

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

**Tuesday**

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

10:00 a.m. –4:00 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Chairman Rod Brewer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Commissioners Present:**

Chairman Rod Brewer and Commissioner Herb Townsend were present for the meeting. Vice Chairman Ben Hurwitz were unable to attend the meeting.

**Minutes:**

**ACTION #1**

Commissioner Townsend moved to approve the Minutes April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Chair Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

**Open Sealed Bids – 4H Building – Bob Sager:**

Clerk and Recorder Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 10:00 a.m. and Commissioner Hurwitz was called into the meeting.

Commissioners were presented with the sealed bids along with information from the 4H Council/Extension office with changes that were discussed on the building after the building was placed out for bid. Two bids were received and one was rejected due to being received after the deadline date. Chair Brewer opened the sealed bid from MQS Inc for \$48,800.00.

**ACTION#2**

**Resolution 2018-19**

Commissioner Townsend moved to accept the bid from MQS Inc. for \$48,800.00. Chair Brewer seconded a motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

**Maintenance Update – Bill Simmons:**

Maintenance Supervisor Bill Simmons entered the chambers at 10:20 a.m.

Simmons presented the Commissioners with packets of information for replacement thermostats. Simmons and Commissioners discussed the cost for the installation and parts. Simmons then updated the Commissioners about handrails at the jail; one on the arrival steps and one at the stairs to the basement.

### **Lunch**

### **Jail/911 Budget Update – Jon Lopp & Meabeth Seidlitz:**

Sheriff Jon Lopp and Clerk and Recorder Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 1:00 p.m. Communication Supervisor Meabeth Seidlitz was unable to attend.

Lopp, Ogle, and the Commissioners discussed the Sheriff Budget's prisoner room and board expenses. The expenses are dependent on the amount of prisoners taken in a year and every year varies. Making the amount budgeted for the year difficult to pinpoint. Discussion ended with looking into meeting ACLU requirements to be able to house prisoners within Meagher County instead of paying other counties to house our prisoners after the three day period. Sheriff Lopp would report back later on his findings.

Ogle presented the Commissioners with the need for moving \$14,000 from Comp. Absences Fund 3200 to the Fund 1000 to offset the costs of an employee payout.

### **ACTION #3**

#### **Resolution 2018-20**

Chair Brewer made a motion to move \$14,000 from Comp. Absences Fund 3200 to the General Fund 1000. Commissioner Townsend seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

### **Treasurer's Budget Update – Shauna Porter & Maura Kusek:**

Treasurer Shauna Porter, Deputy Treasurer Maura Kusek, and Clerk and Recorder Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 2:00 p.m.

Porter, Kusek, Ogle, and Commissioners discussed the Safety Coordinator Budget 2385 and what can be done to bring the fund into balance. Duties of the Safety Coordinator were discussed and Kusek will continue to perform these duties.

### **IT Budget Update – Jim McDanel:**

IT Supervisor Jim McDanel entered the chambers at 2:30 p.m.

Commissioners, McDanel, and Ogle discussed the concerns about the IT Budget. Main topics discussed were software and security licensing, equipment purchases per department, and the upfront costs of the email and backup servers over the long term effect.

**Fire Budget Update – Rick Seidlitz:**

Fire Chief Rick Seidlitz entered the chambers at 2:55 p.m.

Seidlitz, Ogle, and the Commissioners discussed the Fire Budget's large expenditures that took place in the FY17.18 due to a large amount of forest fires and started a plan to budget differently in the future.

**Moose Creek Vegetation Project – Jess Secret:**

Jess Secret entered the chambers at 3:30 p.m.

Secret updated the Commissioners about the status for the Moose Creek Vegetation Project and the litigation it was facing. Secret updated the Commissioners that the American Forest Resource Council is the appointed to oversee the legalities for the case. Commissioners and Secret telephone conferenced Lawson Fite from American Forest Resource Council. Commissioners, Secret, and Fite discussed the background of the American Forest Resource Council, the specifics of how Meagher County Commissioners would present information in the case, other parties that the American Forest Resource Council are currently working with, and a rough timeline of events. Commissioners decided to join as support for the Moose Creek Vegetation Project. Fite and Chairman Brewer set up times to meet by phone to start composing documents of support from Meagher County.

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comment.

**Claims Approved:**

Commissioners were presented with Check #54289 through Check #543 totaling \$11,600.38. Payroll Checks #12430-12431 totaling \$8,100.00 and claim check #54288 for \$5.13 were presented. All Checks were signed as presented.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

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**CLERK & RECORDER**

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**CHAIRMAN**

**SEAL**

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**VICE-CHAIRMAN**

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**COMMISSIONER**

Note: Minutes taken by Assistant to the Clerk & Recorder Rebekah Luchterhand  
Distributed May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to Chairman Brewer, Vice Chair Hurwitz, and Commissioner Townsend, and Clerk & Recorder Ogle