

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

**January 6,13, 20, 2009**

**TUESDAY  
January 6, 2009**

Commissioners Present: Herb Townsend, Bernie Lucas, and Ben Hurwitz

Commissioners approved minutes from the previous meeting

**ROAD REPORT:**

Ray Ringer, Road Supervisor discussed acquiring grant for Lower Smith River and also shale for the same rate for the lower end. Discussed snow removal as well as problem areas. They are also putting an eight-foot (8ft) culvert on Eagle Creek.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Rick Seidlitz gave his report. Discussed the fire district.

**COMMISSIONER ELECTION RESULTS:**

Election Results on January 6, 2008: Mr. Herb Townsend, Chair; Mr. Bernie Lucas, Vice Chair; Mr. Ben Herwitz, Secretary.

**PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT:**

Kari Jo Kiff, Public Health Nurse discussed Board of Health

**Mayor Therialt:**

Mayor Therialt reported on city activities.

**Forrest Green Holding Tank:**

Ben Hurwitz and Herb Townsend denied variance for a holding tank at Forrest Green.

**Meeting Adjourned**

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Commissioners Present: Bernie Lucas, Herb Townsend, and Ben Hurwitz.

Commissioners approved previous meetings minutes.

**SHERIFF REPORT**

Met with Sheriff Rick Seidlitz regarding setting up a county wide Fire District that would cover structure fires on buildings outside the city limits of White Sulphur Springs and Martinsdale. Commissioners asked Sheriff Seidlitz to give them an estimate of cost to accomplish a countywide Fire District. Commissioner will explore a fair and equitable way to fund said project.

## **SENIOR CENTER REPORT**

Beth Hunt and Board Members Eldona Pierce, Glen Zehntner, and Gene Richardson gave an update on the senior center activities. They shared the accomplishments the Senior Center in 2008 and what they have planned for 2009.

## **APPOINTMENT**

Commissioners Townsend, Lucas, and Hurwitz appointed Tary Buckingham to replace Nancy Schlepp.

## **COUNTY EXTENSION AGENCY REPORT**

Rachael Soto met and updated Commissioners on projects to include in the Weed Certificate Renewal in April. She also informed Commissioners of 4H activities and agriculture programs that may be beneficial to ranchers and farmers.

## **IT DEPARTMENT**

Jake Odom, IT informed Commissioners he will be gone from work for medical reasons for three (3) weeks in February.

## **TREASURER REPORT**

Treasurer Michelle Walker inquired if Meagher County could pay the Martinsdale Fire District their interest income annually instead of monthly. Commissioners thought annually would be sufficient. Commissioners asked Treasurer Walker to follow up with a call to Errol Galt to see if he would agree to payment annually opposed to monthly.

## **Meeting Adjourned**

**TUESDAY**  
**January 20, 2009**

Commissioners Present: Ben Hurwitz.

Lucas not present due to hospitalization (recovering from surgery in Helena).

Townsend not present due to testing (in Billings).

Commissioner approved previous meetings minutes.

## **BUILDING SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Met with Building Supervisor J.R. Shinabarger. Commissioner Hurwitz and Mr. Shinabarger toured the courthouse compiling a list of building maintenance projects. Said list will be prioritized based on need and cost. A long-term plan will be made. The intent is to do some projects off the list every budget year.

## **MOUNTAINVIEW MEDICAL CENTER REPORT**

Met with Aaron Rogers MVMC CEO and Board Chairman Bill Galt to discuss if hospital had any interest in assuming the duties of the Meagher County Health Nurse. Kari Jo Kiff was also present and gave considerable input about the duties and responsibilities of the county health nurse position. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Galt agreed to explore the concept. Kari Jo agreed to help in any way possible. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Galt thought the idea had merit especially if Meagher County contributed all the money they presently spend on the County Health Nurse position.

## **LEPC MEETING**

Commissioner Hurwitz attended the LEPC meeting at the training center where they discussed the Meagher County Disaster and Emergency Services. LEPC meetings are held quarterly.

**SENATOR TESTOR**

Met with David Fine who represents Senator Testor's office in Bozeman. Commissioner Hurwitz and Mr. Fine discussed the need for aide for the city and hospital. Hurwitz informed Mr. Fine the city needs help with the sewer, water and infrastructure and the hospital is in need of assistance to keep their doors open.

**Meeting Adjourned**

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