

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS

MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

September 10th, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 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 August 20th, 2024 and September 3rd, 2024. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

Lewis & Clark Public Health – Melissa Baker

Vivi Tyler - WIC Clinic Coordinator, Mary Sparks – Child and Family Health Supervisor, Ali Mullen – Opioid Misuse Prevention and Safer Communities Coordinator, Julie Buir – Prevention Program Supervisor, Melissa Baker – Health Educator, Cancer Control Program attended via Zoom at 9a.m.

Each attendee introduced themselves and provided an overview of their roles. They discussed how their respective positions can contribute to supporting the residents of Meagher County. The programs are available to Meagher County Residents who meet the criteria. Residents can contact the Lewis & Clark Public Health in the Murray Building, at 1930 9th Avenue in Helena.

Monthly Health Report – Eva Kerr

County Health Nurse Eva Kerr entered the chambers at 9:00 a.m.

Kerr reported that she has reviewed the vaccination records of school age children and sent out reminders. Kerr also mentioned she administered 14 child vaccinations and 2 adult Vaccinations.

Kerr informed the Commissioners that she completed her Public Health Law Training, an Opioid WebEx, and her quarterly training for the Fetal, Infant, Child & Maternal Mortality Review (FICMMR).

Kerr also noted that an After-Action Report for Red Ants Pants (RAP) was completed and filed. Kerr stated participation at the festival seemed to be slightly lower than in previous years.

Monthly County Attorney Report – Burt Hurwitz

County Attorney Burt Hurwitz & Victim Witness Advocate Laura Taylor entered the chamber at 10:30 a.m.

Attorney Hurwitz briefed the Commissioners on his current case load. Hurwitz noted domestic violence cases seem to be on the rise. Attorney Hurwitz has a homicide trial at the end of October and an attempted homicide trial in mid-November with the possibility of a resolution prior to the mid-November trial date. Additionally, Hurwitz stated he also has a sexual assault trial in early December.

HB819 Meagher County Housing Project Great West Engineering Task Order

County Attorney Burt Hurwitz entered the chambers at 10:30a.m.

Attorney Hurwitz stated in August, Mountainview Medical Center gave approval for Meagher County to go ahead with the HB819 Meagher County Housing Project planning on the vacant land near the new hospital grounds. Attorney Hurwitz clarified that Meagher County is not constructing houses but is instead developing a plan to allow a developer to bypass the planning phase and begin building immediately, should one become interested.

Action #2

Resolution FY 24.25 #28

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve the HB819 Meagher County Housing Project, Great West Engineering Task Order No 2. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Library Budget – Rachel Wahlstrom, Glenda Ritchie

Library Co-Director Rachel Wahlstrom and Library Board Member Glenda Ritchie entered the chambers at 11:30 a.m.

Wahlstrom and Ritchie resumed their discussion on the library's budget, the City of White Sulphur Springs agreed to contributed an additional 4 mils (\$9323.76) to the library budget. The County agreed to contribute an additional \$25,000 to the library budget.

Public Hearing Final Budget Adoption – Dayna Ogle:

Finance Officer Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 12:00 p.m.

Ogle presented the Commissioners with the final budget for review.

Action #3

Resolution FY24.25 #29

RESOLUTION NO. FY24.25 #
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

WHEREAS, Section 7-6-4030, MCA, provides that the governing body shall adopt the final budget by resolution. The resolution must:

Authorize appropriations to defray the expenses or liabilities for the fiscal year and Establish legal spending limits at the level of detail in the resolution.

WHEREAS, Section 7-6-4020 requires that a preliminary annual operating budget must be prepared for the local government; and

WHEREAS, Section 7-6-4021 requires that the governing body shall cause a notice of public hearing on the preliminary or amended budget to be published, and

WHEREAS, Section 7-6-4024, provides that the governing body must hold a public hearing in accordance with the notice given pursuant to 7-6-4021; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on September 3th, 2024 where residents of the County were allowed to express their concerns about the proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners has reviewed the proposed budget, received the estimated ending cash balances for all county funds, made changes to the budget as deemed necessary following the public hearing(s) and from input by elected officials and department heads, and computed the estimated taxes, fees and assessments needed to fund the fiscal year 2024 - 2025 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Meagher County that: The final budget after any amendments to the preliminary budget and after considering any public comment is adopted. This resolution authorizes:

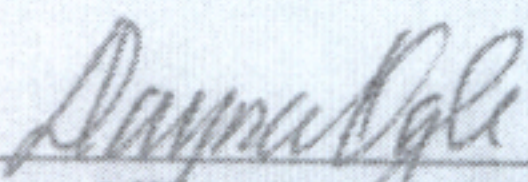
Appropriations to defray the expenses or liabilities for the fiscal year and sets the legal spending limits at the county fund level as set out in FY 24.25 Attachment "A". (the fund level detail is stated in the formal budget document and established in the County's accounting system), sets levies as set out in FY 24.25 Attachment "B" and sets salaries/wages as set out in FY 24.25 attachment "C".

The effective date of this resolution is July 1, 2024, even if the resolution is adopted after that date.

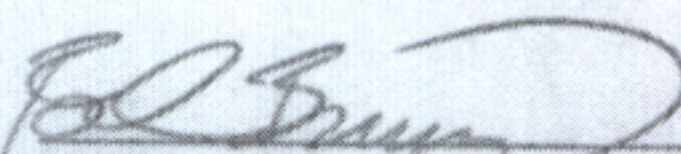
Dated this 10th day of September, 2024

Prepared by:

Board of County Commissioners:




Finance Officer - Dayna Ogile

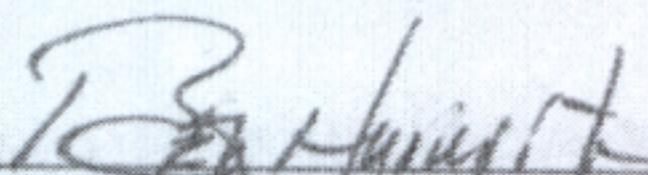


Chairman Rod Brewer

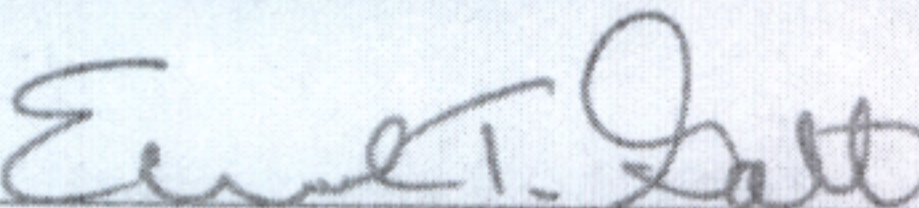
Attest:



Clerk & Recorder - Liv A. West



Commissioner Ben Hurwitz



Commissioner Errol Galt

Attachment A - Fund Level
FY 24.25

MILL VALUE
COUNTY WIDE
ROAD
SP POLICE/MOSQUITO
CEMETERY

10,992.591
8,661.656
2,330.935
10,061.990

MILL VALUE
SOIL & CONSERVATION
CASTLE VALLY FIRE
GRASSY MTN FIRE
MARTINSDALE SID

7,677.12
56.731
364.439
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Fund #	Fund Name	Appropriations	Cash		Total Requirements	Cash Available	Non-Tax Revenues	Property Tax		Total Revenues	Total Resources	Mill Levy	
			Reserve					Revenues					
1000	General	1,277,973	383,392		1,661,365	457,211	531,407	672,747		1,204,154	1,661,365	61.20	
2110	Road	973,814	319,989		1,293,803	673,989	240,000	379,814		619,814	1,293,803	43.85	
2130	Bridge	0	0		0			0		0	0		
2140	Weed	214,918	64,475		279,393	53,750	208,055	17,588		225,643	279,393	1.60	
2150	PAC - Sheep	7,626			7,626	6,061	0	1,565		1,565	7,626	\$0.60/Hd	
2155	PAC - Cattle	51,755			51,755	31,899	0	19,856		19,856	51,755	\$0.50/Hd	
2170	Airport	222,684	10,000		232,684	12,227	198,471	21,985		220,456	232,683	2.00	
2180	District Court	78,408	23,522		101,930	21,929	47,024	32,978		80,002	101,931	3.00	
2191	Special Police	116,766	38,533		155,299	55,299	19,909	80,091		100,000	155,299	34.36	
2200	Mosquito	26,598	7,979		34,577	28,004		6,573		6,573	34,577	2.82	
2220	Library -	122,929	36,900		159,829	43,726	61,210	54,963		116,173	159,899	5.00	
2222	Library Don Johnston	1,056	0		1,056	1,056	0	0		0	1,056		
2224	Library Dep. Reserve	19,963	0		19,963	19,963	0	0		0	19,963		
2230	Ambulance	131,434	37,492		168,926	67,754	65,446	35,726		101,172	168,926	3.25	
2240	Cemetery	91,724	27,517		119,241	44,986	36,885	37,330		74,215	119,201	3.71	
2250	Planning Board	31,000	9,303		40,303	3,048	30,000	7,255		37,255	40,303	0.66	
2260	Disaster	11,024	3,307		14,331	14,331	0	0		0	14,331		
2271	Mental Health	3,800	1,222		5,022	2,384	0	2,638		2,638	5,022	0.24	
2280	Senior Center	15,000	0		15,000	0	15,000	0		15,000	15,000		
2290	Extension	48,883	14,665		63,548	18,008	12,562	32,978		45,540	63,548	3.00	
2300	Rural Addressing	4,000	1,245		5,245	248	600	4,397		4,997	5,245	0.40	
2309	Public Safety	643,249	192,975		836,224	230,131	267,521	338,572		606,093	836,224	30.80	
2340	Fire	97,176	29,157		126,333	91,705	1,650	32,978		34,628	126,333	3.00	
2344	Rural Fire Capacity	539			539	539	0	0		0	539		
2371	Health Insurance	282,948	87,810		370,758	78,329	54,000	238,429		292,429	370,758	21.69	
2382	Search and Rescue	4,600	1,441		6,041	4,612	0	1,429		1,429	6,041	0.13	
2384	Liability Ins	156,444	46,933		203,377	45,320	48,131	109,926		158,057	203,377	10.00	
2385	Safety Coordinator	3,222	0		3,222	3,222	0	0		0	3,222		

Attachment A - Fund Level
FY 23.24

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2388	Nat. Oploid Settlmnt	4,029	0	4,029	4,029	0	0	0	4,029	
2391	Hard Rock Mining impct	301	0	301	301	0	0	0	301	
2393	Record Preserv.	14,120	2,200	16,320	14,120	2,200	0	2,200	16,320	
2399	Impact Fee	59,675	0	59,675	59,675	0	0	0	59,675	
2400	Martinsdale SID	35,062	10,519	45,581	45,581	0	0	0	45,581	0.00
2500	Solid Waste	8,450	2,632	11,082	89	0	10,993	10,993	11,082	1.00
2790	Harmon	No Budget	0	0	No Budget	0	0	0	No Budget	
2800	Alcohol Rehab	15,000	0	15,000	0	15,000	0	15,000	15,000	
2811	Every 15 Minutes	756	0	756	756	0	0	0	756	
2812	DUI task Force	9,228	0	9,228	7,228	2,000	0	2,000	9,228	
2820	Gas Tax	196,761	0	196,761	76,253	120,508	0	120,508	196,761	
2821	New Gas Tax	146,031	0	146,031	146,031	0	0	0	146,031	
2840	Weed Grant Ranger	22,500	0	22,500	15,000	7,500	0	7,500	22,500	
2842	Weed Grant Castle V	1,638	0	1,638	1,638	0	0	0	1,638	
2844.8	Lingshire WMA	41,292	0	41,292	0	41,292	0	41,292	41,292	
2850	911 Emergency	162,681	48,210	210,891	54,360	136,745	19,787	156,532	210,892	1.80
2852	911 Grant Program	Grant Complete	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2859	County Land Info	14,509	0	14,509	13,509	1,000	0	1,000	14,509	
2860	Land Use Planning	11,000	3,356	14,356	4,023	0	10,333	10,333	14,356	0.94
2865	Local Fire Assist	450		450	450			0	450	
2870	K-9 Unit	3,961	1,209	5,170	3,961	0	1,209	1,209	5,170	0.11
2894	State Mineral Royalties	11,305		11,305	11,305	0	0	0	11,305	
2896	Metal Mines Reserve	6,844		6,844	6,844	0	0	0	6,844	
2900	PILT	250,000		250,000	2,383,825	0	0	0	2,383,825	
2903	Title III	122,175		122,175	122,175	0	0	0	122,175	
2917	Crime Vic Advocate	50,203	0	50,203	0	50,203	0	50,203	50,203	

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2969	Bair Grant	13,643		13,643	4,653	9,000	0	9,000	13,653	
2974	HAN/PHEP	62,355	20,764	83,119	57,188	25,932	0	25,932	83,120	
2976	Immunization	31,338	10,436	41,774	27,062	14,712	0	14,712	41,774	
2979	CSBG	5,769		5,769	5,769		0	0	5,769	
2980	Home Health Grant	12,000		12,000	0	12,000	0	12,000	12,000	
2988	Respit Care Grant	4,500		4,500	0	4,500	0	4,500	4,500	
2989	Public Workforce	84,070		84,070	0	84,070	0	84,070	84,070	
2991	Am Recovery Plan Act	303,671		303,671	3,671	300,000	0	300,000	303,671	
2994	LATCF	1,178,400		1,178,400	1,178,400		0	0	1,178,400	
2999	Cares Act	61,283		61,283	61,283		0	0	61,283	
3200	Comp Abs	13,000		13,000	13,000		0	0	13,000	
4000	Gen Building Outlay			0	0	0	0	0	0	
4010	Road Outlay	77,591		77,591	77,591		0	0	77,591	
4030	Ambualnce Outlay	24		24	24		0	0	24	
4043	Fire Outlay	130,000		130,000	19,478	110,522		110,522	130,000	
4109	Sheriff Outlay			0	3,475		0	0	3,475	
4850	911 Outlay			0	15,659		0	0	15,659	
7030	Paul Hill Memorial	0	16,000	16,000	16,000				16,000	Donations
7205	Martinsdale Fire	69,447	20,834	90,281	85,382	0	4,900	4,900	90,282	\$50/Yr
7206	Grassy Mountain Fire	109,798	32,939	142,737	142,738	0	0	0	142,738	0.00
7207	Castle Valley Fire	9,037	2,711	11,748	9,700	0	7,022	7,022	16,722	36.11
7350	Soil Conservation	18,742		18,742	7,457	0	11,285	11,285	18,742	1.47
7371	WSS TV	88,427	26,528	114,955	92,556	0	22,400	22,400	114,956	\$40/Yr
7372	Martinsdale TV	5,029	0	5,029	5,029	0	0	0	5,029	\$5/Yr
7373	Checkerboard TV	13,622	0	13,622	13,622	0	0	0	13,622	\$15/Yr

ATTACHMENT B - Meagher County Levies
Fiscal Year 2024.2025

Market Valuation: \$632,115,071

Taxable Valuation: 10,992,591

Special Districts - Fees		
2150	Predatory Animal (Sheep)	\$0.60/hd
2155	Predatory Animal (Cattle)	\$0.50/hd
7205	Martinsdale Fire Service Area	\$50.00/yr
7371	WSS TV	\$40.00/yr
7372	Martinsdale TV	\$5.00/yr
7373	Checkerboard TV	\$15.00/yr

County Special District		
2110	Road - Mill Value = \$8,661.656	43.850
2191	Special Police - Mill Value = \$2,330.935	34.360
2200	Mosquito Dist - Mill Value = \$2,330.935	2.820
2400	Martinsdale SID - Mill Value = \$194.459	0.000
2240	Cemetery - Mill Value = \$10,061.990	3.710
7206	Grassy Mtn Fire - Mill Value = \$364.439	0.000
7207	Castle Valley Fire - Mill Value = \$56.731	36.110
7350	Soil&Conservation - Mill Value = \$7,677.119	1.470
7860	City of WSS - Mill Value = \$2,330.935	107.550

County General & Misc. Sm Funds Mill Value = \$10,992.591		
1000	General	61.200
2170	Airport	2.000
2180	District Court	3.000
2230	Ambulance	3.250
2250	Planning Board	0.660
2271	Mental Health	0.240
2300	Rural Addressing	0.400
2309	Public Safety	30.8
2340	Fire	3.000
2378	Meagher Co Health	2.770
2382	Search & Rescue	0.130
2384	Liability Ins.	10.000
2500	Solid Waste	1.000
2850	911 Emergency	1.800
2860	Land Use	0.940
2870	K-9 Unit	0.110
Total		121.300

Voted		
2140	Weed - Mill Value = \$10,992.591	1.600
2220	Library - Mill Value = \$10,992.591	5.000
2290	Extension - Mill Value = \$10,992.591	3.000
7861	City of WSS - Mill Value = \$2,330.935	5.000

Permissive Health Insurance - Mill Value = \$10,992.591	
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State		
7521	University Millage Fund	6.000
7527	State Equalization Fund	40.000

Schools		
7529	Elementary Equalization	33.000
7531	High School Equalization	22.000
7820	County Wide Transportation	2.570
7830	High School (Retire, Unemp, FICA)	17.100

District #8 K - 12		
7701201	General	83.010
7701210	Transportation	18.560
7701211	Bus Depreciation	8.630
7701213	Tuition	1.880
7701217	Adult Education	0.590
7701228	Technology	3.320
7701261	Building Reserve	2.940
7701250	Debt Service (New School)	61.090
Total		180.020

Total Mills By District	
District #8 IN	608.19
District #8 OUT	502.31
District #8 OUT No Lennep	498.60

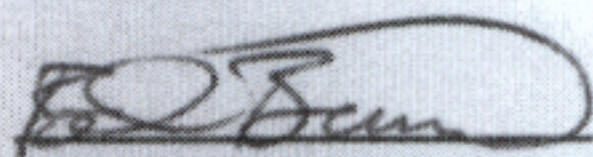
ATTACHMENT C - FINAL SALARY WITH LONGEVITY

FISCAL YEAR 2024 -2025

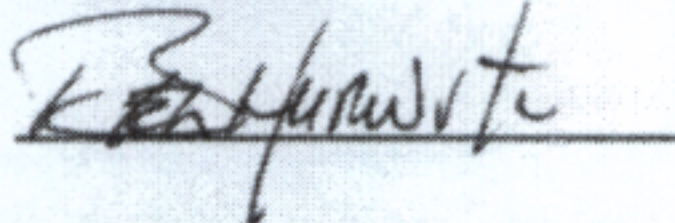
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Name	Fund	HIRE DATE	YEAR	YRS	NEW HRLY	LONGEVITY
Airport Maint.	2170	03.08.13	2013	11	\$ 44.42	\$ -
Ambulance Billing Clerk	2230	01.25.07	2007	17	\$ 20.45	\$ -
Ambulance Drivers	2230				\$ 10.00	
Finance Assistant	1000	07.24.23	2023	1	\$ 21.98	\$ 100.00
Building Maint. Boiler	1000	9.16.21	2021	3	\$ 25.96	\$ 300.00
Building Maint	1000	06.30.23	2023	1	\$ 22.96	\$ -
Chief Financial Officer	1000	04.27.09	2009	15	\$ 28.39	\$ 1,500.00
Clerk & Recorder	1000	08.15.20	2020	4	\$ 27.00	\$ 400.00
Commissioner Dist. 1	1000	01.01.09	2009	15	\$ 27.00	\$ 750.00
Commissioner Dist. 2	1000	01.01.23	2023	1	\$ 27.00	\$ -
Commissioner Dist. 3	1000	10.08.13	2013	11	\$ 27.00	\$ 550.00
County Attorney	1000	01.01.19	2019	5	\$ 61.42	\$ 400.00
Depty Clerk & Recorder	2024	05.06.24	2024	0	\$ 23.11	\$ -
Deputy Sheriff	2191	11.18.14	2014	10	\$ 26.37	\$ 5,048.00
Deputy Sheriff	1000	02.15.21	2021	3	\$ 24.79	\$ 1,648.00
Dispatcher	2850	03.05.01	2001	23	\$ 27.40	\$ 2,000.00
Dispatcher	1000	01.16.14	2014	10	\$ 23.40	\$ 1,000.00
Dispatcher	1000	06.24.24	2024	0	\$ 19.06	\$ -
Dispatcher	2850	03.16.10	2010	14	\$ 26.40	\$ 1,400.00
Dispatcher	1000	04.27.22	2022	2	\$ 22.40	\$ -
Dispatcher (PT)	1000	12.18.17	2017	7	\$ 22.42	
Dispatcher (PT)	1000	12.10.21	2021	3	\$ 22.42	
District Court Clerk	2180	12.14.20	2020	4	\$ 27.00	\$ 300.00
Health Nurse	2378	05.13.14	2014	10	\$ 33.21	\$ 1,000.00
Health Nurse Assistant	2378	01.19.22	2022	2	\$ 29.96	\$ -
Home Health Care	2980	05.28.15	2015	9	\$ 19.67	\$ -
Home Health Care	2980	04.17.17	2017	7	\$ 18.16	\$ -
Home Health Care	2988	06.04.20	2020	4	\$ 18.98	\$ -
Justice of the Peace	1000	09.23.19	2019	5	\$ 27.00	\$ 250.00
Library Clerk	2220	04.30.22	2022	2	\$ 18.98	\$ 200.00
Library Clerk	2220	05.18.23	2023	1	\$ 18.98	\$ -
Librarian Director	2220	08.07.17	2017	7	\$ 22.98	\$ -
Library Director	2220	11.26.19	2019	5	\$ 22.98	\$ -
Reserve Officers	1000				\$ 20.98	\$ -
Respite Care	2988	06.14.20	2020	4	\$ 18.98	
Road Crew	2110	05.28.19	2019	5	\$ 25.86	\$ 500.00
Road Crew	2110	09.07.21	2021	3	\$ 23.96	\$ 300.00
Road Crew	2110	06.17.19	2019	5	\$ 25.86	\$ 500.00
Road Supervisor	2110	05.05.15	2015	9	\$ 30.86	\$ 900.00
Sexton	2240	05.15.24	2024	0	\$ 21.06	\$ -
Cemetery (Summer)	2240	07.18.24	2024	0	\$ 16.06	
Sheriff	1000	04.15.01	2001	23	\$ 27.00	\$ 13,056.00
Treasurer	1000	07.27.15	2015	9	\$ 27.00	\$ 800.00
Treasurer Assistant	1000	09.12.16	2016	8	\$ 20.98	\$ 700.00
Treasurer Assistant	1000	04.22.24	2024	0	\$ 19.06	
Under Sheriff	1000	04.30.18	2018	6	\$ 28.58	\$ 2,900.00
Victum Advocate	2917	03.01.11	2011	13	\$ 26.16	\$ 1,300.00
Weed Assistant	2140	03.20.20	2020	4	\$ 25.96	\$ -
Weed Seasonal	2140	07.22.21	2021	3	\$ 19.96	\$ -
Weed Supervisor	2140	05.28.18	2018	6	\$ 23.96	\$ 500.00

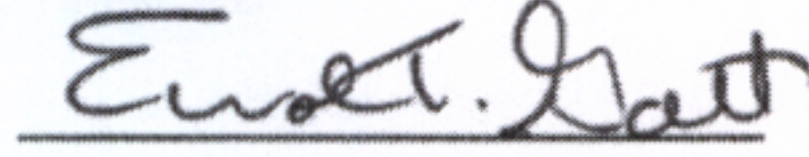
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Errol Galt

**Claims Approved:**

Commissioners were presented with Claim Check # 61814 through Check # 61827 totaling \$59,071.01 and electronic check # -99833 through electronic check # -99817 totaling \$13,280.53. All Checks were signed as presented.

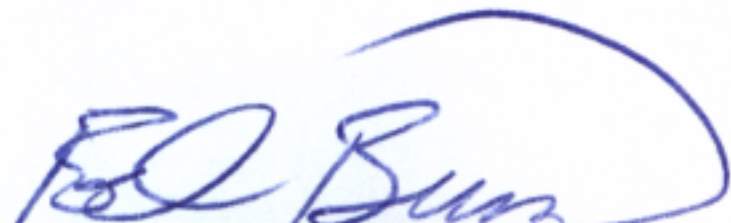
Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, September 17th, 2024.


CLERK & RECORDER
Deputy


CHAIRMAN

SEAL




VICE-CHAIRMAN


COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Commission Clerk Jennifer Deems
Distributed September 17th, 2024 to Chairman Brewer Vice Chair Hurwitz, and Commissioner Galt, and Clerk & Recorder West