

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

May 4, 11, 18 2010

Tuesday

May 4, 2010

8:30am – 50pm

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Commission Present: Chairman Herb Townsend, Commissioner Ben Hurwitz, and
Commissioner Nancy Schlepp

Regional Detention Facility:

Chairman Townsend went to the Regional Detention Facility and met with Sallie Palmer Chief Probation Officer. Mrs. Palmer said that the rates will remain the same, which are \$35/day and \$110/day for the juvenile detention center. Mrs. Palmer agreed to come to the county and meet with commission to give them all an update. Chairman Townsend added they are trying to set up a facility in Sydney, and the current facilities are currently at 86% occupancy.

Fire Chief Information:

Commission discussed revised article addressing Fire Chief Position. Commission agreed to put revised article in the Meagher County News this week

Reviewed Claims:

Deputy Clerk & Recorder Becky Hurwitz Leger presented claims for review.

Road Department Report:

Ray Ringer Road Supervisor met with commission to discuss the status of the road crew. Commission and Mr. Ringer discussed what options they have and the positive and negatives. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the county would advertise to hire someone temporarily as needed to help the road department. Once the budget is submitted they will revisit the possibility of hiring a permanent full time worker.

Action 1:

Commissioner Schlepp moved to advertise for a temporary position on an as needed basis. The salary will depend on experience until we can look at next year's budget. Chairman Townsend seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. Mr. Ringer said he would like to repair the roof at the shop and replace the fence. He said it is really needed but will be costly. He noted he has the funds to replace the fence. Commission discussed and agreed to have fence replaced this summer but wait to do the roof for the shop, and build the cost into next year's budget. Chairman Townsend asked if Mr. Ringer could put Martinsdale and Lennep on the schedule to do some graveling down in those areas. Ringer agreed to add them to his schedule.

Opened Bids:

RESOLUTION #2010-13

Commissioner Hurwitz opened bids for the Sheriff's stairs and Courthouse windows.
Courthouse Windows: Rod Bergan \$3,700; Rooney Quality Construction \$4,900; Paul Kroeger \$3,281. Sheriff Building Stairs: Rod Bergan \$5,270.

Action 2:

Schlepp moved to accept Paul Kroeger's bid at \$3,281.00 for the courthouse windows and Rod Bergan's bid at \$5,270.00 for the sheriff's stairs. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Grassy Mountain Fire District Information:

Bruce Suenram, Rick Seidlitz, and Linda Hickman met with commission to discuss Grassy Mountain Fire District options. After a very lengthy discussion it was agreed that the first step is to inform residents of what protection they have and what their options are at this point. The two options are 1) appoint 5 landowners to the fire district board and get it up and running properly with sufficient funds to run a fire district. 2) Petition land owners to dissolve district; which if passed district would be dissolved and additional tax would not be collected anymore. Commissioners feel this is the landowner's district and they will be the ones to decide what to do. The county and commissioners will give them as much information as possible so they can determine what to do. County Hickman agreed to work with Fire Chief Rick Seidlitz to draft a letter which will be mailed to landowners. In the letter will include another date of a second public hearing.

Clerk & Recorder:

Clerk & Recorder Dayna Ogle informed there is a vacancy that needs to be filled on the Board of Mental Health.

Action 3:

Commissioner Schlepp moved to appoint Hurwitz as Meagher County's representative on the Board of Mental Health. Townsend seconded. A vote was passed unanimously.

Ogle reported she turned in a claim for reimbursement for costs incurred during investigation of the embezzlement case. The claim was denied and a report will be sent to county. Mrs. Ogle then reported that the vault in the Mason's Building would be \$1,200 a year and would be great for offsite storage.

Action 4:**RESOLUTION #2010-14**

Commissioner Schlepp moved to approve rental of the Mason Building Vault at a rate of \$1,200 a year for offsite storage. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Ogle stated that the Sheriff Building email account needs to be addressed. The state has given conflicting reports on cost. Currently they are saying that the systems are not compatible and would need new equipment and new lines or they could tie into courthouse but that could overload the courthouse system. Commission will make a decision on what to do once they know the costs. Mrs. Ogle asked if a salary compensation board could be appointed. Commission recommended a few people to be contacted to see if they would be on the board. Mrs. Ogle noted that Owen Voigt from MACo Health Care Trust will be here next week to touch base regarding insurance. Mrs. Ogle then asked if the commission has decided who would set up and manage the county web page. After discussion it was decided to make determination on web page after IT budget was set. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Hurwitz Leger joined meeting and asked if commissioners could inform county employees that it is no longer allowed to purchase computers and other equipment through the county.

Action 5:

Commissioner Schlepp moved to send a memo to department heads stating purchasing of computers and other electronic devices through the county is not allowed anymore. Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Commission and Clerk & Recorder Ogle discussed preparations for the upcoming budget. It was decided that department heads will be asked to note what purchases they plan on making this year, in 5 years and in 10 years. Mrs. Ogle will also clarify to department

heads that all grants will come through the Clerk & Recorder's Office and that they will be included in their budget.

Public Hearing Regarding Grassy Mountain Fire District:

Commissioners, Fire Chief Seidlitz, County Attorney Hickman, and community members totaling 33 in attendance met to discuss the status of Grassy Mountain Fire District. Chairman Townsend called the meeting to order. Commissioners informed landowners of what fire protection they have and the two options available to them at this time. County Attorney Hickman explained a letter will be sent to them giving a detailed account of tax money collected, and the options available to them. Commission noted it is the land owner's decision and they will assist as much as needed. A very lengthy discussion took place and concluded with the agreement that the county would send a letter to all landowners with account of money, and a date of a second public hearing that will be at least 30 days from the time the letter was mailed to give people time to plan to come.

Sheriff's Report:

Sheriff Jon Lopp stated the repairs to the radio system totaled \$6,200 dollars. He noted former Commissioner Lucas said PILT funds could be used to pay for these repairs. Chairman Townsend told Lopp to submit the claim and the commission will decide how to pay it then. Lopp reported he is working on his budget and it is going fine. Commission informed Sheriff Lopp that Rod Bergan would be replacing the sheriff building stairs and it would be funded out of the recovery act stimulus money from the federal government.

Medical Marijuana:

Mr. Kakuk met with commission to ask if they would participate in an open discussion with the city, chamber and the county to work together making decisions regarding medical marijuana. He said White Sulphur Springs has the opportunity to do handle this right and to be the first one to do it right. Mr. Kakuk said he would like to have an open forum panel discussion to identify the problem, then analyze the legal options and then put it to a vote. Mr. Kakuk said the Chamber of Commerce has offered to host this open forum. Kakuk noted he would take that responsibility to contact necessary participants.

Action 6:

Commissioner Schlepp moved to put the possibility of a public forum regarding medical marijuana on next week's agenda to make a decision in the county's. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Forest Service:

Carol Hatfield Ranger for the Forest Service met with commission to give an update on the White Sulphur District. Mrs. Hatfield informed commission of the status of the Taylor land exchange, timber sells in the Sheep Creek Area, Mass Giese Creek project, water at Willow Creek and the Moose Creek Campground. Mrs. Hatfield asked commission to fill the vacancies on the RAC. She noted that she will help the RAC write bylaws and get them up and running. Number one and two priorities for this county are roads and noxious weeds. Hatfield reported that she was able to have the tenderfoot road added to a list of roads that they will maintain. The contractor would like to begin work on it the beginning of June but it depends on the weather. Commission asked to have it in writing that the forest service will maintain Tenderfoot road. Mrs. Hatfield said she would look and see if there is an existing MOU and if it needs to be updated or to draw a new one up.

Search and Rescue:

Otto Ohlson and Rick Seidlitz met with commission and reported that the search and rescue received a Bair Grant for \$8,000 for a snow mobile and other equipment. Seidlitz explained they will expense the grant money and turn it into the state and they will

reimburse 65% or up to \$6,000. Ohlson noted there is a need to update radios, so they would like to use reimbursement from the state for new radios. Commission approved use of reimbursement for updated radios. Clerk & Recorder Ogle noted Search & Rescue's budget needs to be amended to include grant so they have spending authority.

Closed Session - Personnel:

Commission met with employee in a closed session.

Re-opened Meeting - Personnel:

Action 7:

Chairman Townsend moved to put county employee on paid administrative leave until Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at which time he will see a physician for health concerns. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Claims:

Deputy Clerk & Recorder Becky Hurwitz Leger presented claims to the commission CK#40758 – CK#40797 totaling \$21,977.99. Journal Voucher #447 inter fund transfer for \$378.87, and Journal Voucher #446 transfer between IT and DES for \$1,015.10. Commissioners approved and signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Tuesday

May 11, 2010

8:30am – 4:30pm

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Commission Present: Chairman Herb Townsend, Commissioner Nancy Schlepp,
Commissioner Hurwitz arrived during the Library Board appointment

Clerk & Recorder:

Clerk & Recorder Dayna Ogle met with commission and informed them that MACo had an article in their news that said if someone was dealing with lead paint they needed to be certified. After contacting the EPA she discovered it only applies to homes, daycares and schools. Commission will notify Building Supervisor of their findings. Letter to Treasurer for the PILT transfer presented and signed.

Mrs. Ogle talked to Jack Holstrom, MACo regarding salaried position requirements. In the handbook is a list of positions that are exempt. Our book is incorrect and needs to be updated. After a lengthy discussion with Mr. Holstrom, it is clear that the librarian position is not an exempt position. The Librarian does not meet the criteria for any of the 3 types of exempt positions. Mrs. Ogle explained a department head can require pre-approval for overtime but if overtime is worked it has to be paid, and then the department head can decide if they want to take disciplinary measures.

Clerk and Recorder Ogle then asked if the windows in the vault in the Treasurer's Office are still the windows they want to have replaced. After discussing the office moves it was decided to still replace windows in the vault.

MACo Health Care Trust:

Owen Voigt from MACo Health Care Trust met with commission to discuss this year's plans and rates. Mr. Voigt distributed a 12 month financial report for healthcare trust. He explained in length how the data is used to calculate premiums. Voigt reported that there are 67 enrolled through Meagher County. The hospital helps lower our average age, which helps keep our premiums lower. Our average age is 48.5. Mr. Voigt would like to schedule a day to come to the Courthouse and go over information with employees. He would like to give them the opportunity to ask any questions before the end of open enrollment. Mr. Voigt agreed to schedule a day with Clerk and Recorder Ogle to meet with employees. Voigt will contact Mountainview Medical Center and the City Office to set up a day with them also.

Library Board:

Chairman Julie Witt started by addressing the issue they continually face regarding the maintenance for the library building. She spoke to Mr. Shinabarger and he expressed he would like his job description changed to reflect these added duties as well as an additional \$150 a month. She noted Mr. Shinabarger has not agreed to this but is considering it. Commission agreed they will discuss her proposal and make a decision later.

Mrs. Ogle explained that our librarian does not meet qualifications to be exempt. She shared the three different types of exemptions and the criteria to be categorized as one of those three. Librarian does not meet any of those criteria's. Library chairwoman explained they have not approved any overtime, and do not have funds budget for overtime. Commissioner Schlepp recommended they have a policy in place that clearly notes all overtime needs prior approval, and if that policy is not followed then the board will need to determine if disciplinary actions are needed.

Mrs. Witt handed out comments from the community meeting they held to find out what the community wants in regards to the library facility. Commission and Library Board discussed options at length. Townsend told the library board that there is \$20,000 left from recovery act grant fund and they may be able to put it into the current library to help make it adequate while they raise funds for a new library. Commission and Library agreed to continue to research different options before any action was taken.

Fire Chief Report:

Fire Chief Rick Seidlitz handed out his fire report. Seidlitz noted he thought the meeting with Grassy Mountain residents went very well and it will be a tough decision they will need to make. Commission would like residence to know the pros and cons so they were well informed when they make their decision. They recommended that the letter that will be mailed out to landowners include an advisement for them to contact their insurance company to know how the changes will impact their premiums.

Commissioner Hurwitz told Seidlitz he would like Mr. McDanel to handle the aviation fuel system and would like to have him trained on it. Seidlitz explained what trucks the county has and where they will be located.

Budget Hearing:

No public comment was made.

Road Crew Planning:

Commission discussed road crew status, and agreed to run an ad for temporary help for one more week. The deadline to turn in applications will be Monday, May 17th at 4:30pm.

Weed Department Report:

Weed Supervisor Otto Ohlson asked if the commission would sign a grant application to purchase a ranger. Chairman Townsend signed application as requested. Ohlson also asked Chairman Townsend to sign a letter to accompany the grant. The letter states that in the last year the county received less than \$500,000 of federal monies. Townsend asked if the airport grant qualifies because if it does we would be over \$500,000. Mr. Ohlson explained if we are over he can get a copy of last year's audit from Mrs. Ogle in lieu of the letter. He will find out and contact Mrs. Ogle for a copy of the budget if needed. Commission will place an ad in the paper advertising a temporary weed department position that is available.

Medical Marijuana:

Mr. Kakuk, Mr. Theriault, Mr. & Mrs. Eby, Mr. Kirkwood, Sheriff Jon Lopp, and County Attorney Hickman were in attendance to discuss possibility of medical marijuana public forum with the commission. Mr. Kakuk would like to have a public discussion with a moderator and a panel to discuss, and then open it up to the public. The goals would be to identify issues, identify problems, and identify solutions, and then pick an option with public involvement and implement it. All in attendance agreed this is an issue we need to address. It was decided the City and County would host at the Courthouse in the Courtroom. After discussing possible times and days it was decided to hold public forum Thursday May 27th at 6:30pm in the courtroom in the courthouse. Sheriff Lopp will get speakers to argue for and against, Kakuk will moderate, and Chamber will provide refreshments. Commission thanked everyone for their time.

Public Health Nurse:

County Health Nurse handed out her report and reviewed it with commission. County Health Nurse Kiff agreed to follow up with MVMC to see when office would be ready. She noted she is ordering furniture and office supplies so it will be a while before she is able to move.

Meagher County News:

Jason Phillips asked commission to explain the hospital district and if the county had any authority over the hospital district. Chairman Townsend said his understanding is the commission at one time was the trustee board over the hospital board but thought at one point in time the commission resolved to no longer be over the hospital board. He recommended that Mr. Phillips follow up with County Attorney Hickman to clarify commissions' role in the hospital board.

County Board of Health:

Kari Jo Kiff County Health Nurse and Dean Pomeroy met with commission to discuss county health board status. She would like to address board members available seats and get the board updated. They discussed board status at length.

Action 1:

Townsend moved to appoint Mayor Theriault and Commissioner Schlepp for the board of health. Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Action 2:

Schlepp moved to appoint Hurwitz, Townsend seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Kiff noted it is a three year term, except commissioners will be for six year terms. Mr. Pomeroy agreed he will forward his bylaws to Mrs. Kiff so she can edit them and present it to the county health board to officially adopt them. Mrs. Kiff noted she contacted Brett Williams and will follow up with him to see if he will be the county health officer. Mrs. Kiff reported there have not been any new written complaints regarding the Clean Air Act. Mrs. Kiff asked if the commission would be interested in attending a board of health workshop that talks about laws, responsibilities etc. Commission agreed it would be beneficial. Mrs. Kiff will check and see if she can organize it for the board of health. There was a lengthy discussion of other options for board of health officer if Mr. Williams was unable to hold office. It was determined they would wait for his response and then look into other options. Pomeroy noted a vet or pharmacist could also serve as board of health officer. Pomeroy is also going to leave an emergency water testing kit that someone can use to test water when it is in question, for emergencies at the Sheriff's Office.

MSU Extension:

Dave Phillips, Rachel Soto from the MSU Extension agency met with commission. Mrs. Soto handed out her annual report. She wanted to discuss an agriculture advisory committee of 5 to 7 people that would meet twice a year to get ideas and develop her programs for the coming year. She would like one commissioner to be on the committee and to have a two year terms. Phillips noted the postage allocation will be cut for sure, probably about 50% so they will ask the county for the difference in the budget. Mr. Phillips added that most counties contribute 65% of Clerk & Recorder's wage for the county extension agent's wage. Meagher County is currently at 55%. Commissioners agreed to consider increasing contribution during the budget.

Gateway Economic Development District:

Action 3:

Chairman Townsend moved to appoint Commissioner Schlepp to the Economic Development District Board to fill former Commissioner Lucas' seat. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Claims:

Deputy Clerk and Recorder presented Voucher #1068, CK#40798 – CK#40832 totaling \$22,708.43. Commission approved and signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Tuesday
May 18, 2010
8:30am – 4:30pm
Met in Commissioner's Chambers
Commission Present: Chairman Herb Townsend, Commissioner Ben Townsend, and
Commissioner Nancy Schlepp

Claims:

Deputy Clerk & Recorder presented commission claims to review.

Building Update:

Building Supervisor JR Shinabarger met with commission to discuss the bids that were received for the courthouse windows. Mr. Shinabarger explained how the bid that was accepted was not the model window he specified. He has spoken to Mr. Kroeger and he is aware that he did not submit a valid bid. Commission, Mr. Shinabarger and Mr. Rooney discussed the difference in windows and what to do at length.

Action 1:

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to throughout Mr. Kroegers bid for the three windows in the courthouse and accept the next lowest bid, which is by Mr. Bergan. Commissioner Schlepp seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Shinabarger stated he has spoken to Bergan about the sheriff steps and that he needs to coordinate with the sheriff because they will not have use of the front door. Bergan agreed. Shinabarger informed commission he will be trimming dead branches out of the cottonwood tree but may need to contract out if it needs to be removed; the parking lot needs to be resurfaced (about \$30,000); and the front door is leaking and will need to be replaced soon. Mr. Shinabarger asked commission what was decided about him helping the Library. After discussing Shinabarger agreed to take on additional duties.

Action 2:

RESOLUTION 2010-15

Townsend moved to include additional library duties to building supervisor position with an additional stipend of \$150 a month. Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Commission asked Shinabarger to have cemetery board discuss and decide how to address Sexton's position to pay him for the hours he works in compliance with the law.

Commission asked if Shinabarger could look into painting the courtroom, and if he could build it into his budget.

Personnel Procedures and Forms:

Clerk & Recorder Ogle met with commission to discuss proper procedures for employees. Ogle asked if they could continue coding IT equipment out of IT. It will run in the red but the fund overall would not be in the red. Commission discussed expenses, and the fact they no longer have the revenue from the hospital contracting with the county IT. Commission agreed to keep running expenses through IT accounts so they can see a clear financial picture of department. Ogle agreed to prepare IT budget for 10/11 fiscal year. Commissioner Hurwitz asked commission to consider stop monthly payments to the 911 department out of the Harmon Trust. He is concerned about cutting into the corpus of the trust. Commission agreed and contacted Communication Supervisor Maebeth Seidltiz to come in and discuss at the next commissioner meeting. Mrs. Ogle stated the county owes \$285.00 to PERS for a reserved deputy sheriff. He was a former PERS member so he does not have a choice of contributions. Commission asked Ogle to contact employee regarding payment and gave her authority to handle appropriately. Commission decided they will send a letter to all department heads stating no stamped signatures will be allowed, only original signatures.

Schlepp stated we need to have job descriptions for the county and employee efficiency. Schlepp asked if all job descriptions could be done and turned in with budget. Also have employee evaluations completed for the year. Commission and Ogle discussed at length. Ogle will follow up with Jack Holstrom from MACo to find out what the requirements are and will go from there. Hurwitz and Townsend would like a date set when

department heads have evaluations completed. Commission will have forms and procedures reflected in policy handbook. Treasurer Phelan said the school gets a percent of the county funds, and asked if commission would sign a letter reflecting the money being transferred.

Action 3:

Resolution 2010-16

Commissioner Hurwitz moved \$5,477.54 will be transferred to the school fund as Treasurer Phelan proposed. Commissioner Townsend seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

Stelling Engineering:

Mike Beckhoff met with commission to discuss Airport project completion. It will not be sealed for another 3 or 4 years and there are grant funds available to fund that cost. Roughly it could be \$80,000 – \$100,000 to seal and re-stripe. AIP money from FAA is available, so the county would only have a 5% match. Stehling Engineers would be happy to manage it when that comes about. Mr. Beckhoff said the contractor was over on time. He has amendment #2 that reflects the overage of the contractor, final testing, and other costs. He explained they are 28 days over the project days allocated. The county received the liquidated damages, which is \$28,000 – a \$1,000 dollars a day. The county pays these funds to stehling. The grant funds pay for this amendment costs. The contractor loses payment, and then it goes to testers and engineers. Beckhoff presented end of project cost allocation. Chairman Townsend signed as presented

Action 4:

Resolution 2010-17

Commissioner Schlepp moved to pay Stehling Engineers an additional \$6,915 for overage costs. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

Mr. Beckhoff explained the land acquisition project. He has the application for the state to take over the lease that is adjacent to the airport. When they re-fence the airport they will include the land acquired. The land will be purchased and the previous owners will have easements to use land for agriculture purposes. Estimated cost for the project will be \$80,000.

Mr. Beckhoff also presented the Closeout Report that has to be signed by the County and Stehling Engineers. Townsend signed as presented. Beckhoff noted you would want to make sure it is being maintained, such as the mowing. It needs to be 10 ft out from runway and around the lights, and also the grass runway.

Library Board:

Library Board Members (Julie Witt, Jim Johnston, Tary Buckingham, Gordon Doig), George Kirkwood, and Bob Rooney, met with commission. Townsend noted that Building Supervisor Shinabarger would take on duties at the Library, and the Library will be responsible to pay additional stipend. Mr. Johnston talked about the interlocal agreement and the issues it could have. He has been working on it with County Attorney Hickman to update it. Hickman is drafting an amendment to address the concerns. He noted that the county needs the Library in their name for insurance, loan, and grant purposes. It would read as County of Meagher Library. Schlepp asked if it would change the agreement regarding the city's contribution. Johnston said no it will only change the name for the reasons already stated. Johnston will present this to the city at their next meeting.

Action 5:

Hurwitz moved to make change as proposed. Schlepp seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Witt said in the interlocal agreement it says the county will pay utilities and be reimbursed by the city and for some reason it was changed. She would like to follow the agreement. Commission agreed to change back for better documentation and compliance. Mr. Doig said the library board should look into fixing the library because we can't get a new library overnight. Rooney said there is a long history with the library and repairs attempted. He said he does not know what is there so he would like to excavate it to the level of the foundation to see what is there. He proposes 8 helico piers and a wood floor. He feels it is a good option to support the weight of the books and other storage of items. Schlepp asked what is the cost to tear it out, and excavate. He said about \$5,000 - \$7,000. Rooney noted the bathroom would need to be addressed because it comes out over the crawl space. Hurwitz said he feels it is good to tear it off and that point if it is too expensive close the building off and not replace the space. The assessment could cost around \$5,000. Doig pointed out it would help the value of the building regardless, and it makes it marketable.

Action 6:

Schlepp moves to open up the floor for the \$5,000 - \$7,000 and at that time decide what action will be taken. Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Planning Board:

Rick Berg applied to be on the planning board.

Action 7:

Commissioner Schlepp moved to appoint him to the planning board. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Grass Range Renewable Energy:

Matt Jennings met with the commission to discuss Grass Range Renewable Energy. He would like to give an introduction to the work they are doing in Meagher County. He would like the community to know who they are and that it is an open line of communication. There is a 3 tier strategy to integrate wind energy into the state. Wind energy faces unique challenges, such as consistency, and empty lines. They are addressing this by integrating a geographical system that balances the system out. Also they would use a storage device to supplement low peaks with a closed loop hydroelectric pump storage system. One location is by Martinsdale in Meagher County. They have received their permit and they will try to develop this hydroelectric storage system. They need to find a way to fill the proposed reservoir, from the landowners and DNRC. When this is complete it will be able to produce 350 megawatts within 12 hours. Now that they have the permit they will start more of the technology development, and engineering issues. He would like to eventually connect with a system like MSTI to help out with transmission. Hurwitz asked if this is through Errol Galts land. Mr. Jennings said yes it is. He would like to hear anything that is voiced and expressed to the commission. Schlepp said there is not back-up energy in Meagher county so it is a different situation then Broadwater County. Mr. Jennings said there is tax revenue that the schools and county will receive, and some jobs would be generated. Hurwitz said he would like it to be developed and would love to have it on his ground. Jennings noted the east side of the county has the wind potential. There are job opportunities and revenue that can help the county. Jennings pointed out once this is installed it will always be there.

Audit Exit Interview:

Sharon Tripp from Paul Strom and Associates met with commission, Treasurer Phelan, Deputy Treasurer Porter and Clerk and Recorder Ogle and Deputy Clerk & Recorder Becky Hurwitz Leger to go over findings of the audit they just concluded. Mrs. Tripp will cover the previous year's findings and then this year's findings. She stated last year there were 9 findings and for this year there are 3 more, so there is a total of 12 findings. She noted next year they would audit in January or February because they will also need

a federal audit because the county received over \$500,000 of federal funding due to the airport renovation.

Claims:

May 12, 2010 out of regular meeting per request of County Attorney, Voucher #1069 CK#40834 for \$36.00. Regular meeting Voucher #1070 CK#40835 – 40848 totaling \$17,471.59. Voided CK#40833 because it was left in the printer (Print Void – Not Issued).

Meeting Adjourned

CLERK & RECORDER

SEAL

CHAIRMAN

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER