

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

June 12th, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Rod Brewer, Vice Chair Ben Hurwitz, and Commissioner Herb Townsend were present for the meeting.

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve the Minutes from May 15th, 2018 with minor revisions. Chair Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

Library Funds Transfer, Budget, & Insurance – Gordon Doig and Dayna Ogle

Gordon Doig and Clerk and Recorder Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 8:30 a.m.

Gordon invited the Commissioners to the ground breaking ceremony for the new on Wednesday June 20th, 2018. Doig started off discussion about the new library building needing insurance during construction. Doig stated an insurance policy could be purchased through MACo for a lower fee. Commissioner agreed to purchase insurance for the new library construction from MACo. Doig then requested to move \$1,900.00 from the Library Fund 2220 into the Depreciation Reserve Fund 2224.

ACTION#2

Resolution 2018 - 29

Commissioner Hurwitz made a motion to move \$1,900.00 from the Library Fund 2220 to the Depreciation Reserve 2224. Chair Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Road Report – Bruce Smith:

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

Smith and the Commissioners discussed past complaints received about road conditions and the current conditions on various county roads. Smith reported the timeline for Mag Chloride on the Smith River Road. Discussion ended on placing an advertisement in the Meagher County Newspaper to remind owners of pivots and wheel line watering systems to try to refrain from watering the county road as it effects the road condition.

Airport FAA Entitlement Funds – Mike Beckhoff:

Mayor Rick Nelson and Mike Beckhoff entered the chambers at 9:30 a.m.

Formal introductions were made between Mayor Nelson and Beckhoff. Beckhoff presented the Commissioners and Mayor Nelson with an agreement to allow the transfer Non-Primary FAA Entitlement funds to Havre. Havre would pay back the transferred funds by 2020-2021 under the agreement presented to the Commissioners and Mayor Nelson. Future airport projects were discussed, main point discussed was an instrument approach.

ACTION#3

Commissioner Townsend moved to sign the presented agreement between the White Sulphur Springs City/County Airport and the Havre Airport to transfer Non – Primary FAA Entitlement funds. The agreement was signed by the Chairman.

Housing and Planning Grant – HRDC and Jess Secrest:

Meeting moved from the Commission Chambers to the Courtroom to properly accommodate the larger attendance.

Those in attendance: City Council Members George Kirkwood and Mike Eby, Mayor Rick Nelson; HRDC Representative Tracy Menuet; Sandfire America Representatives Nancy Schlepp, Zita Caltrider, and John Beaudry; Planning Board members Bob Sager, Jess Secrest, and Mike Rhynard; City Planning Board member Beth Hunt; Absaroka Energy Senior Vice-President Rhett Hurless and Office Manager Paul Bockus; and concerned citizens Cal Moore and Gordon Doig,

Jess Secrest started off formal introductions between all parties in attendance. Secrest presented all in attendance with a handout stating basic concerns brought up at the last Housing and Planning Meeting held at the Senior Center. Secrest requested that the Gordon Butte Hydro Project and the Black Butte Copper Project explain timelines of their housing needs.

Schlepp gave an update about the timeline for the Black Butte Copper Project and the estimated numbers for permanent workers and construction workers. Schlepp covered the largest concern is the lack of rental properties available for the short-term employees and lack of home availability to either purchase or rent for long term employees throughout the county. Schlepp stated that currently the company is looking into transition housing for office staff members and that Sandfire America does not want to bus workers from out of the county/community. Schlepp discussed that in about a two year to three years housing for the Black Butte Copper Project will be needed in both permanent and rental settings. John Beaudry explained that Sandfire America has draft plans to the County, City, and School on the impacts of population would have for Meagher County. Beaudry brought up the pros and cons the City and County have compared to past mining projects he has worked on.

Hurless gave an update that the Gordon Butte Hydro Project is currently trying to secure a contractor for the project and that construction may begin sometime in 2019. Housing for the construction workers would depend on the contractor, permanent workers would begin to arrive during the second year of construction. Approximately twenty (20) to twenty-four homes (24) are going to be needed from White Sulphur Springs, Martinsdale, and/or Harlowton.

Discussion from all in attendance turned to how properly prepare of the impacts of the projects and the future of the residents currently in Meagher County. Main points discussed were zoning, updating of subdivision regulations for both County and City, HRDC Housing Grant that the City is putting together with Tracy Menuet, obtaining a joint-planning board for the City and County with trained professionals or boards with professionals not just volunteers, Hard Rock

Mining Impact Funds, and creation of housing within White Sulphur Springs and Meagher County.

Commissioners will contact County Planner Brian Clifton to discuss future projects in the County. Mayor Nelson will start getting subdivision regulations drafted for the City of White Sulphur Springs.

Open Sealed Bids – 1993 Chevy – Bob Sager:

Chair brewer was presented with the sealed to open for the 1993 Chevy Pick-Up, The first bid was from Justin Masee for the amount of \$1,300.00. The second bid was from Bill Simmons for the amount of \$1,400.00.

ACTION#4

Resolution 2018-30

Chair Brewer moved to accept the highest bid in the amount of \$1,400.00 from Bill Simmons. Commissioner Townsend seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Sheriff Report – Jon Lopp:

Sheriff Jon Lopp entered the chambers at 11:15 a.m.

Lopp presented the Commissioners with the Complaint Report for May 2018. Commissioners and Lopp discussed the status of the Gibbs vs. State case. Lopp then updated the Commissioners about the grant received for the 911 System Update in the amount of \$193,682.00. This money will be used to purchase new required equipment and software during the upgrade of the 911 System. Lopp and the Commissioners discussed the upcoming Red Ants Pants Music Festival and the extra patrols needed.

Senator Daines/Congressman Gianforte Update – Gilda Clancy & Brett Simmons:

Gilda Clancy, Brett Simmons, and Brett Slaughter entered the chambers at 11:30 a.m.

Clancy, Simmons, Slaughter, and the Commissioners discussed concerns with the proposed wilderness study areas in Meagher County and the surrounding counties within current proposed draft plans by the Forest Service, Secure Rural Schools and PILT Funding, and Agricultural Tariffs with Canada.

Lunch

Project Updates – Jess Secret:

Jess Secret entered the chambers at 1:30 p.m.

Secret presented the Commissioners with handout copies received at the MACo Montana Forest Counties Summit. Secret gave an update on the current projects in Montana under litigation, how large forest fires will be classified in 2020, the Good Neighbor Authority program, and Secure Rural Schools/PILT funding. Discussion ended on the most current draft forest plan and Environmental Impact Study received by the Commissioners. Secret is to review the documents and report back at a future meeting.

Public Hearing – Budget Amendment – Dayna Ogle:

Clerk and Recorder Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 2:00 p.m.

Ogle presented the Commissioners with Funds that may exceed their budget before June 30th, 2018. Those funds include the General Fund (Jail and IT), Sanitarian Fire, Search and Rescue, Senior Citizen, Mental Health, Gas Tax, and Land Use Planning. Ogle stated the Secure Rural Schools funding was received in May of 2018. Road Department received \$170,937.00 and Title III received \$24, 921.00.

Extension Report – Bob Sager:

Extension Agent Bob Sager and Mayor Rick Nelson entered the chambers at 2:30 p.m.

Mayor Nelson approached the Commissioners with a proposal that the City Council and himself drafted to exchange land around the current and newly proposed 4H Buildings. The City has proposed an exchanged of the 20 foot by 180 foot North/South Alley to create an alley running East/West of 20 feet by 140 feet between Lots 24 and 25. Which would allow the new 4H Building to be built without an existing alley being under the west end of the building. Commissioners, Mayor Nelson, and Sager discussed the exact measurements and locations of the alleys, the survey and recording of the exchange, and who would bear the cost for the changes.

Action#5

Townsend made a motion to draft an agreement between the County and City to exchange footage of land to change the alleys within the rodeo grounds. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion.

Sager gave an update on the construction the new 4H Building. Currently the 4H Council is needing to remove the power pole where the Northwestern Energy Meter was located for the power. The 4H Council has a verbal agreement for MQS, Inc. to start construction of the 4H Building on July 1st or 2nd, 2018.

County Gambling Regulation Update – Russ Richtmeyer:

Russ Richtmeyer and Kimberly Deschene entered the chambers at 3:00 p.m.

Richtmeyer presented the Commissioner with a resolution and back support documentation to allow for Live Poker to take place during 2 a.m. – 8 a.m. hours. This would allow Live Poker Games to be held twenty-four (24) hours a day. Pros and cons of allowing Live Poker Games during the 2 a.m. – 8 a.m. hours were discussed. Discussion points about alcohol removal at 2 a.m., benefits of tourism though tournaments, and how other counties handle twenty-four (24) hour Live Poker Game situations. Commissioners decided to their decision.

Road Grading – Clinton Brown:

Clinton Brown did not appeared before the Commissioners to discuss Road Grading.

911 Updates – Maebeth Seidlitz:

Sheriff Jon Lopp presented information for Maebeth Seidlitz during his Sheriff Report earlier in the day.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #54523 through Check #54576 totaling \$26,330.75. Check #12 through Check #12 totaling \$were presented prior to the meeting for payroll. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, June 19th, 2018.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Assistant to the Clerk & Recorder Rebekah Luchterhand
Distributed June 19th, 2018 to Chairman Brewer, Vice Chair Hurwitz, and Commissioner Townsend, and Clerk & Recorder Ogle

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

June 19th, 2018

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

Minutes:

Minutes from the June 12th, 2018 were tabled until the next scheduled Commission meeting.

Treasurer Report – Shauna Porter:

Treasurer Shauna Porter entered the chambers at 9:00 a.m.

Porter presented the Commissioners with a Cash Report for May 2018. Porter and the Commissioners discussed the current amount of the school bond remaining and the payment schedule for the school bond. Porter then presented a correction to resolution 2018-26.

ACTION #1

Resolution 2018 – 31

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Porter updated the Commissioners about a tax adjustment that will need to take place on incorrectly credited tax bill. Discussion was tabled until the next scheduled Commission meeting.

Canvas 2018 Primary Federal Election – Dayna Ogle:

Election Administrator Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 9:30 a.m.

Ogle presented the Commissioners with the Tally Sheets from the 2018 Primary Federal Election. Commissioner canvased the votes.

Health Nurse Report – Eva Kerr R.N.:

Health Nurse Eva Kerr entered the chambers at 10:00 a.m.

Kerr presented the Commissioners with the Health Report for May 2018. Kerr presented grant contracts for signature. Kerr stated that there is an increase in the Immunization grant to help with the purchasing of updated temperature data loggers. Kerr stated a State Site Review took place on May 15th, 2018; from the State review the County will need to purchase separate refrigerator and freezer for vaccine storage. Kerr reported on the Homemaker Program; specifically that the number of clients in the program has increased due to an increased need for the service to Meagher County Residents and the changes with the PHEP Grant trainings.

Public Hearing Budget Amendments:

Clerk and Recorder Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 10:30 a.m.

Ogle presented the Commissioners with budget amendments for signature on the Search and Rescue Fund 2382, Fire Fund 2340, Fire Bair Grant Fund 2343, Senior Citizen Fund 2280, Mental Health Fund 2271, CTEP Fund 2956, General Fund 100. Sherriff 209, 911 Emergency Fund 2850, Battle Creek WMA Fund 2844, Spring Creek WMA 2847, General Fund 100. Justice of the Peace 211, Land Use Planning Fund 2860, and Ambulance Fund 2230.

ACTION #2

Budget Amendments to be scanned into the minutes.

ACTION #3

Resolution 2018 – 32

Commissioner Hurwitz made a motion to move \$13,000.00 from PILT Fund 2900 and place \$10,000.00 into the Fire Fund 2340 and \$3,000.00 into the Land Planning Use Fund 2860. Chair Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Appoint Board Members to New Terms:

ACTION #4

Resolution 2018 – 33

Chair Brewer moved to approve the Board Members up for renewal with the terms set below. Commissioner Townsend seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

<i>Ambulance Board</i> – Nicolle Sereday	07/01/2018-06/30/2021
<i>Central MT Tourism Board</i> – Deborah Eby	07/01/2018-06/30/2021
<i>Central MT Tourism Board</i> – Avery Gold	07/01/2018-06/30/2021
<i>Salary Compensation Board</i> – Mike Eby	07/01/2018-06/30/2021
<i>Weed Board</i> – Rod Brewer	07/01/2018-06/30/2021
<i>WSS TV Board</i> – Timothy McGuire	07/01/2018-06/30/2021

County Planner Update – Brian Clifton:

County Planner Brian Clifton called to reschedule for the June 26th, 2018 due to flooding issues in Great Falls.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

CLOSED SEESION

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #54577 through Check #54602 totaling \$75,683.76. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, June 26th, 2018.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

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