

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

May 5, 12 and 19, 2015

Tuesday

May 5, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Townsend called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Herb Townsend, Commissioner Ben Hurwitz, and Commissioner Rod Brewer.

Road Report – Bruce Smith:

Bruce Smith, Road Supervisor, presented his monthly update to the Commissioners. He stated that he had received 8 applications for the road maintenance position. There was discussion regarding the applicants and Bruce's decision on who he would like to hire.

There was also discussion regarding a few of the roads that were in need of maintenance. He also brought in information to report on the Smith River Road. The counter had been documented and then moved to a new location. The reading from April 14th to May 4th had indicated 4,034 vehicles had traveled on Smith River Road. The Road Department is keeping a log on the readings taken, and the date and time. Currently, the counter has been moved down closer where traffic would go down to Camp Baker.

The discussion then covered a Walk'n'Roll packer they had seen at the MACR convention. The Commissioners wanted to know if it was possible to rent one versus buying it to see how it worked. They come with different tire sizes, and differences in the tires either with air or being solid. Smith will check into them further and report back on renting versus cost to purchase.

The other item Smith is looking to purchase is a Cross Slope attachment to the CAT grader. It has electronic sensors and is for blade control. He would like to purchase one for Tim Collin's grader. There was discussion on how it could be purchased and if there were funds left from purchasing the grader last year in the capital outlay fund that perhaps the funds could come from there. Cost is in the range of \$14,000.00.

Action #1:

RESOLUTION 2015-#39

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve the Road Department's purchase of a Cross Slope attachment in the approximate amount of \$14,000.00. Vice Chair Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

There was also conversation regarding a phone call received regarding Smith Creek Subdivision. Evidently the caller left a message about wanting to build a road in the subdivision and wanted to know if the County would split the cost. The County does not maintain or work on roads in that area; the subdivision handles their own roads. The Commissioners were sure that Rick Seidlitz may have named the roads for emergency and fire information, but that is the only involvement the County has had with that subdivision.

Road Supervisor Smith also discussed Shane Bishop who is the contractor for the Bodell Gravel Pit. Currently Mr. Bishop is doing some gravel crushing for Bill Galt. Bishop was going to crush some gravel in the Lingshire area, and was inquiring as to the County's need to purchase crushed gravel. The County would be interested in purchasing the gravel and as much as we could afford without going out to bid. Smith will get more information on this and talk with Bill Galt.

Commissioner Hurwitz discussed the mag chloride that was done last year on the Smith River Road and how it is holding up so far this year.

Chair Townsend mentioned that the Cow Belles were wanting to do a run from Lennep to Castle Town to the 71 Ranch, back to Lennep. He wanted to know from Road Supervisor Smith if the roads would have to be closed for such an event. It was the decision of the group that there wouldn't be a necessity to close the road due to the minimal traffic involved.

Minutes:

Action # 2:

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve the Minutes of the April 14, 2015 Commission meeting. Vice Chair Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Health Nurse Eva Kerr, R.N. – Homemakers Program:

County Health Nurse, Eva Kerr and Beth Hunt, from the Senior Center, came in to speak to the Commissioners about a new program coming from the Rocky Mountain Development Council of Helena. Helena had been overseeing this program, but would like someone from White Sulphur Springs to head it, either through the Senior Center or County Health. Nurse Kerr presented a draft of the Contract information to the Commissioners for their review and discussion.

Kerr and Hunt stated that Meagher County would receive \$10,000.00 in grant funds, which in turn the County could hire one or two part-time people to work. The Homemaker's Program is an in-home care services to the elderly, which provides services to the elderly such as doing the grocery shopping, laundry, light cleaning, making beds, and picking up mail, whatever the client needs help with.

Nurse Kerr also told the Commissioners there would be a 15% match from the County, but that match will come from her time in overseeing the program, applying for the grant and attending the budget hearing yearly in May. She does have to attend the budget hearing to receive the funds, but believes this is a good program to bring locally to Meagher County. They will put the job description in the paper and hire through the County since the employee will work out of the County Health Department.

The Commissioners are in support of this program and believe it will be an asset to our community by having local administration. Once everything has been finalized, Nurse Kerr will come back with a contract and a motion to approve the program will done at that time.

Senior Center – Beth Hunt:

Beth Hunt, representing the Senior Center, came in for her annual update with the Commissioners on what is happening at the Center. She handed out a flyer on the activities for the year which included a sleigh for the Christmas season, a Harvest Dinner and a Hawaiian

Luau. It also included a memorial for Colleen Owens who was a huge part of the organization and of Helen Taskila who just celebrated her 102 birthday at the Center. She also presented the Commissioners with budget information on the Center and discussed the various projects and changes.

The Senior Center building is now 20 years old. This year they are doing some landscaping to enhance its looks. They are going to do a rock garden which will require minimal maintenance, and will include rock benches as well. They have received a Northwestern Energy Grant that is funding this project. They also plan to include a memorial rock for Colleen Owens. They have also been in contact with Tintina to see if they would like to include a special rock to the garden.

Mrs. Hunt also discussed that the Center has hired a fabulous new cook, Cal Martin. She also advised that they hired Cindy Mesecher full time, which has helped her tremendously. They have also started to charge a fee to rent the building. They have started charging \$150.00 for a coffee hour over the weekend and \$100.00 during the week. The rent for non-profit is still free.

She also told the Commissioners that they had approached Tintina regarding the Senior Center bus. They have decided it wasn't economical to travel out of town and have gone to using personal vehicles. They are looking to sell the bus, or if it is a community organization, they would give it for free. It will save money if they are no longer paying insurance or licensing. They would give the bus to Tintina if they are interested.

They have been moving forward with the purchase of Spring Manor. On May 19th, the architects will meet with the City Council and let them know what it will cost to renovate. The ultimate goal is to remodel the apartments. Because of the funding they are trying to receive, they cannot add to the size of the apartment building, only remodel and bring it up to code. It was built in the late 1970's, so the electrical and plumbing will need to be addressed and include making it wheel chair accessible. They are looking to get \$500,000.00 from CDGB and \$500,000.00 in a Home Grant. They will be looking for other grants as well. There are 8 apartments, 2 of them are 2-bedroom and the remaining are 1-bedroom. The subsidies will come with the ownership of the property. Mrs. Hunt said she may be back at a later date to request a match for the federal money.

Human Resources Assn – Mack Brennan:

Mr. Mack Brennan called and cancelled this meeting.

County Attorney – Kimberly Deschene:

County Attorney Deschene reported that she has not received any response from the attorney on the Burt Ranch Road issue. She stated that she will research the steps the County will need to follow as the time gets closer if the situation does not get resolved by the deadline of next year.

There was also discussion regarding appointing a Deputy County Attorney that would be available in the circumstances of a conflict between herself as an owner of a bar in town, as well as the Justice of the Peace owning one in Ringling. She would like to get a resolution in place to protect the integrity of the justice system. They will discuss next week and do a formal resolution.

The status of the Ambulance Barn was also mentioned and what recourse we had with subcontractors that didn't meet contract or bid terms.

Road Department:

Road Supervisor brought back information to share with the Commissioners regarding the Walk'n'Roll packer. The County can lease the packer on a month-to-month and if they decide to purchase, the funds paid to lease will be 100% applied towards the purchase cost. However, they cannot get one to Meagher County for 2 months.

Lunch:

Commissioners broke for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and returned at 1:00 p.m.

Arrowhead Meadows Golf Course – Bill Dodson – Informative Meeting:

Bill Dodson from the Arrowhead Meadows Golf Course was present to discuss the golf course with the Commissioners.

Mr. Dodson began the meeting by wanting to clear up any rumors regarding the golf course being broke or having financial problems. He presented the Commissioners with updated financials which showed at the end of the year they still had \$931.00 in the checking account. He stated that there have been a lot of expenditures on the golf course; including tear repairs made to the pond liner.

He also advised that there were currently 31 members; while last year at this time there were 42. There have been families that have moved from this area, that were previous members. They have made some changes in the maintenance schedule, and hours worked by employee. They are looking into the grant funds to hire youth for work and have hired one youth for the summer.

Mr. Dodson believes the golf course is an asset to the community and helps bring people to the community who in turn spend money at the local restaurants and hotels. It also provides a nice environment for the youth in the junior program.

They have received a \$5,000.00 Bair Grant to work on the driving range and putting green. In light of the school starting a golf team it will help provide the safety aspect and be visually appealing. They are trying to make improvements to help enhance and provide a more defined look to the golf course.

Currently they are trying to figure out what is going on with the pump. At the present time, it is not producing enough water pressure. There was discussion regarding what is happening with the pump and the expense of having someone look at it, to ultimately fixing the pump or purchasing a new one.

The Commissioners are interested in seeing an actual Profit & Loss accounting for the golf course, which wasn't in the financials Mr. Dodson brought with him to the meeting. The goal is to continue to make the golf course as self-sustaining as possible.

Ambulance Board – Building Review:

Bob Rooney, with Rooney's Quality Construction and Plumbing and Jack Berg and Sara Driemeyer from the Ambulance Board were present for discussion with the Commissioners on the Ambulance Barn. Also in attendance was Kelsie Manger, Connie Kujath, Laura Taylor, Rick Seidlitz and Jon Lopp.

The Commissioners and Mr. Rooney wanted to make it clear that this meeting was called to try to gather as much knowledge as possible regarding the construction of the Ambulance Barn.

There are issues that need to be addressed and fixed and in order to move forward, discussion needs to happen so they can collect information. Mr. Rooney has an engineer in mind that can give us an idea on what direction to take, but he wants to provide them with as much history of the construction to date as he can.

The foundation and pouring of the concrete slab which is the biggest concern was discussed. Sara Driemeyer was pretty sure that Dave Wendt would be able to answer the questions regarding this issue. Either she and Bob Rooney, or just Mr. Rooney will contact Deputy Wendt to see if he can provide them the information needed.

There was also discussion on the other areas of concern that need to be fixed; the windows that are leaking, the doors needing re-adjusted and the insulation.

The decision was unanimous between the Commissioners and the group that the next step would be to hire an engineer to do a walk-thru to help address the issues and figure out what needs to be done to correct them.

Minutes:

Action #3:

Chair Townsend moved to accept the Minutes of the April 21, 2015 Commission meeting. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #50232 through Check #50270 totaling \$121,963.03. They were also presented with Payroll Liability Checks - #11297 through #11302, totaling \$23,844.64. All Checks were signed as presented

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Tuesday
May 12, 2015
8:50 a.m. – 3:45 a.m.
Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Vice Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Herb Townsend, Commissioner Ben Hurwitz, and Commissioner Rod Brewer.

Ambulance Barn:

Commissioner Hurwitz and Commissioner Brewer reported that they had met with Alan Stansbury, who is an Engineer with Morrison & Maierle, Inc. of Helena last Friday, May 8, 2015 at the Ambulance Barn. They advised that they have given him the go ahead to evaluate the ambulance building and let the County know exactly what issues there are to be able to get an idea of what the cost will be to fix those problems.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue Phelan, Treasurer, presented the monthly Treasurer's report to the Commissioners. She advised that the Treasurer's Cash Report was not ready to be presented at this time because they still weren't balanced. They have to balance all funds in the computer, including the School and Clerk & Recorder's information, and the ACH's caused the issues with the delay last month.

The Commissioners asked Treasurer Phelan if the SRS money had been received and Phelan went to check with her Deputy Treasurer and reported back that it had not been received as of today's date.

Sheriff's Report:

Sheriff Jon Lopp was present to give his monthly update. He gave the Commissioners a copy of the Complaint report for the month of April for review and discussion.

He also presented them with a cost breakdown spreadsheet that Maebeth Seidlitz put together for the Red Ants Pants last year. He expected it to be more, but stated it did not include fuel costs. The State will again provide the additional \$5,000.00 for the event to help defray the expense of overtime as they have in the past, and they are currently working on the paperwork.

Sheriff Lopp is also working on a DUI Task Force Plan for the Commissioners' signatures. In the past, Meagher County did a partnership with Park County and the Southwest Chemical Program monitored it for the two counties. Now, the Counties are being monitored separately, so Sheriff Lopp will have to be in charge of the DUI Task Force in Meagher County. He has put everything together, including what the State wants in the plan. The Commissioners signed the FY 2016 DUI Task Force Plan as presented. Sheriff Lopp also related that they receive a grant from the MDT in the amount of \$18,000.00 on the Task Force Plan. This year they would like to purchase video cameras for Sheriff's vehicles cars and body cams. The video cams are \$5,000.00 apiece. The video and body cams are tied together, and turn on when the overhead light comes on in the vehicle.

County Attorney entered the meeting:

County Attorney Deschene stopped by to see if Sheriff Lopp would mention to the Commissioners about doing a coroner's inquest with respect to Dennis McMahon's death. She stated that Sheriff Lopp is wanting to do a coroner's inquest and she doesn't feel it is required or justified per the research she has done on the subject. She doesn't feel Mr. McMahon was in the Sheriff's control or custody during a traffic stop. Everyone agrees that Deputy Sheriff Wendt did a good job and did everything correct, so it would not seem beneficial to have the family relive the incident through photographs, or be an expense to the county that would be justified.

Meagher County Health Nurse:

Eva Kerr, R.N. presented her monthly report for April for discussion. She reviewed the items on her report with the Commissioners, including vaccinations and the continuing issue of head lice.

Nurse Kerr also advised the Commission that she had received a \$6,000.00 Bair Grant.

Deen Pomeroy, County Sanitarian, joined the meeting.

Nurse Kerr also discussed the Child Protection Team meeting she attended. The DPS used to come every 3 months and that had kind of fallen to the way side. They are the agency who monitors abuse and neglect. There is a new agent with DPS for this area, so they are expecting some new monitoring to start happening.

The Health Expo was discussed and everyone felt it was a success. Beth Hunt and Kelly Huffield will no longer be heading this expo on behalf of the Senior Center and Chamber of Commerce. Since there has not been anyone to volunteer heading the expo, the future is not known whether it will continue. However, the blood draw will continue through the Senior Center if no one steps forward to take it on.

There was also discussion regarding the Homemaker program that she and Beth Hunt presented to the Commissioners last week.

Board of Health:

Present for the Board of Health meeting were the Commissioners, Mayor Julian Therault, County Sanitarian, Deen Pomeroy and County Health Nurse, Eva Kerr, R.N. Sandy Harris was unable to attend.

Deen Pomeroy went over some changes that will be effective with the new food bill. Examples given were on farmers market and the fact that raw honey can be sold without a license, where before one was needed. Also, the rules are being changed that food produced at home can be marketed and sold. In our community, he would not need to go around and inspect all of the home kitchens, however, they will need to be registered in our office. For local businesses, license fees will be increased.

Pomeroy also discussed a septic tank issue at Castle Bar subdivision. There was also discussion on Don DeGroft hooking up to City water for his meat shop. Pomeroy asked Mayor Therault whether the City was okay with DeGroft hooking up to City water and that he would need a letter from the City stating such agreement to hook up.

Pomeroy also stated that he will be updating our Waste Water Rules. They have not been updated since 2002, so they will be rewritten and updated.

Pomeroy also mentioned that the food bill will also change the Red Ants Pants coming up. Before, if someone wanted to do a temporary event, they had to get a license through the State. Now it will be through Meagher County and can be charged depending on what they are doing.

County Health Nurse Kerr presented the Commissioners with a report from the Board of Health. They discussed the disease reporting, vaccinations and the presentation at the Senior Center on Shingles vaccination.

There was discussion with Mayor Theriault regarding animal control.

Jeremy Carpenter – Ryan Zinke’s Office:

Jeremy Carpenter, who is one of Congressman Ryan Zinke’s representatives came in to see the Commissioners on behalf of Mr. Zinke. Mr. Carpenter began the visit by giving a brief history of himself and how he came about working for Congressman Zinke. He works out of Helena, however, he is only in the office 1 day a week; he spends 90% of his time traveling, meeting constituents. He will add White Sulphur Springs to his traveling office and will put a press release in the local newspaper providing when and where they are coming. He will be the liason between the constituents and the Congressman.

There was discussion regarding where he would be able to meet with people, whether in the Courthouse as other counties do, so possibly in a private business. The Commissioners suggested the Senior Center and provided Mr. Carpenter with the name and number for Beth Hunt as the Director. If the Senior Center doesn’t work out, then possibly the Commissioners’ Chambers or Court Room would be available. He is planning on coming every second Monday of each month and plans to be here by 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon.

The Commissioners began by asking what the Congressman’s position is on transferring federal land to state. Mr. Carpenter advised that Zinke was not for it. They are looking more at transferring federal land to the state for management and looking to do a pilot project. Their concern is that it might bankrupt the state if it was transferred.

There was discussion regarding Meagher County’s position of being in favor of the transfer of federal land back to the state and the fact that currently Meagher County has 30% of property as federal land. The Commissioners don’t believe that this is anything that will happen overnight, and it will be a long process to make it happen. The Commissioners believe that management needs to be closer to home. Every year, Meagher County; as well as other counties in the state have to depend on SRS and PILT money, and then have to wait to see if the SRS money is actually coming through. Mr. Carpenter agreed that it wasn’t fair for counties not knowing whether the funds were coming through.

Commissioner Hurwitz gave Mr. Carpenter a draft copy of the Resolution the Commissioners will approve at the next Commission meeting for him to read and discuss later in the day.

Fire / DES:

Fire Chief Rick Seidlitz was present for his monthly update with the Commissioners. Also present was Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle and Mr. Bob Fry, of the State DES.

Title III was discussed and the intent to spend the funds on the Fire Wise Program. The SRS funds have not been received as of today’s date, and there was discussion regarding where the funds get dispersed.

Action #1:

RESOLUTION 2015-#40

Commissioner Brewer made a motion to commit all of the Title III funds on the Fire Wise Program. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

RAC funds in Title II was discussed, and the Commissioners would like to see Meagher County take advantage of those funds to help with some of the expense on roads to forests. Carol Hatfield will be contacted to see if she would be willing to head up or knows of someone who would. Someone needs to head it up and be paid for it. Rick Seidlitz mentioned that he might be willing at this point.

Seidlitz told the Commissioners that Fire School was cancelled with DNRC. It will be held this winter.

The fire truck in Ringling was discussed. Commissioner Brewer stated that he would like to get some people together from Ringling and meet with Seidlitz so he could show them how to run it. There was discussion regarding building a fire garage to keep the fire truck. It was also mentioned that the Wilsall Fire Department has been helping with fires, and we cannot reciprocate from Ringling. Commissioner Brewer will check into cost for a metal building, which would need electrical and plumbing for fire truck storage.

Central Montana Tourism:

Pursuant to the letter received from the Central Montana Tourism, the Commissioners re-appointed the current Members of the Central Montana Tourism Board.

Action #2:

RESOLUTION 2015-#41

Vice Chair Brewer moved to re-appoint Deborah Eby and Sally Stewart to the Central Montana Tourism Board for a 3-year term beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

Arrowhead Meadows Golf Course:

Bill Dodson stopped by to hand deliver profit and loss information that was asked for at last week's meeting. They discussed that total expenses for the golf course last year was \$57,000.00 and income only \$47,000.00 which would be a loss of \$10,000.00. The previous year it shows breaking even. Last year the golf course did not request the \$10,000.00 from the County that it did the previous year. Mr. Dodson also advised that last year, they had a lot of expense fixing and enhancing the pond.

The Commissioners inquired about the pump he had reported on at the previous meeting and Mr. Dodson explained that H & L had come out and looked at it and it was able to be fixed.

Mr. Dodson is planning to contact other golf courses and see what their operating budgets are to get a better idea on what it costs to operate a facility like this.

LEPC LUNCH:

The Commissioners broke for the LEPC lunch at 11:55 a.m. and returned at 1:20 p.m.

Minutes:

Action #3:

Vice Chair moved to approve the Minutes of the May 5, 2015 Commission meeting. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

MACO / JPIA:

Jody Tierney and Shannon Shanholtzer from MACo / JPIA came to go over renewal rates with the Commissioners.

Shanholtzer explained that the Trustees have done a 2% increase across the board for everyone. The increase is on liability ratios / losses and everyone will receive the same increase. There was discussion on line to line and the increases on the Liability Loss Fund (LLF), Property Loss Fund (PLF), Cyber Liability Premium (CYBER), Property Excess Premium (PP) and Administrative Costs (ADM). The Reinsurance Premium (x of \$500,000 / occurrence) and Liability Premium (Bond) remained the same amount.

For 2015 / 2016, increases for Meagher County are explained as follows: The Loss Ratio Adjustment included in the LLF - \$+1889 (+10%); Jail Standards – Detention Adjustment in LLF \$ +4; and Loss Ratio Adjustment included in PLF-APD \$+1470 (+11%)

On the Liability and Property Loss Ratio, there are still large outstanding losses. There was also discussion regarding the Jail Standard Criteria for County Rate Reduction / Increase. The Commissioners were also advised that detainees have to be placed in Commissioner approved detention facilities.

There is also an endorsement change to the policy – Endorsement #34 which modifies insurance provided on Covered Vehicles Damage Endorsement and Contractors Equipment Endorsement. The Covered Vehicles Damage Endorsement includes that the most being paid for any one “covered vehicle” in any one occurrence is the value for that vehicle as stated on file. The Contractors Equipment Endorsement changes on limits of insurance regarding contractor’s equipment and the most to be paid in any one occurrence is the value for that piece of equipment as stated on file.

Meagher County’s Mod Factor was discussed and the fact that it had decreased from 2014/2015 – at 1.22 to 2015/2016 at .92.

Jeremy Carpenter – Ryan Zinke’s Office:

Mr. Carpenter returned at the Commissioners’ request to discuss the draft copy of the Resolution they want to pass next Tuesday regarding federal land being transferred back to state land. Mr. Carpenter stated that he liked the Resolution and probably the biggest hurdle was how to fund.

Since this will not be an overnight happening, there will be some thought behind how we can start the process and show positive results to citizens to get them on board with it. There should also be research on how other states get along without the money from the feds.

There was also discussion on frivolous lawsuits and the Tintina Copper Mine. Mr. Carpenter wanted to know what their office could do to help move the mine in the right direction and the Commissioners thought an endorsement would be appropriate.

Airport Update:

Mayor Julian Theraiult came in for the conference call meeting with Mike Beckhoff. The total expense of the County/City is \$2,897.50 for the next fiscal year that will need to be budgeted. That amount will be billed along the way in 2 or 3 payments. There will be a payment due in this fiscal year in the approximate amount of \$256.82.

The total resurfacing project for this summer will cost \$166,975.00. Of that amount, \$138,975.00 was the bid received and accepted for the construction of the project from CR Contracting LLC. The additional cost will be \$27,000.00 for engineering fee and \$1,000.00 for administrative fee.

FAA provides \$150,000.00 yearly to small airports such as the one in White Sulphur Springs. That amount, plus the \$6,900.00 grant from the MDT, and the \$6,900.00 loan from the MDT, together with the local airport funds of \$2,897.50 will fund this project. The first payment on the MDT loan will be February 28, 2016 in the amount of \$1,625.00 and will be yearly.

Beckhoff also asked the Commissioners if they would be agreeable to transfer entitlement money from the FAA in the amount of \$150,000.00 to the Circle Airport to complete a project they are working on. We currently have \$300,000.00 in funds apportioned to Meagher County and are only using \$150,000.00 for our airport project, so it would be available. The Commissioners were in agreement with apportioning these funds to the Town of Circle, McCone County for the Circle Airport and signed the appropriate paperwork provided by Mr. Beckhoff.

Action #4:

RESOLUTION 2015-#42

Vice Chair Brewer moved to transfer entitlement funds apportioned to Meagher County for the 2015 fiscal year from the FAA to the Circle Airport, Town of Circle, McCone County, Montana, in the amount of \$150,000.00. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Phelan brought up a copy of the Cash Report for the Commissioners' review after the Treasurer's office was able to balance.

Clerk & Recorder:

Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle, was present for the first of two hearings on the budget amendment for Fire Department regarding the Bair Grant received.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Hurwitz returned a call to Commissioner Pam Bucy of the Commission of Montana Department Labor & Industry. They discussed the letter received from Ms. Bucy to see if there was something she was looking for with regard to the "Local Workforce Areas in Montana".

She explained that this letter was just informing that CEP designation would be going away and Montana will be considered a single area state under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) law. Letters were sent to get the information out to the different counties.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #50292 through Check #50292 totaling \$10,415.60.
All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Nancy Schlepp, of Tintina stopped by with KJ Film Works to take some footage interviews with the Commissioners for Tintina's website.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Deputy Clerk & Recorder, Penny J. Plachy
Distributed May 19, 2015 to Chairman Townsend, Commissioner Hurwitz, Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Ogle.

Tuesday
May 19, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 12:02 p.m.
Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Townsend called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Herb Townsend, Commissioner Ben Hurwitz, and Commissioner Rod Brewer.

Jesse Secrest entered the meeting

Mr. Secrest stopped by to ask for a copy of the Grassy Mountain Fire District By-Laws. A copy was given to him by the Clerk & Recorder's Office.

Bob Rooney entered the meeting

Mr. Rooney stopped by to update the Commissioners on the Ambulance building project. They discussed the integrity of the building overall and specific concerns over the crack in the concrete on the south wall. He also asked for their permission to continue with pouring the concrete driveway before the engineer with Morrison & Maierle, Inc, Alan Stansbury, had finished his assessment. Bob stated that Alan said the concrete being poured over a rebar dowel every foot into the existing concrete slab would help stabilize the settling. Everyone agreed that it should be done now to avoid extra delays or expense to the county.

Appointment of Special Deputy County Attorney:

There was discussion regarding appointment of Kent Sipe as the Special Deputy Attorney on matters that conflict with Bar 47 and County Attorney Duschene.

Action #1:

RESOLUTION 2015 #43

RESOLUTION NO. 43

RESOLUTION APPOINTING
SPECIAL DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Meagher County Attorney has requested prosecutorial assistance arising from cases that initiate from the employment, patronage, affiliation and/or connection to the Bar 47; and

WHEREAS, it is desired and deemed appropriate that a special deputy county attorney be appointed for further investigation and prosecution of the matters surrounding the aforementioned cases.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

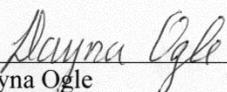
That **Kent Sipe**, of the Musselshell / Golden Valley County Attorney's Office, is appointed as special deputy county attorney of Meagher County for the purpose of investigation and prosecution as deemed appropriate and necessary regarding the aforementioned cases.

This appointment shall remain in effect so long as the conflict is present for the Meagher County Attorney relationship with Bar 47.

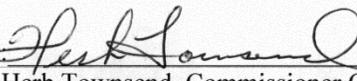
Further, Meagher County recognizes there may be costs associated with travel for the Special Deputy County Attorney to represent them in these matters.

DATED this 19th day of May, 2015.

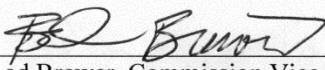
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Dayna Ogle
Meagher County Clerk & Recorder

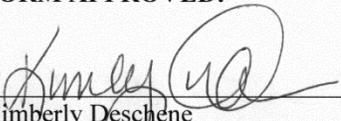
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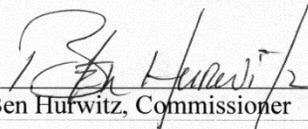
By: 

Rod Brewer, Commission Vice Chair

FORM APPROVED:



Kimberly Deschene
Meagher County Attorney

By: 

Ben Hurwitz, Commissioner

Road Department:

Commissioner Hurwitz discussed submitting an invoice for mag chloride to Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks. They agreed to send Meagher County \$3,000.00 towards the invoice from W E Dust Control. The Clerk & Recorder's Office will send the invoice to John Taillie as advised.

Minutes:

Acton #2:

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Brewer seconded. It was voted and unanimously approved.

Report and Resolution – Transfer of Federal Land to State

There was discussion regarding the opinion of Meagher County Board of County Commissioners being in favor of moving Federal Land to State control.

Action#3:

RESOLUTION 2015 #44

RESOLUTION 2015 - # 44

REPORT AND RESOLUTION FROM THE MEAGHER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Issue: In the Matter of Proclaiming Meagher County's Support with the Full and Present Implementation of the Transfer of Public Lands

Background and Conclusions:

The history of the public land policy in this country, from the birth of the nation until the enactment of "Federal Land Policy and Management Act" (FLPMA) in 1976, officially, was one of disposal. Retirement of the federal debt and the encouragement of western settlement acted together to dictate federal disposal of western "public lands." This was clearly the policy in 1889 at the time of Montana's statehood.

When the federal government began to move more toward policies of reservation and conservation in the early 1900's, the active pursuit of land disposition was terminated. At various points throughout the 20th century, the 11 western states have voiced objections. The 1976 passage of FLPMA, formalized the policy shift from a focus on disposition of public lands (as occurred in 1959 for all federal lands in the state of Hawaii) to a policy of land retention and preservation.

The result is that nearly 30% of the land within Montana's borders is controlled by the federal government, and remains beyond the reach of state or local taxing authority. While the loss of revenue is partially offset by federal revenue sharing programs, state revenues are adversely impacted. In Meagher County, the federal government controls 300,000 acres. In principal, counties are supposed to annually receive Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Secure Rural Schools, etc., but these payments are unpredictable.

Public Policy Statement:

We urge the timely and orderly transfer of federal public lands to willing states for local control that will provide better public access, better environmental health, and better economic productivity.

We support excluding existing national parks, congressionally designated wilderness areas, Indian reservations, and military installations from the transfer.

We support equipping federal, state, and local agencies with resources necessary to plan for a successful transition to state-based ownership and management of the transferred public lands.

We urge management priorities for these lands that will:

1. **Improve public access:** Protect public access, rights of way, and multiple-uses on public lands for all people including sportsmen, tourists, recreational users, subsistence and sustenance activities and emergency access; and
2. **Improve environmental health:** Reduce catastrophic wildfire fuel loads that threaten communities, infrastructure, watersheds, critical wildlife habitat, and our environment. Facilitate restoration of healthy forests, range lands, and waterways; and
3. **Improve economic productivity:** Secure jobs and economic growth through responsible natural resource stewardship and use including tourism and recreational opportunities; and
4. **Retain public ownership of public lands:** Federal public lands shall become state public lands to be managed in accordance with state and local plans; and
5. **Improve efficiency of wildfire control:** Provide state, local and tribal government with adequate wildfire prevention and control resources and develop interstate/interagency cooperative agreements necessary to combat wildfires effectively; and
6. **Increase local involvement & accountability:** Ensure state-based public land management activities are consistent with local government plans, policies, and objectives; and
7. **Protect use rights:** Protect all valid existing rights and multiple uses, and enhance the viability of compatible, land-based livelihoods; and
8. **Generate self-supporting finance:** Foster compatible economic productivity to support essential government services such as local roads, utilities, emergency services, public health and safety, education, justice, and other civic functions while reducing tax burdens on citizens nationally and offsetting federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes and Secure Rural School funds.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the federal government promised all states that it would transfer title to the public lands within the newly created states; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court has called these promises "solemn compacts," "bilateral agreements," and "trusts" that must be performed "in a timely fashion"; and

WHEREAS, Montana and other western states are still waiting for the federal government to keep the same promise to them that it made and kept with all states east of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, states such as Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama, and Mississippi were once as much as 90% federally controlled for decades; and

WHEREAS, these “western states” of 1828 (as they called themselves at the time) succeeded in compelling the federal government to transfer their public lands because they understood the duty of the federal government to dispose of them and they joined together and with the leadership of Senator Thomas Hart Benton of Missouri, presented the federal government with a basis to dispose of lands since federal control prevented the states from generating tax revenues, growing their state economies, and managing their abundant natural resources; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that the Enabling Act by which all territories became states had the same promise to dispose of the public lands upon being admitted as states, states east of Colorado now have less than 5% federally controlled lands, while the western states (excluding Hawaii) have more than 50% federally controlled lands; and

WHEREAS, under the Transfer of Public Lands Act, federal public lands will become state public lands to be managed through local planning for multiple-use; and

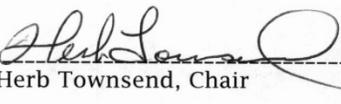
WHEREAS, it is long held that most effective government is that which is closest to the people; and

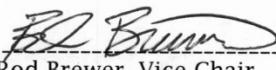
WHEREAS, it is a historical fact that forest management conducted on the state level is more efficient resulting in higher levels of forest health while generating greater income from forest products.

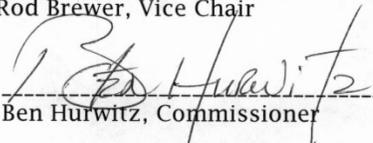
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of Meagher County supports the passage of the Transfer of Public Lands Act in order to hold the federal government to its long-overdue promise to transfer title to public lands to the state, to protect the state’s public education system and economic vitality, and to preserve the important historical and cultural contribution that our public lands provide to the State of Montana, the Nation and the World.

Done and dated this 19th day of May, 2015.

MEAGHER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: 
Herb Townsend, Chair

By: 
Rod Brewer, Vice Chair

By: 
Ben Hurwitz, Commissioner

County Attorney entered the meeting

County Attorney Deschene stopped by to see if the Special Appointment for Deputy Attorney had been approved. She also inquired about the Commissioner’s desire to do a coroner’s inquest regarding Dennis McMahon’s death. Everyone agrees that they want to support the family with no further action on the situation to avoid pain for the family and expense to the county. They all reiterated that they feel Deputy Wendt was not at fault, and did a good job handling the situation. Chair Townsend asked for an update on the Ralph Miller case. Kimberly said she had given Miller notice to send proof the county gave him permission to put the water line in the County right of way. There has been no response yet. Commissioner Brewer asked if there could be a document signed to release Meagher County from liability if the pipeline was damaged during road maintenance. Everyone agreed that this issue should be resolved soon. Everyone agreed to wait until the middle of June, 2015, to pursue the next step.

Forest Service Update- Beth Ihle, Carol Hatfield & Clint Kolarich:

The main project addressed with the Commissioners was regarding the Jefferson-Chamberlain road obliteration estimated a 60- 70 mile project with a small portion falling in Meagher County. There will be an open house meeting in Neihart, MT tonight, May 19, 2015, to update the public on the current and proposed projects. They are going to have a meeting in White Sulphur Springs to inform the Meagher County public on the project. They are also going to briefly address the Castle Mountain Restoration project. Carol is having Jay Kolbe come to help inform the public of the benefits. A notice will be put in the paper for an evening set sometime in the middle of June. Kolarich reported good community support for the Castle Mountain project so far. Carol also announced there will be a celebration at the Capitol in Helena on July 10, 2015 in celebration of the Governor's Public Open Land month. The "save the date" will be sent out via email. Commissioner Hurwitz asked about the status of the Tenderfoot Road. Judge Spaulding ruled granting access and it has been appealed.

Ambulance – Resolution for Intercap Loan

Action #4:

RESOLUTION 2015 #45

(GENERAL FUND LOAN)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERCAP PROGRAM

CERTIFICATE OF MINUTES RELATING TO
RESOLUTION NO. 45

Issuer: Meagher County

Kind, date, time and place of meeting: A Commission meeting held on May 19th at 11 o'clock A.m. in Meagher County, Montana.

Members present: Herb Townsend, Rod Brewer, Ben Harwitz

Members absent: None

RESOLUTION NO. 45

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA ANNUAL ADJUSTABLE RATE TENDER OPTION MUNICIPAL FINANCE CONSOLIDATION ACT BONDS (INTERCAP REVOLVING PROGRAM), APPROVING THE FORM AND TERMS OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO

I, the undersigned, being the fully qualified and acting recording officer of the public body issuing the obligations referred to in the title of this certificate, certify that the documents attached hereto, as described above, have been carefully compared with the original records of the public body in my legal custody, from which they have been transcribed; that the documents are a correct and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the governing body at the meeting, insofar as they relate to the obligations; and that the meeting was duly held by the governing body at the time and place and was attended throughout by the members indicated above, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law.

WITNESS my hand officially as such recording officer this 19th day of May, 2015.

By Nayna Cole
Its Clerk/Recorder



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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of County Commissioners (the Governing Body) OF MEAGHER COUNTY (the Borrower) AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

DETERMINATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. Definitions. The following terms will have the meanings indicated below for all purposes of this Resolution unless the context clearly requires otherwise. Capitalized terms used in this Resolution and not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Loan Agreement.

Adjusted Interest Rate means the rate of interest on the Bonds determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.03 of the Indenture.

Authorized Representative shall mean the officers of the Borrower designated and duly empowered by the Governing Body and set forth in the application.

Board shall mean the Board of Investments of the State of Montana, a public body corporate organized and existing under the laws of the State and its successors and assigns.

Board Act shall mean Section 2-15-1808, Title 17, Chapter 5, Part 16, MCA, as amended.

Bonds shall mean the Bonds issued by the Board pursuant to the Indenture to finance the Program.

Borrower shall mean the Borrower above named.

Indenture shall mean that certain Indenture of Trust dated March 1, 1991 by and between the Board and the Trustee pursuant to which the Bonds are to be issued and all supplemental indentures thereto.

Loan means the loan of money by the Board to the Borrower under the terms of the Loan Agreement pursuant to the Act and the Borrower Act and evidenced by the Note.

Loan Agreement means the Loan Agreement between the Borrower and the Board, including any amendment thereof or supplement thereto entered into in accordance with the provisions thereof and hereof.

Loan Agreement Resolution means this Resolution or such other form of resolution that the Board may approve and all amendments and supplements thereto.

Loan Date means the date of closing a Loan.

Loan Rate means the rate of interest on the Loan which is initially 1.25% per annum through February 15, 2016 and thereafter a rate equal to the Adjusted Interest Rate on the Bonds and up to 1.50% per annum as necessary to pay Program Expenses.

Note means the promissory note to be executed by the Borrower pursuant to the Loan Agreement, in accordance with the provisions hereof and thereof, in substantially the form set forth in the Promissory Note, or in such form that may be approved by the Board.

Program shall mean the INTERCAP Program of the Board pursuant to which the Board will issue and sell Bonds and use the proceeds to make loans to participating Eligible Government Units.

Project shall mean those items of equipment, personal or real property improvements to be acquired, installed, financed or refinanced under the Program as set forth in the Description of the Project/Summary of Draws.

Trustee shall mean U.S. Bank National Association (formerly known as First Trust Company of Montana National Association) and its successors.

Section 1.02. Authority. The Borrower is authorized to undertake the Project and is further authorized by the Borrower Act to enter into the Loan Agreement for the purpose of obtaining a loan to finance or refinance the acquisition and installation costs of the Project.

Section 1.03. Execution of Agreement and Delivery of Note. Pursuant to the Indenture and the Board Act, the Board has issued and sold the Bonds and deposited a part of proceeds thereof in the Loan Fund held by the Trustee. The Board has, pursuant to the Term Sheet, agreed to make a Loan to the Borrower in the principal amount of \$120,000.00 and upon the further terms and conditions set forth herein, and as set forth in the Term Sheet and the Loan Agreement.

ARTICLE II

THE LOAN AGREEMENT

Section 2.01. Terms. (a) The Loan Agreement shall be dated as of the Loan Date, in the principal amount of \$120,000.00 and shall constitute a valid and legally binding obligation of the Borrower. The obligation to repay the Loan shall be evidenced by a Promissory Note. The Loan shall bear interest at the initial rate of 1.25% per annum through February 15, 2016 and thereafter at the Adjusted Interest Rate, plus up to 1.50% per annum as necessary to pay the cost of administering the Program (the Program Expenses). All payments may be made by check or wire transfer to the Trustee at its principal corporate trust office.

(b) The Loan Repayment Dates shall be February 15 and August 15 of each year.

(c) The principal amount of the Loan may be prepaid in whole or in part provided that the Borrower has given written notice of its intention to prepay the Loan in whole or in part to the Board no later than 30 days prior to the designated prepayment date.

(d) The Prepayment Amount shall be equal to the principal amount of the Loan outstanding, plus accrued interest thereon to the date of prepayment.

(e) Within fifteen days following an Adjustment Date, the Trustee shall calculate the respective amounts of principal and interest payable by each Borrower on and with respect to its Loan Agreement and Note for the subsequent August 15 and February 15 payments, and prepare and mail by first class mail a statement therefor to the Borrower.

Section 2.02. Use and Disbursement of the Proceeds. The proceeds of the Loan will be expended solely for the purposes set forth in the Description of the Project/Summary of Draws. The proceeds from the sale of the Note to the Board shall remain in the Borrower's Account pending disbursement at the request of the Borrower to pay the budgeted expenditures in anticipation of which the Note was issued. Requests for disbursement of the Loan shall be made to the Board. Prior to the closing of the Loan and the first disbursement, the Borrower shall have delivered to the Trustee a certified copy of this Resolution, the executed Loan Agreement and Note in a form satisfactory to the Borrower's Counsel and the Board's Bond Counsel and such other certificates, documents and opinions as set forth in the Loan Agreement or as the Board or Trustee may require. The Borrower will pay the loan proceeds to a third party within five business days after the date they are advanced (except for proceeds to reimburse the Borrower for previously paid expenditures, which are deemed allocated on the date advanced).

Section 2.03. Payment and Security for the Note. In consideration of the making of the Loan to the Borrower by the Board, the provisions of this Resolution shall be a part of the Agreement of the Borrower with the Board. The provisions, covenants and Agreements herein set forth to be performed by or on behalf of the Borrower shall be for the benefit of the Board. The Loan Agreement and Note shall constitute a valid and legally binding obligation of the Borrower and the principal of and interest on the Loan shall be payable from the general fund of the Borrower, and any other money and funds of the Borrower otherwise legally available therefor. The Borrower shall enforce its rights to receive and collect all such taxes and revenues to insure the prompt payment of the Borrower obligations hereunder.

Section 2.04. Representation Regarding the Property Tax Limitation Act. The Borrower recognizes and acknowledges that the amount of taxes it may levy is limited by the state pursuant to Section 15-10-402, et. seq. (the Property Tax Limitation Act). The Borrower is familiar with the Property Tax Limitation Act and acknowledges that the obligation to repay the Loan under the Agreement and Note are not exceptions to the provisions of the Property Tax Limitation Act. The Borrower represents and covenants that the payment of principal of and interest on the Loan can and will be made from revenues available to the Borrower in the years as they become due, notwithstanding the provisions of the Property Tax Limitation Act.

Section 2.05. Levy and Appropriate Funds to Repay Loan. The Borrower agrees that in order to meet its obligation to repay the Loan and all other payments hereunder that it will budget, levy taxes for and appropriate in each fiscal year during the term of the Loan an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest hereon within the limitations of the Property Tax Limitation Act, as may be amended, and will reduce other expenditures if necessary to make the payments hereunder when due.

ARTICLE III

CERTIFICATIONS, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY

Section 3.01. Authentication of Transcript. The Authorized Representatives are authorized and directed to prepare and furnish to the Board and to attorneys approving the validity of the Bonds, certified copies of this Resolution and all other resolutions and actions of the Borrower and of said officers relating to the Loan Agreement, the Note, and certificates as to all other proceedings and records of the Borrower which are reasonably required to evidence the validity and marketability of the Note. All such certified copies and certificates shall be deemed the representations and recitals of the Borrower as to the correctness of the statements contained therein.

Section 3.02. Legal Opinion. The attorney to the Borrower is hereby authorized and directed to deliver to the Board at the time of Closing of the Loan his or her opinion regarding the Loan, the Loan Agreement, the Note and this Resolution in substantially the form of the opinion set forth in the Attorney's Opinion.

Section 3.03. Execution. The Loan Agreement, Note, and any other document required to close the Loan shall be executed in the name of the Borrower and shall be executed on behalf of the Borrower by the signatures of the Authorized Representatives of the Borrower.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Meagher County Commission this 19th day of May
_____, 2015.

By [Signature]
Its Commissioner

Attest:

By Dayna Ogle
Its Clerk & Recorder



RESOLUTION - 5

Commissioners Correspondence

An anonymous letter was received expressing great disapproval of the cleanliness of the Library. Commissioner Hurwitz called Gordon and asked if he or the Library Board had received any complaints. Gordon was not aware of any former complaints and would check into the situation at the Library and find a solution.

Morgan Darlington and Curtis from Senator Daines Office entered the Meeting

Clerk & Recorder Update & Budget Amendment - Dayna Ogle:

Dayna reported the findings from the previous audit for FY 13-14 that had been resolved. She then explained the new findings along with her plan to correct the clerical errors. One of the findings was an error on the Annual Report completed by Craig Shepard. She asked for the

Commissioners approval for her to take over the yearly report. Everyone agreed to allow her to undertake the task with the agreement that she could hire help if needed. She also addressed the land and title situation for the property at the Ringling School. It has been donated to Meagher County by School District 8 for the purpose of a Fire building. Ogle stated the school will prepare a deed in June 2015, transferring the property to Meagher County. It is the wish of the Commissioners to have a resolve for the Ringling Fire building this year.

Ogle addressed the budget amendment for the Fire Fund (2340). A grant from the Bair Family Trust for \$20,000.00 was received. The Fire Department has purchased a 2015 Polaris 6x6 and will equip the Ranger with firefighting equipment.

Action #5:

RESOLUTION 2015 #46

Resolution 2015 – # 46

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2014 - 2015 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Fund (2340) received a grant from the Bair Family Trust and,

WHEREAS, the Fire Fund (2340) purchased a 2015 Polaris Ranger 6x6 and will add fire suppression equipment to the Ranger and,

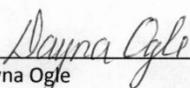
WHEREAS, the Fire Fund (2340) has unexpected revenue from the Bair Grant of \$20,000.00 and unexpected expenses of the same amount.

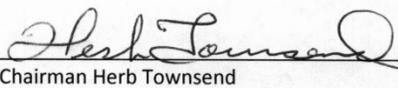
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the budget for the unexpected revenue \$20,000.00 (twenty thousand dollars) and for the unexpected expense of \$20,000.00 (twenty thousand dollars) in the Fire Fund (2340).

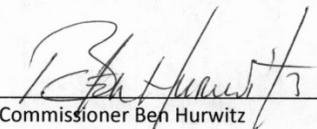
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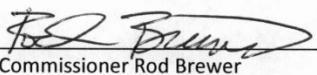
Attest:

Board of County Commissioners:


Dayna Ogle


Chairman Herb Townsend


Commissioner Ben Hurwitz


Commissioner Rod Brewer



Clerk Recorder Ogle expressed the need to create a new fund for death certificate fees that are due to the State of Montana's new law.

Action #6:

RESOLUTION 2015 #47

Commissioner Brewer moved that Ogle, create a new fund (7552). This fund is to comply with the new law regarding death certificate fees, and will enable the funds be distributed properly. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. It is therefore resolved.

The Library board presented Ogle with a letter requesting cash be moved out of the Library fund 2220 into the Depreciation Reserve Fund 2224.

Action #7:

RESOLUTION 2015 #48

Meagher County City Library Board of Trustees request to move cash in the library budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year as follows:

- \$3,000.00 from Library (2220) to Library Depreciation Reserve (2224).

Commissioner Brewer moved. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. It was voted and unanimously approved.

Morgan Darlington and Curtis Mullin representing Senator Daines

Morgan asked the Commissioners to share how the County was doing and bring up any concerns or questions they may have. She stated that Senator Daines recently came out in support of the Trade Promotion Authority. He feels it would help keep Montana Globally competitive, especially because Montana is a state that exports a lot of goods. Commissioner's shared with her that Meagher County just signed a resolution in support of transferring Public Land to state control. Morgan stated that Senator Daines currently is not in support of the Transfer of Public Lands. Commissioner Hurwitz also mentioned the proposal of the BLM in eastern Montana being used as year round grazing for buffalo. Morgan was unfamiliar with this, but expressed that she would look into it. The Commissioners requested that they would like to coordinate a visit to Meagher County with Senator Daines, and request his support of the Tintina Resources mining proposal.

Public Comment:

Helen Hanson Superintendent of Schools, presented a requisition to dispose of the non-permanent records. She has gone through the files and will maintain all of the mandated permanent records. A resolution will be presented at the June 2, 2015 meeting.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check # 50293 through Check # 50330 totaling \$23,497.88 All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Assistant to the Clerk & Recorder Kate Jones.
Distributed June 2, 2015 to Chairman Townsend, Commissioner Hurwitz, Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Ogle.