

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

September 4th, 2018

8:30 a.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:

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

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Townsend moved to approve the Minutes from August 21st, 2018. Commissioner Hurwitz 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 culvert work that occurred near Hay Creek and future sites. Commissioners and Smith discussed the potential impacts that the Black Butte Copper Project would have on the Road Department.

Sheriff Report – Jon Lopp:

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

Sheriff Lopp presented the Complaint Report for August 2018. Commissioners and Lopp discussed the report and the events of Labor Day Weekend. Commissioners and Lopp ended discussion on the impacts that the Black Butte Copper Project would have on the Sheriff Department. Lopp is to return later in the meeting to attend the Sandfire America – Tintina Montana Update.

Draft Forest Plan Update – Helena/Lewis & Clark – Jess Secrest:

Jess Secrest entered the chambers at 10:00 a.m.

Secrest updated the Commissioners about the appeal to Judge Malloy's ruling on the Smith Shields Vegetation Project, Judge Malloy ruled in favor of the project's logging and fuel reductions. The Meagher County Commissioners will file a Declaration of Harm in conjunction with Park County's declaration to stop an injunction against the Smith Shields Vegetation Project progress. Commissioners and Secrest then discussed the comment letter that the Commissioners will submit to the Forest Service before October 9th, 2018.

Fire Update – Rick Seidlitz:

Fire Chief Rick Seidlitz entered the chambers at 10:30 a.m.

Seidlitz stated that the State DES Grant was approved for a half time. Seidlitz and the Commissioners discussed fire trainings, rural addressing, and small fires that have taken place within the county.

Lunch

Adopt Final Budget – Dayna Ogle:

Clerk and Recorder Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 1:00 p.m.

Ogle presented the Commissioners with the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 18.19. Commissioners moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 18.19 Budget and set the mills accordingly. The amount of mills is determined by the Tax Revenue and Mill Levy Limitation Form per Montana Code Annotated 15-10-420. The form allows government entities to mill the dollar amount milled in the previous year plus the current year inflation factor. The inflation factor is calculated by the Department of Revenue and is equal to one-half of the average rate of inflation for the prior three years per Montana Code Annotated 15-10-420(1)(c).

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Commissioner Hurwitz moved to accept the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 18-19. Chair Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and approved

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Sandfire America – Tintina Montana Update – Nancy Schlepp & John Beaudry:

John Beaudry and Nancy Schlepp from Sandfire America – Tintina Montana entered the chambers at 1:50 p.m. Clerk & Recorder Dayna Ogle, Treasurer Shauna Porter, Deputy Treasurer Maura Kusek, Extension Agent Bob Sager, and Sheriff Jon Lopp entered the chambers at 2:00 p.m. Beth Hunt entered the chambers at 2:10 p.m.

Schlepp and Beaudry presented the Commissioners with 10 draft copies of the Black Butte Copper Project Hard-Rock Mining Impact Plan. Schlepp presented Chair Brewer with a receipt for signature. Public can review a copy of the Black Butte Copper Project Hard-Rock Mining Impact Plan in the Meagher County Clerk and Recorder's Office.

Copies of the draft were passed out to all in attendance. Schlepp and Beaudry stated that this would start the 90 day review and comment period. The Meagher County Commissioners are required to hold a public hearing for receiving comments on the submitted Black Butte Copper Project Hard-Rock Mining Impact Plan draft.

The plan was reviewed by those present. Main points reviewed were the expected impacts on the county which included the increases to law enforcement, impact on county roads, and planning board, impacts on the school, and the impacts to effect the City of White Sulphur Springs. The increase to the county's taxable valuation, Metal Mines License Tax, Hard Rock Mine Reserve Trust Act, and the Montana Tax Base Sharing Act were discussed at length.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #54836 through Check #54856 totaling \$39,617.39. Check #12536 through Check #12562 totaling \$44,060.99 were presented prior to the meeting for payroll. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, September 11th, 2018.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Assistant to the Clerk & Recorder Rebekah Luchterhand
Distributed September 11th, 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

September 11th, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 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:

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

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Townsend moved to approve the Minutes from August 21st, 2018. Chair Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

Interim County Attorney Report – Rebecca Swandal:

Interim County Attorney Rebecca Swandal was called in via conference call at 9:30 p.m.

Swandal updated the Commissioners about multiple case hearings that are to take place on October 1st, 2018. Swandal and the Commissioners discussed the status of the pending criminal cases, including State v. Chinn, State v. Tipton, and State v. Gibbs.

Health Nurse Report – Eva Kerr R.N.:

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

Kerr presented the Commissioners with the Health Report for August 2018. Kerr updated the Commissioners about the installation of first aid kits in the gyms, cafeteria, and shop class room in the new school. Discussion was brought up about the upcoming Flu season and the Flu Vaccine Clinics to be held in the County.

Golf Course Concerns – Bill Dodson:

Bill Dodson and Dave Ringer entered the chambers at 10:25 a.m.

Dodson started off discussion stating that Arrowhead Meadows is requesting \$7,000.00 to help properly repair the Golf Course's Equipment. Required equipment repairs were discussed, along with increases in the golf rates, future and past tournaments, and how the golf course is considered to be an asset to the community. Commissioners stated they would consider donating funding to the Golf Course if the City were to consider donating as well.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #54857 through Check #548883 totaling \$83,592.20. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, September 18th, 2018.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

September 18th, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 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:

Chairman Rod Brewer and Vice Chairman Ben Hurwitz were present for the meeting. Commissioner Herb Townsend was attending the MACo Conference in Missoula, Montana.

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve the Minutes from September 11th, 2018 with minor revisions. Chair Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

On Wednesday September 12th, 2018 Chairman Brewer and Commissioner Hurwitz attended the open house at the Springdale Hutterite Colony to tour the new hog facilities. Chairman Brewer and Commissioner Hurwitz would like to acknowledge the planning that took place to build these state of the art technological facilities and strict procedures/production plans that are going to be utilized in their hog production.

IT Update – Jim McDanel:

Jim McDanel entered the chambers at 9:00 a.m.

McDanel took the Commissioners through a digital tour of the County's security systems, internal servers, update processes, and a demonstration of the TeamViewer application. Commissioners and McDanel discussed the security levels of Malwarebytes and Panda Security, the remote access process, and usage of Wi-Fi at various county buildings.

Helena/Lewis & Clark Forest Plan Comment Letter Revisions – Jess Secret:

Jess Secret entered the chambers at 9:30 a.m.

Secret presented the Commissioners with a new draft of the Helena Lewis & Clark Forest Plan Comment Letter. Secret stated to the Commissioners that he added information to the Recommended Wilderness Areas and the Fire and Fuels Management Sections. Commissioners and Secret discussed the changes. Commissioners agreed to place the latest draft comment letter onto Commissioner Letterhead. Chair Brewer signed the comment letter and it is to be placed in the mail later in the day.

Commissioner Herb Townsend called into the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Townsend updated Chairman Brewer and Commissioner Hurwitz about a meeting he had with Northwestern Energy regarding placing a lineman in White Sulphur Springs.

Treasurer's Report – Shauna Porter:

Deputy Treasurer Maura Kusek entered the chambers at 10:30 a.m.

Kusek presented the Commissioners with the Cash Report for August 2018. Commissioners and Kusek discussed the new pig barns at the Springdale Colony.

Extension Report – Bob Sager:

Extension Agent Bob Sager pre-presented a report to the Commissioners.

Short Term Housing Facility Tour

Owner Amy Schmechel gave the tour of the Short Term Housing Facility to the Commissioners.

Lunch

Downtown Preservation Update – Chere Jiusto:

Chere Jiusto, representative from Montana Preservation Alliance, entered the chambers at 1:20 p.m.

Jiusto presented a PowerPoint Presentation to the Commissioners. The presentation encompassed the history of the Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA), the restoration work projects that they have assisted in, and the current project that would include the community of White Sulphur Springs. Jiusto explained to the Commissioners that White Sulphur Springs is one of four communities that MPA will be working with to restore historic buildings in the towns. Specifically buildings that community members would like to see revitalized and ones that could promote economic development in the community. Jiusto and the Commissioners discussed potential buildings MPA is looking into; buildings discussed were the Parberry, Old Boxing Hall, Union Hall, and Trail Depot.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #54884 through Check #54904 totaling \$12,603.98. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

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