

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS**

**MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA**

**Tuesday**

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 11:17 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-Charmain Ben Hurwitz and Commissioner Errol Galt were present for the meeting.

**Claims Review / Minutes Review:**

**ACTION #1**

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the minutes from September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

**Monthly Library Report – Rachel Wahlstrom**

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

Wahlstrom and the Commissioners discussed the condition of the library ceiling and what it would take to fix. Wahlstrom informed the Commissioners that she spoke with Diamond Construction, who did the original work and is waiting for an estimate on the cost of fixing the issues.

Wahlstrom also mentioned that story time has resumed at the library, with about 20 children attending last week. Additionally, she stated that the library staff will visit the pre-school for story time, as this arrangement is more convenient for the pre-school teacher.

**Monthly Treasurer Report – Maura Kusek**

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

Kusek presented the Commissioners with the August cash report for signature.

**HRDC – CDBG Work Plan Approval – Heather Grenier**

HRDC president and CEO Heather Grenier and Community Resource Coordinator, Terry Taylor entered the chambers at 9:30 a.m.

Grenier informed the Commissioners that Terry Taylor is Meagher County's Community Resource Coordinator for the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC). Grenier highlighted the various resources offered by the HRDC, including weatherization programs, Medicare counseling, utility bill assistance, rental assistance, foster youth support and workforce development. Grenier also mentioned that Taylor is helping residents navigate these services effectively. Currently, the HRDC is serving 106 families in Meagher County and hopes to help more as residents become aware of the resources available.

**Non-Agenda Item - Meagher County Stage 1 Fire Restrictions**

**ACTION #2**

**Resolution FY24.25 #30**

Commissioner Brewer moved to lift stage I fire restrictions. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

**Ambulance RFP Approval – Jack Berg**

Ambulance Board Member Jack Berg entered the chambers at 11:00 a.m.

Berg reported that the Ambulance Board members reviewed and discussed the exceptions in the three RFPs received for the new ambulance. The board recommends that the County accept the proposal from Professional Sale and Service, as it was the lowest bid with the fewest exceptions. Berg mentioned he spoke with the vendor about installing a power load system at the factory. Professional Sales and Service confirmed they could install the system for an additional cost. Berg emphasized that this should be considered when the ambulance nears completion. He also noted that outfitting the ambulance will incur additional expenses, and the board plans to apply for grants to help offset these costs. Additionally, Berg highlighted the importance of equipping the ambulance fleet with Entitle Co2 devices, which provides a more accurate oxygen reading for patients.

**ACTION #3**

**Resolution FY24.25 #31**

Commissioner Brewer moved to accept the RFP from Professional Sales and Service for a 2024 or newer Dodge 4500 4x4 Type 1 ambulance for \$327,164.00. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

**Claims Approved:**

Commissioners were presented with Claim Check #61828 through Check #61861 totaling \$311,058.81 and electronic check #-99816 through electronic check # -99807 totaling \$5,353.24. All Checks were signed as presented.

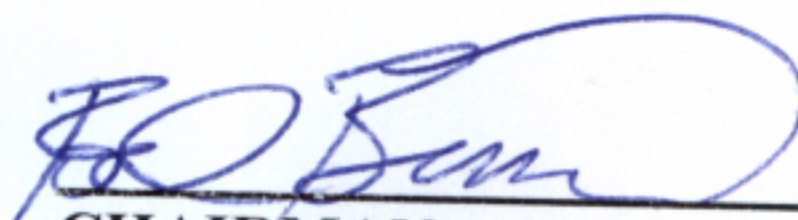
**Meeting Adjourned:**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.


**Next Meeting:**

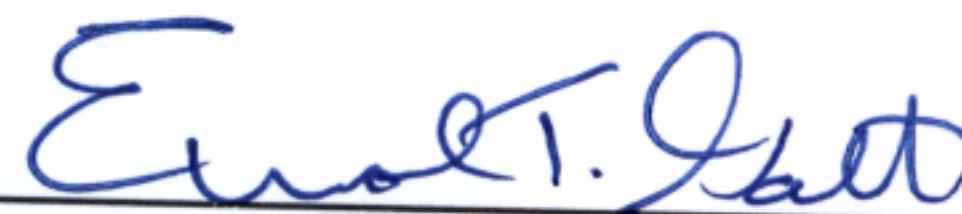
Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

  
CLERK & RECORDER

  
CHAIRMAN



  
VICE-CHAIRMAN

  
COMMISSIONER