

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

July 9th 2024

8:30 a.m. – 11:45 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:

Chair Rod Brewer, Vice Chairman Ben Hurwitz, and Commissioner Errol Galt were present for the meeting.

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Galt moved to approve the minutes from July 2nd, 2024, Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Lewis and Clark Public Health – Melissa Baker

Cancelled

Monthly Health Nurse Report – Eva Kerr

County Health Nurse Eva Kerr entered the chambers at 9:30 a.m.

Kerr explained the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG), funded through the Human Resource & Development Council (HRDC) has allocated all of their funding in Meagher County to the HRDC Office and the White Sulphur Springs Senior Center.

Kerr gave an update on the Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) Survey that was completed with the State of Montana. The Survey went well and the State will compile all the information and send out the results later this year.

Kerr participated in Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) with the State and Mountainview Medical Center to assess infection risks at the MVMC facility.

Quarterly Board of Health Report

Eva Kerr, Rick Nelson, Sandy Harris entered the chambers at 10:00 a.m.

Kerr updated the Commissioners on the following cases during the 2nd quarter of 2024: 3 Covid-19 cases, 1 Campylobacter case, 1 Salmonella case, 1 Complicated STD case, and 3 dog bites. Additionally, Kerr informed the Commissioners that County Sanitarian Sean Hill will be present during the Red Ants Pant Festival but is hoping we find a replacement Sanitarian soon.

HB819 Housing Advisory Committee – Cassie Coburn

Cassie Coburn, Makayla Paul, Burt Hurwitz, Liv West and Laura Taylor entered the chambers at 10:30 a.m.

Coburn informed the Commissioners that Meagher County did receive the HB819 Grant to create a Meagher County Housing Master Plan. Coburn explained that the County will need to have a contract with an engineering planning firm by December 31, 2024 and the funds will need to be expended by June 30, 2026.

Coburn requested the Commissioners appoint a Housing Advisory Board consisting of Cassie Coburn, Cal Moore, Melissa Mikesell, and Rick Ellis, with the ability to adjust members as needed.

ACTION #2

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to appoint Cassie Coburn, Cal Moore, Melissa Mikesell, and Rick Ellis to the Housing Advisory Board with the ability to adjust members as need. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

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Monthly County Attorney Report – Burt Hurwitz

County Attorney Burt Hurwitz and Victim Advocate Laura Taylor entered the chambers at 11:00 a.m.

Hurwitz started by updating the Commissioners on several pending cases he has. Taylor informed the Commissioners that she was awarded the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant for \$101,797 which is 100% of the funds that she requested. The grant period is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. Taylor then requested that her wage be increased to \$25.10 which will be covered by the Grant.

Resolution FY 24.25 #2

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve increasing Victim Advocate, Laura Taylor’s wage to \$25.10 / hour to be funded by the VOCA grant. Commissioner Galt seconded the motion a vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Grassy Mountain Fire District- Ben Haugan

Chairman, Ben Haugan, Vice Chair Penny Plachy, Treasurer Anthony Perone entered the chambers at 11:30 a.m.

Haugan stated that at this time the Grassy Mountain Fire District Board (GMFD) does not have any recommendations for the vacant seat on the Board. Haugan requested that the Commissioners appoint someone to the vacant position. Commissioners agreed to put a notice in the Meagher County News informing the community of the open position and asking interested parties to reach out to Commission Clerk, Jennifer Deems by July 31, 2024. Commissioners will look at the interested parties and will appoint a member at the August 6th, 2024 Commission Meeting. Haugan requested that a fire truck be stationed in Grassy Mountain. Commissioners stated they would speak with Fire Chief Jake Kusek.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #61559 through Check #61566 totaling \$5,525.75 and electronic check #-99887 through electronic check # -99884 totaling \$783.82. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Next Meeting:

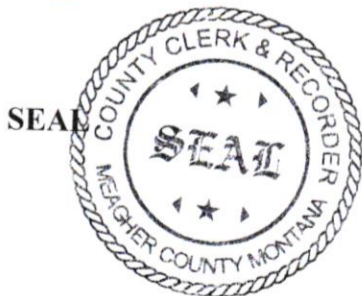
Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, July 16th, 2024.



CLERK & RECORDER



CHAIRMAN





VICE-CHAIRMAN



COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Jennifer Deems
Distributed July 16th ,2024 to Chairman Rod Brewer, Vice Chair Ben Hurwitz, and Commissioner Errol Galt, and Clerk & Recorder Liv West.

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