

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

**Tuesday**

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Chair Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Commissioners Present:**

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

**Minutes:**

**ACTION #1**

Commissioner Townsend moved to approve the Minutes from January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 meeting with minor revisions. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. A voted was taken and minutes were approved.

**Road Report – Bruce Smith:**

*Road Supervisor Bruce Smith was not in attendance due to heavy snowfall.*

Commissioners discussed concerns about snow plowing the Sheep Creek Road, specifically when the Black Butte Copper Project is in full operation.

**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 2019. Lopp updated the Commissioners regarding the status of the new patrol vehicle ordered. Lopp stated that there is currently no date set for production of the vehicles. Due to this, Lopp is looking into another option for a replacement patrol vehicle and Commissioners agreed Lopp should pursue other options. Lopp ended discussion with the update on the dog received from Broadwater County. Deputy Wilson has taken on the dog personally and will be training the dog to be a drug detection animal and a search dog. Lopp stated that the Sheriff's Office might help pay for the certification for the animal but everything else will fall to the responsibility of Deputy Wilson.

**Letter Composition:**

Commissioners composed a response letter to Executive Director of MSU Extension Cody Stone. The letter was regarding the Extension Office's tenure process.

**Extension Report – Bob Sager:**

Extension Agent Bob Sager entered the chambers at 10:50 a.m.

Sager and the Commissioners discussed the presented extension report. Sager and the Commissioners discussed the success of the January 2019 full day presentation which highlighted topics such as drone technology, along with range land issues. Sager then discussed the grants that he has submitted to Triangle Communications, Northwestern Energy, and the Farm Bureau Credit Services to help fund the installation of electricity and lights in the new 4H Building.

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comment.

**Lunch**

**JP Computer Equipment – Judge Wells:**

Judge Wells entered the chambers 1:30 p.m. Clerk and Recorder Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 1:45 p.m.

Judge Wells requested that the county purchase an all-in-one printer, fax, copier and scanner for the Justice of the Peace Office. The State of Montana will provide lower courts with a computer, monitor, keyboard and mouse, and a printer. Commissioners called up Clerk & Recorder Ogle to review the Justice of the Peace budget. Commissioners agreed to the purchase, so long as the Justice of the Peace office does not go over budget. Commissioners instructed Wells to speak with Jim McDanel about purchasing the equipment.

**Inter-local Draft Agreement Review:**

Treasurer Shauna Porter entered the chambers at 2:00 p.m.

Porter presented the Commissioners with an agreement from the Montana Department of Justice & Motor Vehicle for the Treasurer's Office. The agreement was briefly discussed and signed.

**Mid-Montana – Insurance Renewal – Jodi Tierney:**

Mid-Montana Representative Jodi Tierney and Clerk & Recorder Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioners, Tierney, and Ogle went through detailed lists of county property including buildings, equipment, and vehicles for insurance renewal.

**Claims Approved:**

Commissioners were presented with Claim Check #55306 through Check #55340 totaling \$14172.39. Claim Check #55290 through Claim Check #55305 totaling \$4,340.84 were presented. Payroll Check #12669 through Check #12691 totaling \$41,700.26. All Checks were signed as presented.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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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 February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to Chairman Brewer, Vice Chair Hurwitz, and Commissioner Townsend, and Clerk & Recorder Ogle

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**Tuesday**

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Chair Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Commissioners Present:**

Chair Ben Hurwitz and Commissioner Rod Brewer were present for the meeting. Vice Chair Herb Townsend was attending the 2019 Maco Mid-Winter Conference in Helena.

**Minutes:**

**ACTION #1**

Commissioner Brewer to approve the Minutes from February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting with minor revisions. Chair Hurwitz seconded the motion. A voted was taken and minutes were approved.

*Bill Galt and Mike Larson entered the chambers at 8:30 a.m. Galt, Larson, and the Commissioners discussed snow plowing on Birky Road and the portion of Birky Road which was abandoned in 2016.*

*Rob Brandt and Kurt Burns entered the chambers at 8:45 a.m. Brandt and Burns expressed concerns about plowing at the airport.*

**Treasurer Report – Shauna Porter:**

Deputy Treasurer Maura Kusek entered the chambers at 9:00 a.m.

Kusek presented the Commissioners with the January 2019 Cash Report and the Harmon Trust Fund. Kusek and the Commissioners discussed the presented cash report and the investments within the Harmon Trust Fund.

**County Attorney Report – Burt Hurwitz:**

County Attorney Burt Hurwitz entered the chambers at 9:30 a.m.

Hurwitz presented the Commissioners with a report. Hurwitz and the Commissioners discussed a presented draft agreement with Church, Harris, Johnson, & Williams P.C. regarding splitting specific office costs between them and Meagher County. Hurwitz updated the Commissioners about his meeting with City Attorney Susan Wordal regarding the Law Enforcement Agreements.

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

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

Kerr presented the Health Report for January 2019. Kerr and the Commissioners discussed the health report. Kerr then updated the Commissioners briefly on the Measles Tabletop discussion.

**Road Report – Bruce Smith:**

Road Supervisor Bruce Smith entered the chambers at 10:30 a.m.

Smith and the Commissioners discussed snow removal around the county. Specific points discussed was plowing at the airport and plowing on the Sheep Creek Road when the Black Butte Copper Project is fully operational.

**Fire/DES Report – Rick Seidlitz:**

Fire Chief Rick Seidlitz entered the chambers at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioners and Seidlitz further discussed the Ringling Fire Garage. Commissioners and Seidlitz then ended discussion about fuel used by the Martindale’s Fire District for their equipment.

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comment.

*Commissioners left for the lunch to attend the Measles Tabletop discussion as part of the LEPC. In attendance was the County Health Nurse Eva Kerr R.N., County Sanitarian Sean Hill, Mayor Rick Nelson, 911/DES Maebeth Seidlitz, DES/ Fire Chief Rick Seidlitz, Meagher County Ambulance Denise Lopp, Sheriff Jon Lopp, Jennifer Brunsdon MD, Mountainview Medical Center R.N. Karijo Kiff, Rural Fire Member Jess Secrest, Red Cross Laura Taylor, and Boradwawter County Public Health nurses.*

**Claims Approved:**

Commissioners were presented with Check #55341 through Check #55360 totaling \$16,719.99. All Checks were signed as presented.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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**CLERK & RECORDER**

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**CHAIRMAN**

**SEAL**

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**VICE-CHAIRMAN**

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**COMMISSIONER**



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

**Tuesday**

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Chair Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Commissioners Present:**

Chair Ben Hurwitz and Commissioner Rod Brewer were present for the meeting. Vice Chair Herb Townsend was not in attendance.

**Minutes:**

**ACTION #1**

Commissioner Brewer to approve the Minutes from February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting with minor revisions. Chair Hurwitz seconded the motion. A voted was taken and minutes were approved.

*Rob Brandt, Kurt Burns, and Cemetery Sexton Mike Marion entered the chambers at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners, Brandt, Burns, and Marion discussed specifics for snow plowing at the airport. Marion is to seek advice from the Road Department and Burns on the paths for snow removal and the running of the equipment at the airport.*

**IT Report – Jim McDanel:**

*IT Supervisor Jim McDanel did not attend.*

**DUI Taskforce Grant – Jon Lopp:**

Sheriff Jon Lopp entered the chambers at 9:25 a.m.

Lopp and the Commissioners discussed the active members of the DUI Taskforce, the presented grants, and the benefits of having the task force in the community. Commissioners signed the presented grants.

**US Bank Harmon Trust Phone Conference – Jason Jewett:**

Jason Jewett and William Northey called into the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Jewett and Northey updated the Commissioners on final quarter investments for the Harmon Trust Fund. Commissioners, Jewett, and Northey discussed specific concerns of loses within Meagher County's portfolio, current market projections, and foreign investments that Meagher County currently holds. Jewett and Northey scheduled to meet with the Commissioners again on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to go in further depth of Meagher County's Harmon Trust Fund Portfolio.

**Public Comment:**

Amy Schmeckel and Ron Smorg entered the chambers at 9:40 a.m.

Smorg and Schmeckel updated the Commissioners on the current status of their lodging establishment. Commissioners, Smorg, and Schmeckel then discussed the Black Butte Copper Project and the Hydro-Pump Station, specifically for impacts on the housing in Meagher County.

**Claims Approved:**

Commissioners were presented with Check #55361 through Check #55389 totaling \$23,026.91. All Checks were signed as presented.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

**Next Meeting:**

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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**CLERK & RECORDER**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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