

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

Tuesday

November 18th, 2025
8:58 a.m.-10:50 a.m.
Commissioner Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

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

ACTION #1

Vice-Chairman Galt to approve the minutes from November 10th, 2025. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and passed.

Library Report-Rachel Wahlstrom

Rachel Wahlstrom entered the chambers at 8:51 a.m.
Shannon Washburn entered the chambers 8:55 a.m.

Wahlstrom is completing the State Public Library Survey, which reviews all statistics and informs how certain funds are allocated to our library.

Wahlstrom reported that since last year, circulation has increased significantly, with 8,200 more checkouts comparatively from just over 1500 last year.

Additionally, senior technology assistance has been successful, with eight seniors receiving help this week.

Washburn reported that Story Time is going well, with an average attendance of about 30 people. There is ongoing discussion about the possibility of offering two sessions of Story Time. She has been visiting the Hutterite colony to bring books for them to choose from. Washburn has also been reading to preschool children and visiting local daycares, emphasizing the importance of early literacy in child development.

Wahlstrom and Washburn are participating in a state-led program designed to provide guidelines for new directors on building connections with their respective County and City governments. As part of this initiative, Washburn engaged the Commissioners by asking a series of questions related to the program including their primary concerns for the county moving forward.

Road Report-Jake Kusek

Jake Kusek entered the chambers at 9:16 a.m.

Kusek gave the Commissioners updates on the road crew, graders, prices on road supplies, and snow removal.

Kusek updated the Commissioners that the snowblower is currently being worked on and it should be ready the next couple of weeks.

HR Investigation-Burt Hurwitz

Liv West entered the chambers at 9:57 a.m.

Candi Richardson entered the chambers at 10:03 a.m.

County Attorney Burt Hurwitz entered the chambers at 10:03 a.m.

ACTION #3

Vice-Chairman Galt moved to go into a Closed Session. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

ACTION #4

Resolution FY 25.26 #36

Vice-Chairman Galt moved to terminate Jennifer Deems employment with Meagher County based upon the results of the investigation by Marilee Duncan, as outlined in the report dated November 17th, 2025. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Municipal General Election Canvass-Liv West

Clerk and Recorder Liv West entered the chambers at 10:41 a.m.

Chairman Hurwitz, Vice-Chairman Galt, and Commissioner Brewer were handed the Tally books for the 2025 General City Election. No issues were found during the canvass.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Checks #63090 through Checks #63146 for the amount of \$37,147.07.

Commissioners were presented with Electronic Checks #-99411 through Checks #-99405 for the amount of \$1290.22.

The total amount for Claim Checks: \$38,437.29. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, December 2nd, 2025.

Public Comment:


CLERK & RECORDER


CHAIRMAN




VICE-CHAIRMAN


COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Briana Frasier.
Distributed December 2th, 2025 to Chairman Hurwitz, Vice-Chairman Galt, Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Liv A. West.