

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

**Tuesday**

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

12:00 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Commissioners Present:**

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

**Minutes:**

**ACTION #1**

Commissioner Galt moved to approve the minutes from May 7th, 2024. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

**Non – Agenda Item**

- **Congressman Matt Rosendale, Rep. Randy Bogden**

Bogden opened by asking the Commissioners if there were any issues Meagher County wanted the Congressman to be aware of. The Commissioners stated they had nothing at this time. Bogden informed the Commissioners that Congressman Rosendale will be retiring at the end of the term.

- **Wipfli – Clayton Johnson**

Johnson started by introducing himself and presenting the Commissioners with a letter outlining the scope of the audit. Johnson went on to explain that because the County did not have more than \$750,000 in federal expenditures, this is not a Federal Single Audit. Johnson stated his team is responsible for testing the county's accounting practices to the Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP) and the Montana Code Annotated (MCA) and issuing an opinion on the finances and internal controls in the county.

**Senior Center Update – Beth Hunt**

Beth Hunt, Gerald Zarr and Rosalee Greener entered the chambers at 12:25 p.m.

Hunt introduced the Commissioners to Gerald Zarr, Senior Center Board President and Rosalee Greener, Senior Center Board Secretary.

Hunt explained that the percentage of seniors over the age of 65 in the county has decreased from 33% to 31%. However, that number is constantly fluctuating.

Hunt provided the Commissioners with a detailed breakdown of the meal service costs at the Senior Center. In January the Senior Center increased membership and meal fees to mitigate the impact of inflation.

The Senior Center is requesting \$15,000 to help with operating costs and requesting an additional \$10,000 to help with the cost of kitchen renovations that is estimated to cost around \$200,000. A significant portion of this expense is attributed to the range hood. So far, they have raised approximately \$70,000 and are actively seeking grants through letter writing.

Hunt asked that one of the Commissioners represent Meagher County on the Area IV Agency on Aging Board, but the Commissioners stated that is not something they can commit to at this time.

**Call For Bid – 2020 Polaris Ranger – Lee Zehntner**

Lee Zehntner entered the chambers at 12:55 p.m.

