

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

**November 3, 17, 24, 2009**

**TUESDAY  
November 3, 2009**

Commissioners Present: Herb Townsend, C.B. Lucas and Ben Hurwitz.

Commissioners read minutes and approved minutes from previous meeting.

**Road Department:**

Road Supervisor Ray Ringer gave a very concise report on the current road status.

**Sheriff Report:**

Sheriff Jon Lopp met with the commission and gave a brief update.

**Burn Permitting:**

David Hamilton, DNRC and Becki Kolenberg, Rural Fire Specialist presented commission an example of burn permits used in Lewis and Clark County. The commission is contemplating requiring everyone in the county to notify county dispatch when setting a fire. No decision was made.

**County Health Nurse:**

Kari Jo Kiff gave a very detailed report on activities for the month of October. County Health Nurse monthly reports are kept on file for future reference.

**Stevens Youth Center:**

**RESOLUTION #2009-67**

Bethany Steinken and Carol Berg reported on enrollment and activities. Currently they have about 30 children participating. Meagher County gave \$2,000 in 2005 and has not contributed since. Commissioner Lucas moved to contribute \$2,000 for the current fiscal year 2009-2010. The contribution will come out of the PILT Fund. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. Commissioner Townsend was absent for motion. He had to leave for an appointment at noon.

**Claims:**

Voucher #1028, Ck#39963 – Ck#39999 totaling 40,280.48 were reviewed and approved by commission.

**Payroll:**

Pay Period 4 from 9/27/09 to 10/26/09. Voucher #7 – Payroll Ck#217619 – Ck#217639 totaling \$15,053.99. Voucher #1026 – Deduction CK # 39953 – Ck#39962 totaling \$14987.12.

**Meeting Adjourned**

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**Fire Chief Report:**

Fire Chief Rick Seidlitz gave a brief update on DES and Fire Department.

**Quarterly Safety Training:**

Jody Tierney with MACo on Track Safety Program held a mandatory safety meeting at the Sheriff's Training Center. All Department heads and Commissioners Hurwitz and Lucas attended meeting and were informed of monthly meetings all departments need to hold to be in compliance.

**Sheriff Report:**

Sheriff Jon Lopp gave a brief update.

**Interlocal Agreement SRS:**

Sarah Hamlin and Andy Lind met with the Commission to start fine tuning a proposed Interlocal Agreement governing the use of revenue generated wind facilities.

**Canvass Vote:**

The Commission canvassed the vote for the Hospital Special Election held November 10, 2009 requesting 20 additional mills. The vote was 460 for approval of the 20 additional mills and 223 votes against said levy.

**Road Report:**

Road Supervisor Ray Ringer met with the Commission. The Martinsdale Canal Bridge has been completed and inspected. Due to weather issues the Eagle Creek culvert project will have to be postponed until the Summer of 2010.

**Claims:**

Deputy Clerk Becky Hurwitz-Leger submitted voucher#1031 Ck#40002 - Ck#400069 totaling \$496,090.36. Commission reviewed and approved claims as submitted.

**Meeting Adjourned**

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**Department of Revenue:**

Assessor Pat Pallas met with commission and discussed questions that residents of the county have. Commission questioned Assessor Pallas about discrepancies that they have found. She was not able to answer and agreed there were discrepancies. Commission is considering contacting the Department of Revenue and see if they could come and meet with them to explain questions that they have.

**Communications Director:**

Maebeth Seidlitz Communication Director met with commission to discuss dispatcher wages and possible increase in pay. They also discussed the positives and negatives about placing Communication Director on Salary opposed to an hourly rate. Commission has not rendered a decision as of yet.

**Clerk of Courts:**

Clerk of Courts Donna Morris has a television that the state is not utilizing anymore. She asked if the County had a need for it and if not she would like to donate it. Commissioners did not have use for it and agreed she should donate it to someone in the community that can use it. Morris knew that MMC Nursing Home is in need of one and will donate it to them.

**Fire Chief Report:**

Fire Chief Rick Seidlitz dropped in to discuss payment of dispatchers during fires and searches. Seidlitz informed commissioners of the number of dispatchers needed during a fire and/or a search and rescue. He explained how it is a financial burden for the communication department to pay for 3 or more dispatchers during fires and searches. He felt that the fire department and search and rescue should help pay wages. Commission agreed it is something to consider and will make a decision at a later date.

**Senator Baucus' Representative:**

Brianne Rogers Senator Baucus' Representative met with commission and discussed Baucus' stance on many issues such as health care reform, fish wildlife and parks, forest etc. The commission was able to voice their opinion and express their point of view.

**Handbook/Policy Workshop:**

Clerk and Recorder Dayna Ogle met with Commission and covered chapters of the policy handbook and updated as needed. When they have completed the entire handbook they will distribute to employees and keep original on file.

**Claims:**

Voucher#1032 Ck#40070 - Ck#40085 totaling \$6,933.03. Commission reviewed and approved claims as submitted.

**Meeting Adjourned**

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