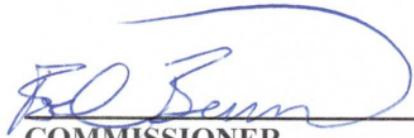

CLERK & RECORDER


CHAIRMAN

SEAL




VICE-CHAIRMAN


COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Briana Frasier.
Distributed October 14th, 2025 to Chairman Hurwitz, Vice-Chairman Galt, Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Liv A. West.