

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

June 2, 9, 17, 2009

**TUESDAY
June 2,2009**

Commissioners Present: Herb Townsend, C.B. Lucas, and Ben Hurwitz

Commissioners read and approved minutes from the previous meeting.

Meagher county Road Department:

Road Supervisor, Ray Ringer asked and received permission to crush 5000 yards of gravel at Lingshire from Bill Galt. Mr. Galt offered the gravel for no "royalty" charge. Another 5000 yards will be crushed on Russ Weingartner's land on past Lingshire. Mr. Weingartner is charging \$0.50/yard. Mr. Ringer will bring the commissioners a contract to sign with Weingartner. Meagher County will not pay for either crushing until after the new fiscal year, after July 1, 2009.

Martinsdale, Montana:

Meagher County contacted the L.B. Foster Co. owner of a railroad bridge, which crosses the Martinsdale Canal. Company spokesman, Jim Rogers indicated they might give Meagher County the bridge and about 4 acres the bridge sits on. Mr. Rogers asked for a legal description and appraisal is sent to him at:

L.B. Foster
Attention: Jim Rogers (412-928-3499)
415 Holiday Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

Linda Hickman will prepare a Quit Claim Deed.

County Fire:

Rick Seidlitz informed the Commission the DNRC (Department of Natural Resources and Conservation) would be taking two Tender Trucks we have had on loan. We did not agree to replace them at this time.

Airport:

Mitch Stelling of Stelling Engineering updated the Commission on the pending Airport Rehabilitation. The start date will be July 6, 2009 to July 13, 2009. Contracts have been signed and the funding has been approved.

The total cost will be \$2,631,561.00. Included in the cost is the Engineers bid of \$211,488.00. Also included in the total cost is the 5% match Meagher County will contribute. This 5% match amounts to \$44, 832.00 calculated by taking the FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds of \$896,634.00 and multiplying it by 5%. It should also be noted, the Meagher County will be selling gravel to the contractor for this project. The revenue from said sale may come close to defraying the 5% match. Bids were accepted from Helena Sand and Gravel, Schellinger Construction, Century Companies Inc., Knife River and Riverside Contracting Inc. The bids were opened May 5, 2009 at 2pm. The low bidder is Helena Sand and Gravel at \$2,402,072.95.

Court House Repairs:

RESOLUTION #2009-30

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to get bids on replacing the courthouse's antiquated furnace, which came from the old courthouse pre 1952. Commissioner Lucas seconded. It was passed by unanimous vote, and it is therefore resolved.

Funding for the furnace, a new window in the treasurer's office and other repairs will come from the approximate \$133,000.00 stimulus money recently received and earmarked for building repairs.

Clerk & Recorder Report:

Commissioners agreed to pay an additional \$30.00 per month per employee, for the 2009 health care premium increase.

Commissioners asked for the Clerk and Recorder to send a letter to each department head asking for their proposed budget for 2009 fiscal year.

Petty Cash will be kept near \$500.00.

The Clerk and Recorder will continue searching for a payroll auditor. This is due to several irregularities in payroll during the previous payroll clerk.

Recording charges amounting to \$7679.00 was never collected from title companies and banks going back 2 years. Those charges will now be collected.

Pay Raise:

RESOLUTION #2009-31

County Attorney, Linda Hickman, requested a \$0.75 per hour pay raise for her secretary who came to work here 6 months ago as a half time employee, beginning wage was set at \$14.00 per hour and after 3 months the employee received \$1.00 per hour raise. Commissioner Hurwitz questioned what the Commission Policy is on raising employee wages.

Commissioner C.B. Lucas moved to accept the pay raise for the County Attorney's Secretary, Chairman Herb Townsend seconded the motion. Commissioners Townsend and Lucas voted for and Commissioner Hurwitz voted against. Motion carried, it is therefore resolved.

RESOLUTION #2009-32



Meagher County, Montana
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

OFFICE OF
BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 2, 2009

Sue Phelan
Meagher County Treasurer
White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645

Dear Sue:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED WITH RESOLUTION NUMBER **2009-32** THAT \$6,939.20 shall be transferred from the County General Fund, interest earned, into the County School Funds. The amount is 30% of the interest, minus 3% for the Treasurer's management, on all monies invested by the County from May 01, 2008, to April 30, 2009.

Distributed as follows:

School Dist. #4	1%	\$	231.30
School Dist. #8	29%	\$	6,707.90
Total			\$6,939.20

Yours truly,

Herb Townsend, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Claims:

During the session claims were approved and paid. Voucher number #1143, Check #39331-39354 for a total of \$21,954.77. Three checks were voided #39258, #39287, #39324.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Training:

Clerk and Recorder computer accounting systems training will be provided for Dayna Ogle and Becky Hurwitz-Leger.

CSA (Computer Software Associates) will be here the week of June 22nd for payroll training. Document Pro training will be held August 4th – 7th at a cost of \$3750. CSA agreed to give the county \$7500 of software at no cost.

HRDC:

Human Resources And Development representative, Heather Granier (406-585-4873) confirmed Meagher County Golf Course would get \$6000 for help and training. Ms Granier stated the HRDC funding for the 3 county areas represents is \$259,000. She stated Meagher County will get \$6000 for our County Health Nurse and could get additional funding.

Senior Center:

RESOLUTION #2009-33

Beth Hunt, Senior Center Administrator, formally requested Meagher County continue to fund the nutrition program with \$10,000 from the PILT (Payment In Liue of Taxes) Allocation.

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to accept the Nutrition Plan for the Meagher County Senior Center and allocate PILT funds in the amount of \$10,000 for the program. Commissioner Townsend seconded. Vote was unanimous, and it is therefore resolved.

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant:

RESOLUTION #2009-34

B.J. Hawkins reported she had applies for and received this grant for 20 years. However; the application process now takes about 160 hours.

Commissioner Hurwitz made a motion against the application of the Juvenile Block grant this year. Commissioner Townsend seconded. Vote was unanimous, and it is therefore resolved.

County Health Nurse:

RESOLUTION #2009-35

Commissioners met with Kari Jo Kiff, Meagher County Health Nurse, to inform her of the administrative changes to the department. The Commissioners have requested Mountain View Medical Center take over the responsibilities of the county health nurse. Aaron Rogers, Mountain View Medical Center Administrator, agreed to take over the area of responsibility with financial assistance from Meagher County. The goal of the commission is as follows:

1. Maintain all services, free and otherwise, that our health nurse is presently doing.

2. Move the health nurse office out of the courthouse basement and back to Mountain View Medical Center.

3. Make certain that oversight and supervision of the county health nurse position be accomplished by a medical administrator and not by the county commissioners, thereby reducing the liability issues.

Commissioner Hurwitz made a motion to accept the changes to the County Health Nurse program and location, to be followed up by a written agreement between the Commission and Mountainview Medical Center. Commissioner Townsend seconded. Vote was unanimous, and it is therefore resolved.

County Wide Fire District:

The Commission is contemplating forming a countywide Fire District excluding the city of White Sulphur Springs, Martinsdale Fire area, and Federal Lands. If a countywide fire District were formed, it would absorb Grassy Mountain Ranch and be called Meagher County Fire District. Management of a Meagher County Fire District would be the county commissioners. Mr. Seidlitz will bring forth a proposed District.

Claims:

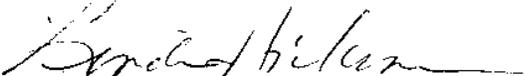
Claims were approved, Total \$21,954.77 Voucher # 1143, Check # 39331- 39354, Checks voided #39258, #39324,#39287.

County Attorney Letter Regarding Pay Raise:

January 6, 2009

Cam, would you please change Dayna Shephard's rate of pay to reflect an increase of one dollar per hour (\$1.00), making it \$15.00 per hour, starting at the beginning of the pay period for January, 2009.

Thank you.


Linda Hickman

Meeting Adjourned

WEDNESDAY
June 17, 2009

Commissioners Present: Herb Townsend, C.B Lucas, and Ben Hurwitz.

Commissioners read and approved minutes from the previous meeting.

RESOLUTION #2009-36

Commissioner Lucas moved and Commissioner Townsend seconded that the minutes of the June 2, 2009 meetings be approved as written. All in favor, it is therefore resolved.

TV Boards:

Checkerboard and the White Sulphur Springs TV Boards are responsible for writing their own grants and renewing their licenses and copies of each must be brought into the Clerk and Recorders office to be held the file there.

Recording Fees:

The Commission decided any company with recording fees in arrears over 30 days past due, must pay at each recording.

Mountainview Medical Center:

The commission told Aaron Rogers, Mountain View Medical Center Administrator, that Meagher County would give all money presently used in our county health nurse program to Mountain View Medical Center. We also ask Mr. Rogers to report periodically to the commission on the cost for actual nursing, clerical, travel, medicine and supplies to run the program. It is the commission’s intention to pay all costs not covered by grants for as long as Meagher County can justify having a county health nurse program.

MMC Board Member Appointed:

The Commission appointed Jim Witt to the Mountain View Medical Center Board for a one year term.

County Audit:

Paul Strom & Associates, Billings, MT. are presently auditing Meagher County, for the fiscal year July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008. Sharon Flom, CPA is leading the audit, she has been informing our new staff with audit procedure.

Tenderfoot Trust:

Three men who started an organization called the Tenderfoot Trust, Mitch Godfry, Butch Marida and Ernie Nunn, reported on what strides the USDA Forest Service is making to purchase the (Charles M Bair, Trust Lands) Bair Company in the Tenderfoot. They assured the Commission that Meagher County would be reimbursed for the property taxes now paid by the Bair Company. We ask what their plans were for maintaining the road. They thought the county should maintain the road. It is our opinion the county road ends at the S.E. corner of Sec.10 in T13N, R5E, which is at the intersection of the road to Williams Mountain, six miles before the Zehntner buildings.

Claims: Claims were presented and approved, total of \$ 27,264.85, Voucher 1144, Check #39355- #39378, there were no voids.

Journal Vouchers:

RESOLUTION #2009-37

Commissioner Lucas moved and Commissioner Townsend seconded to transfer \$7539.29 from Grassy Mountain Fire to Meagher County Fire. Vote was unanimous therefore it is resolved.

RESOLUTION #2009-38

Commissioner Lucas moved and Commissioner Townsend seconded to transfer \$693.35 from Castle Valley Meadows Fire to Meagher County Fire. Vote was unanimous therefore it is resolved.

Meeting Adjourned

CLERK

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER