

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

December 13th, 2022

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Commissioners Present:

Vice-Charmain Rod Brewer, and Commissioner Ben Hurwitz were present for the meeting. Chair Herb Townsend attended via ZOOM Teleconferencing.

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the Minutes from December 6th, 2022. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

County Attorney Report – Burt Hurwitz:

County Attorney Burt Hurwitz entered the chambers at 9:00 a.m.

County Attorney Hurwitz presented the Commissioners with a December 2022 Report and updated the Commissioners on civil and criminal matters within the County. The Consolidated Planning Board agreed to work with the Forest Service on the Castle Mountain Environmental Assessment to provide help for the Willow Creek Watershed area. The Consolidated Planning Board will have their first meeting with the Forest Service on December 14th, 2022. County Attorney Hurwitz ended his update with discussion of the Grassy Mountain Homeowners Association and the Grassy Mountain Fire District.

Health Nurse Report – Eva Kerr R.N.:

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

Kerr presented the Commissioners with the November 2022 Health Report. Kerr stated that in the month of November 2022 Meagher County had twenty-three (23) known cases of COVID 19. Kerr also updated on the vaccine distribution of the office and work completed with both Hutterite Colonies in Meagher County. Kerr and the Commissioners then discussed the end of grant funding for the Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS). Funding will end in June 2023. Kerr stated that the State will be opening applications to fund half of the positions that were created from the initial DIS grant. The application is due in January 2023 and approved grants will be rewarded in February 2023. Commissioners stated to Kerr that they would help contribute to the position as Public Health needs to have both positions.

Courtroom/Stairwell Window Replacement Final Decision – Rosie Spaulding:

Custodian Rosie Spaulding entered the chambers at 11:00 a.m.

Spaulding presented the Commissioners with the phone solicitation sheet. Spaulding stated that she contacted four (4) different companies; one company stated their subcontractors did not work with glass blocks, one company has no room for new jobs, and another did not return Spaulding's call. Frontline Glass out of Helena Montana presented a bid for \$53,537.00. Commissioners and Spaulding discussed the necessity of tinting the windows on the stairwell landing and the amount of money it costs to tint; it would be a savings of \$500 to not tint the stairwell landing windows. Commissioners decided that the stairwell windows did not need the tinting element because the windows are north facing on the building. The following decision was made.

ACTION #

Resolution Fiscal Year 22.23- #58

Commissioner Brewer moves to accept the proposal from Frontline Glass for the estimate minus the tinting of the stairwell windows for \$53,037.00 for the removal and replacement of the windows in the Meagher County Courtroom and the Courthouse stair landing. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Spaulding will contact Frontline Glass to set terms of a contract and payment schedule. Commissioners requested that Spaulding place a completion date of June 1st, 2023 when setting terms of the contract.

Lunch

Cemetery Board Appointments

Cemetery Board Member Rosie Spaulding and Angie Egeler entered the chambers at 1:30 p.m. Cemetery Board Member Mike Marion entered the chambers at 1:45 a.m. Kathy Palmer attended via ZOOM Teleconferencing.

Commissioners asked the applicants present to explain their interest in being on the Cemetery Board. Palmer stated that she would like to see the Cemetery maintained in a proper fashion and has the time to dedicate to the position. Egeler explained her reasons for resigning in October of 2022 and requested that the Commissioners consider her reappointment to the board so she could help the Cemetery move forward in a positive direction. Commissioners then asked the current board members if they had preferences within the presented applications. Spaulding stated she would appreciate if the Commission would consider reappointing Egeler because of their similar viewpoints on improvements to the Cemetery. Marion stated he did not have a preference. The following decision was made.

ACTION #

Resolution Fiscal Year 22.23 - #59

Commissioner Brewer moved to re-appoint Angie Egeler to vacant seat on the Cemetery Board. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

After the appointment Commissioner requested the Cemetery Board update the Commission monthly on the needs and events of the Cemetery. Board Member Spaulding requested that the board have a standing report time as other departments. It was decided that the Cemetery Board will meet monthly with the Commissioners on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Butte Cares MT Program – Alcohol Tax Monies – Stephanie Michaelson:

Stephanie Michaelson entered the chambers at 2:00 p.m.

Michaelson presented the Commissioners with a brief handout about Butte Cares MT. Michaelson then updated that Commissioners on how she was hired in August of 2022 to the prevention specialist for Meagher and Broadwater County. Michaelson's program focuses more on prevention at the younger age and focuses on the money being spent directly within the County. Her programs would be completed more through the school and creating non-alcohol related activities for youth to attend. She stated that currently this year she worked in both the White Sulphur Springs Schools and Broadwater School during their Red Ribbon Week programs. Commissioners and Michaelson discussed how she also can teach the Alcohol Server Materials for establishments that sell alcohol; bars, restaurants, and grocery stores. Michaelson requested that the Commissioners consider her prevention approach program with Butte Cares MT when designating their Alcohol Tax Dollars for the Fiscal Year 23.24. Commissioners asked Michaelson to provide more information of the impacts of prevention programs prior to their designation determination meeting of the Fiscal Year 23.24 Alcohol Tax Dollars.

Clerk & Recorder Elect – Temporary Position Request – Liv West:

Clerk & Recorder Elect Liv West entered the chambers at 2:30 p.m.

West opened discussion with requesting to create a Temporary Full-Time Deputy Clerk & Recorder Position. This position would be for a minimum of six (6) months but no longer than twelve (12) months. West and the Commissioners discussed how this time would be utilized for training of the Clerk & Recorder position specifics. West will place the Deputy Clerk & Recorder position out for competitive hiring after temporary position ends. The following decision was made.

ACTION #

Resolution Fiscal Year 22.23 - #60

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve/create the Temporary Full-Time Deputy Position beginning January 1st, 2023. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

West will work with Human Resource Officer Ogle about the Temporary Full-Time position.

Treasurer Elect – Temporary Position Request – Maura Kusek:

Human Resource Officer Dayna Ogle entered the chambers at 3:00 p.m.

Ogle stated she is requesting on behalf of Treasurer Elect Maura Kusek to create a Temporary Part-time Deputy Treasurer Position beginning on January 1st, 2023. Ogle stated that Treasurer Elect Kusek would like to have the temporary position prior to placing the Deputy Treasurer position out for competitive hiring. The following decision was made.

ACTION #

Resolution Fiscal Year 22.23 - #61

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve/create the Temporary Part-time Deputy Treasurer Position beginning on January 1st, 2023. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Ogle will work with Treasurer Elect Kusek on the specifics of the position.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Claim Check #59847 through Check #59879 totaling \$41,246.54. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, December 20th, 2022.


CLERK & RECORDER


CHAIRMAN

SEAL




VICE-CHAIRMAN


COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Rebekah Luchterhand
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