

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

**Tuesday**

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 3:55 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 Chair Ben Hurwitz, and Commissioner Herb Townsend were present for the meeting.

**Minutes:**

**ACTION #1**

Commissioner Townsend moved to approve the Minutes from January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting. Chair Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

**Road Report – Bruce Smith:**

Road Supervisor Bruce Smith entered the chambers at 9:00 a.m.

Smith updated the Commissioners about the status of delivery for the new road grader. The grader is scheduled to be delivered sometime today.

**Sheriff Report – Jon Lopp:**

Sheriff Jon Lopp entered the chambers at 9:30 a.m.

Lopp presented the Commissioners with the Complaint Report for January 2018. Lopp reported about the success the DUI Taskforce had with the Super bowl Party that was hosted on February 4, 2018.

**Open Sealed Bids – Chevy Pick Up:**

Chair Brewer opened two bids for the 1993 Chevy Pick-Up. The first bid opened was from Doug Pierce for \$875.00. The seconded bid opened was from Dudley Deal for \$1005.00.

Commissioners rejected both bids at this time due to neither meeting the minimum bid requirement stated within ad that was placed in the Meagher County News. Letters are to be sent to the parties who placed bids on the vehicle.

### **Extension Report – Bob Sager:**

Extension Agent Bob Sager entered the chambers at 11:45 a.m.

Sager and the Commissioners discussed the plans for the 4H Barn. Commissioners expressed multiple concerns and requested Sager present them to the 4H Council for consideration.

### **Lunch**

### **Leavitt Insurance Group – Nick Prinzing:**

Representative Nick Prinzing with Leavitt Insurance Group entered the chambers at 1:30 pm.

Prinzing presented the Commissioners with information about the Leavitt Insurance Group. Main topics discussed were the types of health insurance plans Leavitt Insurance Group can provide for small group entities, differences between Joint Power Health Trusts and traditional carriers, and who the Leavitt Insurance Group has current dealings with, inside Meagher County and out.

Commissioners requested Prinzing to give a presentation to Clerk and Recorder Dayna Ogle and Treasurer Shauna Porter to see about having him draw up health insurance quotes for Meagher County.

### **Open Sealed Bids - Sprinkler Maintenance:**

Hal Haugan entered the chamber at 2:30 p.m.

Chair Rod Brewer opened the two sealed bids for the Sprinkler Maintenance; sprinkler systems at the library, courthouse and cemetery. The first bid opened was from Hal Haugan with the Garden Shop which quoted \$300 per year and \$20 per hour for repairs as needed. The second bid opened was from Shane Sereday with Castle Mountain Sales which quoted \$665 per year and \$35 per hour for repairs as needed.

**ACTION#2**

**Resolution 2018-15**

Commissioner Townsend moved to accept the bid from Hal Haugan with Garden Shop for the Sprinkler Maintenance. Chair Brewer seconded the motion.

Letters will be sent to both parties about the outcome of the bid process.

**IT Update – Jim McDanel:**

Jim McDanel entered the chambers at 3:00 p.m.

McDanel discussed the current program issue with the Document Pro program within the Clerk and Recorder's office and the 911 upgrades. Commissioner and McDanel also discussed the current standing of the IT budget.

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comment.

**Claims Approved:**

Commissioners were presented with Check #53909 through Check #54007 totaling \$55,799.03. Claim Check #54006 was voided. Check #12348 through Check #12375 totaling \$47,307.96 were presented prior to the meeting for payroll. All Checks were signed as presented.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

**Tuesday**

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

12:30 p.m. – 4:00 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 and Vice Chair Ben Hurwitz were present for the meeting. Commissioner Herb Townsend was attending the MACo Mid-Winter Conference.

**Minutes:**

## **ACTION #1**

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve the Minutes from February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting. Chair Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

### **Boiler Maintenance Interview - William Simmons:**

William Simmons entered the chambers at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioners and Simmons discussed the job requirements. Simmons presented his license and was given a tour of the boiler room.

### **Health Nurse Report – Eva Kerr R.N.:**

Health Nurse Eva Kerr entered the chambers at 1:30 p.m.

Kerr presented the Commissioners with the Health Nurse Report for January 2018. Kerr also presented a letter on Intent for her Bair Grant application for signature from Chair Brewer. Kerr discussed the Earthquake Tabletop Exercise, changes to the Homemaker Grant, and the changes in funding for replacing the Data Temperature Loggers. The loggers monitor the temperatures of fridges and freezers where vaccines are stored.

### **County Attorney Report – Kimberly Deschene:**

County Attorney Kimberly Deschene entered the chambers at 2:00 p.m.

Deschene updated the Commissioners on the current status of the Chinn Fire Investigation and discussed the process of creating the County Wide Fire District. Commissioners and Deschene then discussed her office and newly hired office assistant.

### **MBAC Update – Brian Obert:**

Brian Obert entered the chambers at 2:15 p.m.

Obert presented the Commissioners with information for the Federal Land Access Grants that could be available for application in 2018 or 2019 dependent on Federal Funding. Meagher County would look into applying for a Federal Land Access Grant to help maintain the Smith River Road and potentially Newlan Creek Road. Obert then discussed future projects the MBAC is looking to pursue within Meagher County.

**Boiler Maintenance Interview – Mark Pryor:**

Mark Pryor entered the chambers at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioners and Pryor discussed the job requirements. Pryor presented his license and was given a tour of the boiler room.

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comment.

**Claims Approved:**

Commissioners were presented with Check #54008 through Check #54 totaling. All Checks were signed as presented.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**Tuesday**

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Vice Chair Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Commissioners Present:**

Vice Chair Ben Hurwitz and Commissioner Herb Townsend were present for the meeting. Chair Rod Brewer was unable to make it to the meeting due to weather.

**Minutes:**

Review of the minutes from the February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 was tabled until the next scheduled Commissioner Meeting.

**Forest Service Update – Beth Ihle, Carol Hatfield, and Pat Davis:**

Beth Ihle and Pat Davis entered the chambers at 1:25 p.m. Carol Hatfield was unable to attend. Jess Secrest entered the chambers at 1:25 p.m.

Ihle presented the Commissioners with a project Update List. Ihle, Davis, Secrest, and the Commissioners discussed the project Update List presented. Major points of discussion were the 2017 fire season, the litigation of the Moose Creek Vegetation Project and timeline of briefs, upcoming Vegetation Restoration/Treatment projects in the area, and the Forest Plan Revision comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Forest Service is planning to hold an open house in late March or early April to update the communities about all projects. Specific details about the Open House are to be announced.

**Treasurer Report – Shauna Porter:**

Treasurer Shauna Porter entered the chambers at 3:00 p.m.

Porter presented the Commissioners with the cash report for January 2018 and the pledges from the Bank of the Rockies. Porter and the Commissioners discussed the consistent decreases of the school bond.

**Extension Report – Bob Sager:**

Extension Agent Bob Sager entered the chambers at 3:15 p.m.

Sager and the Commissioners discussed the proposed 4H building and their recommendations that Sager and the 4H Council should review before placing the building out to bid.

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comment.

**Claims Approved:**

Commissioners were presented with Check #54045 through Check #54074 totaling \$13,762.81. All Checks were signed as presented.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.