

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

June 4, 11, 18, 2013

Tuesday

June 4, 2013

8:30am-3:00pm

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Ben Hurwitz, Vice Chair Herb Townsend and Commissioner Nancy Schlepp.

Road Crew:

Present from the Road Crew were Foreman Tim Collins, Nick Lester, and Jim Gregory.

Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

The first item discussed was the COLA recommended by the Salary Compensation Board for the coming fiscal year. The Road Crew felt that instead of making it a percentage of pay, it would be fairer to give everyone the same set dollar amount, as everyone is subject to the same cost of living. Townsend thought it might be possible by putting the total amount of the 2.1% COLA for all employees in a pot and divide it up among the employees. No further action was taken.

County Contribution toward Health Insurance Premiums

Collins raised the issue of the County contributing up to \$800 for health insurance premiums. As a single employee, he pointed out, he does not get the full benefit of the County contribution since his health insurance monthly premium is less than \$800. An employee covering a spouse or a family, however, would receive the entire \$800 benefit as the monthly premium is over that amount. He did not feel that is fair.

Schlepp assured him the commissioners were aware of the situation. The reason they decided to do that, she continued, is insurance costs are not capped under the budget like wages are. Through the permissive mil levy, they can give employees a higher benefit through insurance contributions. Hurwitz added that one of their goals was to get more employees to insure themselves and their families, in effect lowering the premiums across the board.

Schellinger Trucking

Schellinger Trucking had started hauling gravel from the Mikesell Pit, with six trucks. Hurwitz said he would contact the company to share the County's concerns about dust abatement.

George Willett, Showdown—Asphalt Millings

Townsend told the gathering that George Willett from Showdown Ski Area had contacted him to see if he could use some of the County's asphalt millings for the parking lot at the ski area. Collins told him the City gets all the millings. And they had decided previously that they were not interested in using them. Townsend said it was his understanding that they could mix the millings with gravel and spread it on roads. Collins was hesitant, saying it was risky if they committed to millings and they did not work as hoped. Otherwise, it would be considered hazardous waste and they would have to pay to store it or dispose of it properly. He suggested taking a belly dump load or two down to Voldesth's property where Sierra Rock & Dirt is already crushing. He thought maybe Sierra could mix some with the pit run there, and crush it up for them to use somewhere like Birch Creek, which is a high traffic area. After further discussion, it was agreed to discuss the idea with Road Supervisor, Bruce Smith.

Ernie from Sierra Rock & Dirt

Ernie, an employee from Sierra Rock & Dirt, joined the meeting at 9:15am with Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle. He asked if the County would be interested in selling 100 yards of gravel

to the City of Neihart. It was agreed not to, as the County avoids competing with private business.

School Interest—Treasurer, Sue Phelan:

Treasurer Phelan told the commissioners that a portion of the interest received by the County each year goes to the schools. She presented a letter for them to sign, transferring the money into the County School Funds.

Action 1:

RESOLUTION 2013-#45



Meagher County, Montana
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

OFFICE OF
BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 22, 2013

Sue Phelan
Meagher County Treasurer
White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645

Dear Sue:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED WITH RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-#45 THAT \$1455.91 (One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Five and 91/100) shall be transferred from the County General Fund, interest earned into the County School Funds. The amount is 12% of the interest, versus 10% for the Treasurer's management, on all monies invested by the County from May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013.

Distributed as follows:

School Dist #4	\$ 121.57
School Dist #8	\$1,334.34
	\$ 1,455.91

MEAGHER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Nancy Higgins-Schmitt

Sue Phelan

Clerk & Recorder Report—Davna Ogle:

Family Medical Leave

Ogle told the commissioners that a Road Department employee who has been out on worker's comp leave is out of sick leave and has requested Family Medical Leave. He can take up to 12 weeks. The County has to grant it and pay his insurance as well. He is only planning to take it till July, at which time he can retire.

Building Maintenance—Ken Martin

Ogle informed the commissioners that there is room in the budget to put Courthouse Janitor/Maintenance Person, Ken Martin, on full time if that is what they wanted to do. There would be a 30-day waiting period under County policy before he would be eligible for insurance, which would take it in to the next fiscal year. Hurwitz liked the idea of making him full time, doing janitorial and maintenance work for the entire County. It was agreed that Ogle would meet with Treasurer Phelan the next week to come up with a more detailed job description for Martin.

Budget Amendments

Ogle reviewed some fund accounts that would require budget amendments.

Smith Creek—Ron Hartman:

Ron Hartman, Debbie Dent, and Jan Hartman from Smith Creek Water Resource Area, visited with the commissioners to discuss a few issues. Also present was County Fire Chief, Rick Seidlitz. Hartman began by introducing their group to the commissioners. The Smith Creek Water Resource Area was set up as a social organization, with non-profit status. Thirteen residents have received CPR and first aid training from the Wilsall Fire District. They also own a fire truck.

Addressing

Hartman (Ron) said they had worked with Seidlitz, who is also in charge of rural addressing for Meagher County, to register their GPS addresses. All the roads have numbers though and they want to give them street names. Seidlitz said it would be easy to change. It would just take a lot of work for him. Dent added that once the names are changed, they will need signs. Seidlitz told her the residents would be responsible for the signs.

Meagher County Fire District Petitions

Ron said they had many questions regarding the petitions. One of the main concerns was the part that mentioned "bondedness." Schlep explained that it is no different from the financial responsibility as a taxpayer toward other things, like law enforcement and education. Seidlitz added that they are already responsible for the indebtedness of Meagher County Wildfire through their taxes. Seidlitz said the main problem right now is Meagher County Fire is only allowed to fight timber and grass fires. They cannot do structure fires, ambulance, or extraction. Creating a new countywide fire district would allow them to handle all risks.

Ron countered that the two-hour response time for Meagher County Fire to get to Smith Creek structures precludes there being any significant reason for them to sign the petition to join the fire district. Besides Wilsall responds and get there relatively quickly. Seidlitz pointed out that the reason Wilsall does respond to Smith Creek is because of the mutual aid agreement in place between them and Meagher County.

Seidlitz told them that most of their risk is during the summer. He felt certain that there would be a couple residents during the summer that could do the training required in order to get the area a DNRC truck. That should also help the residents get up to a 40% discount on their homeowner's insurance premiums.

After further discussion, Hurwitz pointed out to them that if there were another two-week wildfire like the one that hit their area years ago, without a Fire District Meagher County Fire would only be able to deal with the timber and grass aspect of the fire. If the wind were to shift, for example, suddenly putting their structures at risk, they would not be able to protect the structures.

Hartman said they would have a meeting with the larger group. The information they learned would be very helpful. Seidlitz concluded by telling them if the fire district does not go through, there would no longer be a mutual aid agreement on structures with Wilsall.

Sheriff Report—Jon Lopp:

Sheriff Lopp joined the meeting, along with newly hired deputy, Bryan Slingsby. Lopp said Slingsby would be attending the Academy in January. Lopp said he has heard rumors that the Rainbow People have been looking at gathering at Spring Creek now, or Smith Creek. There was a theft of explosives from land being mined by Rick Geordge; 50 pounds of ammonium nitrate, along with 500 feet of cord and 80 boosters. ATF is looking into it. Lopp said it was the fourth theft from a mine in the last six months.

Lopp then gave the commissioners a letter he wrote in response to their request the previous meeting (May 21, 2013) for an accounting from Undersheriff Dave Wendt of the Demolition Derbies he had organized. Lopp told the commissioners that Wendt had sought counsel and was told not to cooperate with the commissioners' request. Townsend said he was hoping that Wendt would cooperate simply to clear the air. Schlepp said it was their duty as commissioners to ask for the accounting. It did not come. She said if the County Attorney wants to follow up, that is her business, but the commissioners have done their job.

Janine Rooney—Western States Insurance:

Janine Rooney, an agent from Western States Insurance, visited with the commissioners regarding the possibility of taking over as agent of record of the County's health insurance plans. She stressed that it is important for the employees to understand their plans and for the commissioners to know exactly what they are paying for. Customer service is vital, she continued. She prefers to spend more time servicing the clients she has than to be out always trying to sell the next plan. Plus, she grew up in White Sulphur Springs so Meagher County would be more than just a client to her.

Schlepp said her main concern is that the employees who deal with the insurance issues day in and day out are not happy with the service they are receiving from the current agent and her staff. It was agreed to revisit the issue again after open enrollment concluded June 21.

Minutes:

It was agreed to act upon the minutes from the May 21, 2013 meeting at the following meeting.

Meagher County Cattlewomen:

Christy Asmussen and Bev Fryer, from the Meagher County Cattlewomen, joined Holly Manneck to present a painting to the County to hang on the Courtroom wall. The painting was done by Manneck and donated to the Cattlewomen, who decided to donate it to Meagher County. Jason Phillips was there to take pictures for the Meagher County News.

LUNCH:

The commissioners broke for lunch at 12:50pm. Townsend and Schlepp returned at 1:00pm.

OPA Field Office:

Margie Guevin and Kevin Frank from the Office of Public Assistance (OPA) Field Office joined the meeting by telephone. Frank said his office has been reviewing the status of the most rural OPA offices and have come to the conclusion that keeping smaller offices open is not as cost-effective as using technology to serve the clients. He said they had recently closed the Fallon County office in Baker and are servicing that county through the Miles City office.

Schlepp pointed out that Meagher County has a much higher percentage of low-income residents than Fallon County does. Townsend added that transportation is a problem as well, as many of the low-income residents receiving public assistance have no way to get to Helena or Bozeman to visit an OPA office. Frank countered that they have been working hard to do their documentation and recertification by phone and mail. Schlepp said she knows much of the older population would prefer doing things face to face. She asked Frank and Guevin to consider at least keeping 4-8 hours of office hours each week. Frank said he felt that was a reasonable

request and would run it by their superiors, at least as a transition phase if nothing else. Townsend and Schlepp assured them that the County would continue to provide office space.

Hurwitz returned to the meeting at 1:15pm.

Health Nurse Report—Kari Jo Kiff:

County Health Nurse, Kari Jo Kiff, met with the commissioners to give her monthly report (a copy of which is on file in the Clerk & Recorder's office) and to have Hurwitz sign some grant paperwork. The paperwork was for the MCH Federal FY14 contract, for \$1960, and for the New Immunization/Billing FY14 contract, for \$12,600. Hurwitz signed both contracts. She also mentioned that planning for the Red Ants Music Festival has begun.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dayna Ogle

Clerk & Recorder Ogle rejoined the meeting to discuss replacing her assistant, Nate Sanders, who submitted a letter of resignation earlier in the day. It was agreed that she should list the ad in the newspaper right away, run it for two weeks, try to interview the following week, and maybe even have someone start before Sanders leaves so that he can help train the new employee. Wages would be open ended, depending on experience.

Ogle then requested a closed session. The meeting was closed at 2:55pm. It was reopened at 4:00pm.

Claims:

Commission was presented Voucher #1374, CK#45516 through CK #45563, totaling \$55,475.97. Commission approved and signed checks as presented. Also presented were Health Insurance Voucher #1372, CK#218520 through CK#218526, totaling \$19,916.19; Payroll Deduction Voucher #1373, CK#218527 through CK#218533, totaling \$87,180.91; Payroll Voucher #15, CK#218500 through CK#218519, totaling \$10,737.53; Payroll Voucher #14, CK#218499, totaling \$113.35. Commission approved as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

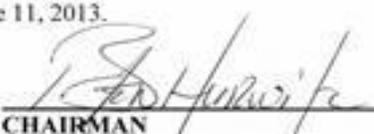
The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

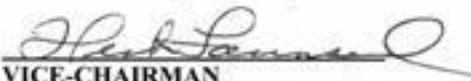
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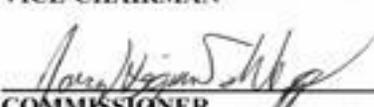
Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, June 11, 2013.

CLERK & RECORDER

SEAL


CHAIRMAN


VICE-CHAIRMAN


COMMISSIONER

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Distributed June 11, 2013 to Chairman Hurwitz, Commissioner Townsend, Commissioner Schlep, and Clerk & Recorder Ogle

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Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:45am.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Ben Hurwitz, Vice Chair Herb Townsend and Commissioner Nancy Schlepp.

Asphalt Millings—George Willett, Showdown Ski Area:

George Willett, from Showdown Ski Area, visited with the commissioners to see if it was possible to receive any of the County's asphalt millings that were being taken off the highway at Kings Hill. He wanted them for the parking lots at the ski area. The City of White Sulphur Springs, however, is receiving all the millings from the State Department of Transportation, so Mayor, Julian Theriault, was invited to join the meeting. Theriault agreed that Showdown could use 1000 yards of the millings. They were going to work out the details after leaving the meeting.

Treasurer Update—Sue Phelan:

County Metal Mines License Tax

Treasurer Phelan told the commissioners the County had received its County Metal Mines License Tax check, for \$822.69. They had always put the tax money in the State Mineral Royalties Fund (2894) in the past. It was agreed to keep it there.

Courthouse Janitor/Maintenance Position

She handed them an updated job description for Ken Martin, the Courthouse Janitor/Maintenance Person they have been considering making full time. Hurwitz said he does not want Martin doing cleaning at the jail though, just maintenance work. Schlepp agreed, saying the same thing about the library. Phelan told the commissioners the employee restroom on the first floor needs a new toilet and sink. Hurwitz added that the sink in the men's room needed replaced too. It was agreed to do so and consider these in the budget for the coming year.

Public Hearing—Budget Amendments:

Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle, joined the meeting for a public hearing on the required upcoming budget amendments. There were amendments needed for Soil Conservation, Lennep Weed Management, Harmon Endowment, Title III, and Fire. Of note with Fire, she said that Fire Chief Seidlitz is over budget \$12,460 and \$16,000 in the hole for cash. The commissioners said they would address the issues with Seidlitz later in the meeting.

Gravel Crushing:

Ogle told the commissioners that Road Supervisor, Bruce Smith, wondered how to handle paying Sierra Rock & Dirt, the company handling the gravel crushing on the Voldseth property at Lennep. They will not complete the crushing by the end of the fiscal year, but the funds to pay for it were budgeted in the current year. After a brief discussion it was agreed to cut the check to pay for the remaining crushing in the current fiscal year but to hold it until the crushing was completed.

Building Maintenance Position:

There was discussion about the possible timing of making Courthouse Janitor/Maintenance Person, Ken Martin a full-time County employee. Ogle said if they make him full-time retroactive to May 27, he would be eligible for insurance benefits as of July 1. She told the commissioners she would check the budget to make sure they could afford to do that.

Community Transportation—Lloyd Sparks, Montana Independent Living Project:

Lloyd Sparks of the Montana Independent Living Program visited with the commissioners to discuss transportation in Meagher County. Hurwitz began by asking him exactly what he was doing there, especially after MILP left the area. Sparks replied that MILP is in Meagher County with or without an office, and he, personally, is in town monthly to meet with the Transportation Advisory Council. Schlepp asked what MILP does in Meagher County. Sparks said they support people with disabilities, whatever that need involves. Schlepp asked how many clients they serve. He said they serve 8-10 on a regular basis.

Schlepp shared her concern that in a 15-county region, like the one served by MILP, she is concerned that Meagher County is included simply to widen the service area so it looks more impressive on a grant application. She added there were lots of hard feelings from people who used and got used to their voucher program but then were left without transportation options when MILP ran out of funding. Sparks told Schlepp that all of the grant money for that program was spent in Meagher and Wheatland Counties. The goal of the program, he added, was to be a pilot program to get the community involved. They had spent \$100,000 of their own money in Meagher County.

Hurwitz asked him just how much of that was spent on actual transportation. Sparks replied that about \$12,000 went toward transportation. The rest was spent on salaries, travel, lodging, and food. Hurwitz argued that that is the problem with programs like his. All the money goes toward themselves and very little goes toward fulfilling the need itself. Schlepp told Sparks she was glad they spent all that money in the local economy but wondered if it would not make more sense just to put some of that money toward hiring someone and keeping an office here. Sparks said they had tried that but had to shut the local office. He said it costs money to hire people and to do business.

Hurwitz told Sparks if they do come up with money, it is going directly to the people who need rides, or to help someone like Tressa Blair get her home health business up and running. It is not going to pay for more administrative costs.

Townsend told Sparks they have established the need. He asked what his suggestion is to meet that end. Sparks told him it was to get as much financial support for the transportation program as possible. Hurwitz told him to come back when he has some money. Sparks said he would. He left.

Building Maintenance Position:

Action 1:

RESOLUTION 2013-#46

Schlepp moved that Ken Martin's position as Courthouse Janitor/Maintenance person be made a full-time position and retitled Building/Grounds Maintenance, as per the updated job description submitted earlier by Treasurer Phelan (and kept on file in the Clerk & Recorder's Office). The position, in addition to janitorial and maintenance work at the courthouse, will now include maintenance and operation of the courthouse and jail boilers, and maintenance of all county buildings as required. The change will take place effective retroactively to May 27, 2013.

Townsend seconded. A vote was held and passed unanimously (3-0). It is therefore resolved.

Minutes:

Action 2:

Hurwitz moved to approve the minutes from the previous two meetings (June 4 and May 21, 2013) without change. Townsend seconded. A vote was held and passed unanimously (3-0).

Courtroom Furniture:

Clerk of the District Court, Donna Morris, showed the commissioners quotes from the Montana Department of Corrections, Correctional Enterprises Division for new Courtroom furniture. The total for two Mission Style Desks, two Mission Style Table with Pencil Drawer, a Mission Style Lectern, and a Mission Style Judges Bench, all custom made with Medium Oak Stain and Finish will be \$3,154.00. The commissioners agreed that she should proceed and order the furniture.

Fire/DES—Rick Seidlitz:

Budget

Fire Chief Seidlitz met with the commissioners to give his monthly report. Of note, they discussed his budget issues. He said he was not sure how he wound up \$12,000 over budget and \$16,000 in the hole with his cash. He said they did have a big fire season last year but grant funds should cover that. He said he always budgets for an average fire season and then sometimes he just winds up over. Hurwitz suggested he meet with Clerk & Recorder Ogle to figure things out.

Workers' Compensation

Townsend told Seidlitz it sounds like they will need to budget more for Workers' Comp insurance next year. Seidlitz agreed, saying DNRC would take their trucks away if all the volunteers using them were not covered. Townsend, who had recently attended a meeting dealing with Workers' Comp issues, said the number they were kicking around was \$160 per volunteer, up from \$100. He thought with that increased rate, and insuring all the volunteers instead of the ones most likely to show up at a fire, they might be looking at up to \$16,000 for the year, or around two mils.

Deputy County Attorney—Nels Swandal:

Deputy County Attorney, Nels Swandal, joined County Attorney, Kimberly Deschene, to visit with the commissioners. Deschene told the commissioners Swandal has been reviewing her criminal files and working with the Sheriff Department. Swandal said the State throws too many young County Attorneys into the job without any mentoring, which is why he volunteered to work with Deschene. He sees a need for training on both sides—law enforcement and prosecution. When he first became a County Attorney in Park County, he met with the Sheriff Department and made it clear what he needed and expected from them. And he dismissed case after case until he got that. Hurwitz asked if he could do a similar workshop in Meagher County. Swandal said he could, but maybe not until the end of July. Schlepp pointed out that he had said there was a need for training on both sides. She asked what training might be good for Deschene as County Attorney. He said it's ongoing, that he points things out as he sees them.

Demolition Derby Accounting

There was a discussion regarding the County's request to Undersheriff Wendt for an accounting of the demolition derbies he oversaw as a fundraiser for the Ticket-Free Jamboree. Schlepp told Swandal they had asked Wendt for an accounting. He decided not to give it. And as far as she was concerned, they did their job. Swandal said that public money cannot be used for something like this, even if it was just office supplies. So the Sheriff Department will need reimbursed for the support they did give. And there were taxes likely not paid, but that is not the County's issue to follow up on. A letter can be sent to the IRS or Department of Revenue to let them follow up. But it was not the County's responsibility beyond that.

Grassy Mountain Homeowners Association

There was a brief discussion regarding a letter the County had received from the US Forest Service, in which they suggest the County might potentially share liability if they do not get involved and help the Grassy Mountain HOA form a board to use the funds they have set aside in order to repair a fence between the subdivision and Forest Service lands. Deschene said it is not the County's problem. Swandal agreed, saying if the landowners need access to the funds, they can sue the HOA.

LUNCH:

The commissioners broke for lunch at 12:15pm. Hurwitz and Schlepp returned at 1:30pm. Townsend did not return.

Community Council on Mining:

Gordon Doig, Nico Cantalupo, Jim Richard, and Beth Hunt visited with the commissioners to discuss a community-based group to help address issues regarding the potential copper mine coming to the area. Doig said they had recently met for about two hours, with those present, and

Brian Oberg, Jason Phillips, and Bonnie Swandal. They had discussed various issues but decided not to do anything further until meeting with the commissioners. Doig stressed the urgency of what they were doing. The DEQ has given its okay for a decline permit but for the first time ever, they are requiring an underground mine to go through public review for the decline permit. He stressed that the members of his would-be committee are all in support of the mine but not for the wrong reasons.

Richard mentioned that there has been talk of the County reactivating its Planning Board. He stressed that some group needs to act as a bridge among the various entities involved in the mine but wondered if their committee would be necessary if a reactivated Planning Board could serve that role.

Cantalupo was not sure. He felt that, if the mine got up and running, the interests of the County government and its citizens would not necessarily parallel each other at the beginning. A citizen's council might be a good way to vet concerns. Richard added that when the Stillwater Mine started, there were no planning boards involved. It was just the mining company, the commissioners and city councils, schools. Richard said he helped develop a plan where the company and the government units all worked jointly. It might be something to consider discussing with Tintina.

Hurwitz said he had spoken to one of the County Commissioners in Stillwater County to find out what they might have done differently if they had a chance to do it all over again. The commissioner, Hurwitz continued, told him that she was incredibly pleased with the entire process and would not change a thing.

Schlepp asked what the short-term goal of the council is. Doig said they would like to get some entity in place as a way to funnel and address any community concerns. Richard added that the Hard Rock Mining Act only addresses fiscal issues. It does not deal with housing, for example. He felt it was important to get all involved parties to understand the act, maybe with a work session.

Cantalupo said that they need to decide how to proceed. With a Planning Board handling mining issues? Or a separate citizen council? Whatever is decided, he stressed the need for the group to be endorsed by all parties as the go-to group. Richard told the commissioners they could give the Planning Board whatever scope they need it to have. The mine will have lots of control on impact. Housing will need to be addressed. Schlepp said she felt the Planning Board would be sufficient. Richard thought the best way to proceed was with a Planning Board with the breadth of power it needs. Doig thought the community would be more open to a council not identified with government. Cantalupo suggested a planning board, if it was robust enough but neutral enough that even Tintina would come to it. Hunt's main concern was having two entities with overlapping functions. In the end, it was agreed to have a working meeting the afternoon of July 16 with members of the council and of the planning board to try to work out an agreement.

Tobacco Grant Paperwork—Kari Jo Kiff:

Health Nurse Kiff met with the commissioners to have them sign a contract for the Tobacco Grant for the coming year. Hurwitz duly signed.

Red Ants Pants Music Festival—Sarah Calhoun:

Sarah Calhoun met with the commissioners to discuss the upcoming Red Ants Pants Music Festival. Also present was County Attorney Deschene. Deschene agreed to draw up an ordinance changing the speed limit on Jackson Road to 15mph for the duration of the festival. Hurwitz agreed to talk to Road Supervisor, Bruce Smith, regarding spraying the road with water during the festival to keep the dust down. Administrative Assistant, Nate Sanders, agreed to talk to Mosquito Board member, Otto Ohlson, about spraying for mosquitoes for the festival. Calhoun said security was taken care of. EMS would be handled out of Helena. And County Fire would be on site.

Board Updates:

Action 3:

Schlepp moved that the following board re-appointments occur, effective June 30, 2013 and running through June 30, 2016: Ed Roatch, Sr. to the Airport Board; Cindy Mesecher to the Cemetery Board; Mike Held and Otto Ohlson to the Mosquito Board; Rick Berg and Megan Shroyer to the Planning Board; Jim Witt to the Tax Appeal Board; Wally Bailey to the Weed Board. Hurwitz seconded. A vote was held and passed unanimously (3-0).

Department of Revenue Office:

There was a discussion on how to deal with the Department of Revenue and their tentative plans to close the local office. It was agreed to write a letter objecting to any plans to close.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

Claims:

Commission was presented Voucher #1376, CK#45565 through CK #45607, totaling \$66,584.76, and Voucher #1375, CK #45565, totaling \$314.64. Commission approved and signed checks as presented. Voided was CK#45495, totaling \$125.00 from Voucher#1371.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, June 18, 2013.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

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VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

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Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Ben Hurwitz and Commissioner Nancy Schlepp. Vice Chair Herb Townsend dropped by to review claims but left before the meeting started.

Minutes:

Action 1:

Schlepp moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting (June 11, 2013) without change. Hurwitz seconded. A vote was held and passed unanimously (2-0).

Jackson Road Speed Limit—Red Ants Pants Music Festival:

Action 2:

Resolution 2013-#47

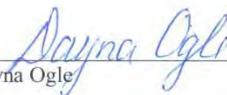
WHEREAS, the Red Ants Pants Music Festival is occurring in White Sulphur Springs during the dates of July 25-28, 2013;

WHEREAS, there will be heavy traffic in the area known as Jackson Loop and the speed limit should be reduced to ensure the safety of the motoring and pedestrian public;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the speed limit shall be 15 mph on Jackson Road during the dates of July 25-28, 2013.

Dated this 13 day of June, 2013.

Attest:



Dayna Ogle



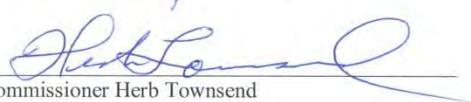
Board of County Commissioners:



Chairman Nancy Schlepp



Commissioner Ben Hurwitz



Commissioner Herb Townsend

County Attorney Update—Kimberly Deschene, Nels Swandal:

County Attorney, Kimberly Deschene, and Deputy County Attorney, Nels Swandal visited with the commissioners to give their weekly report. Swandal told the commissioners if they wanted an accounting of the Demolition Derby funds from Undersheriff Wendt, as they had discussed previously, they would need to find out who his attorney was and contact her or him directly. They had nothing further to report.

Public Hearing—Budget Amendments:

Clerk and Recorder, Dayna Ogle, joined the meeting for a public hearing on some budget amendments. There was no comment.

Actions 3-8:

Resolution 2013 -#48

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2012-2013 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Meagher County Weed Department was approved for the Lennep Weed Management Area and a grant has been awarded and,

WHEREAS, the Meagher County Weed Department will be using Fund 2843 and does not have a budget approved for this fund and,

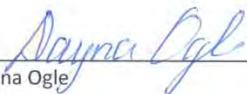
WHEREAS, the Meagher County Weed Department has unexpected expenses in the Lennep Weed Management fund (2843).

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Commissioners are amending the FY 12.13 budget for the unexpected expense in the amount of \$?????.?? In the Lennep Weed Management Fund (2843).

Dated this 18th day of June, 2013

Attest:

Board of County Commissioners:



Dayna Ogle



Chairman Ben Hurwitz





Commissioner Herb Townsend



Commissioner Nancy Schlepp

Resolution 2013 – #49

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2012-2013 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Soil conservation Fund (2311) has unexpected expenses totaling \$304.68 and,

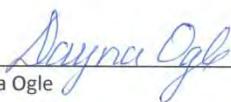
WHEREAS, the Soil Conservation Fund (2311) has enough cash to cover the expenses and,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Commissioners are amending the FY 12.13 budget for the unexpected expense in the amount of \$304.68(three hundred four dollars and sixty eight cents) in the Soil Conservation Fund (2311).

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Board of County Commissioners:

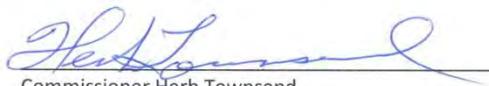


Dayna Ogle



Chairman Ben Hurwitz





Commissioner Herb Townsend



Commissioner Nancy Schlepp

Resolution 2013 – #50

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2012-2013 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Harmon Endowment Fund (2790) did not have a budget for the current fiscal year and,

WHEREAS, the Harmon Endowment Fund (2790) had unexpected expenses totaling \$3,719.24and,

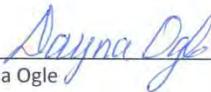
WHEREAS, the Harmon Endowment Fund (2790) has enough cash available to cover the expenses.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Commissioners are amending the FY 12.13 budget for the unexpected expense in the amount of \$3,719.24(three thousand seven hundred nineteen dollars and twenty four cents) in the Harmon Endowment Fund (2790)

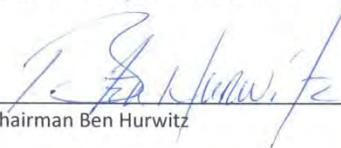
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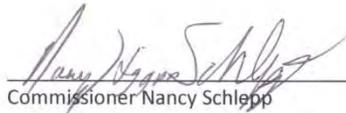


Chairman Ben Hurwitz





Commissioner Herb Townsend



Commissioner Nancy Schlep

Resolution 2013 – #51

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2012-2013 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Forest Reserve Title III Fund (2902) had a budget set that was \$.55 short of what was transferred into the new Forest Reserve Title III Fund (2903) and,

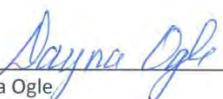
WHEREAS, the Forest Reserve Title III Fund (2902) had unexpected expenses totaling \$.55.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Commissioners are amending the FY 12.13 budget for the unexpected expense in the amount of \$0.55(fifty five cents)in the Forest Reserve Title III Fund (2902).

Dated this 18thⁿ day of June, 2013

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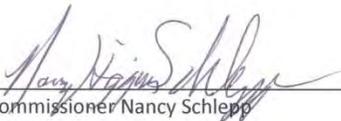


Chairman Ben Hurwitz





Commissioner Herb Townsend



Commissioner Nancy Schlegel

Resolution 2013 – #52

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2012-2013 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Martinsdale Special Lighting Fund (2400) unexpected expenses totaling \$.54 and,

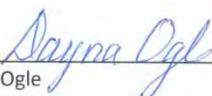
WHEREAS, the Martinsdale Special Lighting Fund (2400) has enough cash to cover the expenses.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Commissioners are amending the FY 12.13 budget for the unexpected expense in the amount of \$.54 (fifty four cents) in the Martinsdale Special Lighting Fund (2400).

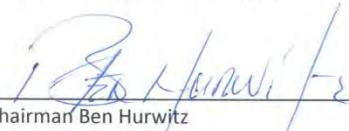
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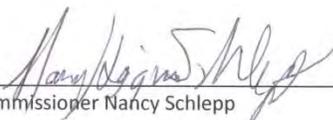
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Chairman Ben Hurwitz



Commissioner Herb Townsend



Commissioner Nancy Schlepp



Resolution 2013 – #53

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2012-2013 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Fund (2340) had unexpected expenses totaling \$10,751.85

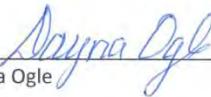
WHEREAS, the Fire fund (2340) had unexpected revenue totaling \$4,731.97

NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Commissioners are amending the FY 12.13 budget for the unexpected expense in the amount of \$10,751.85(ten thousand seven hundred fifty one dollars and eighty five cents) and for the unexpected revenue in the amount of \$4,731.97(four thousand seven hundred thirty one dollars and ninety seven cents) in the Fire Fund (2340).

Dated this 18th^h day of June, 2013

Attest:

Board of County Commissioners:



Dayna Ogle



Chairman Ben Hurwitz





Commissioner Herb Townsend



Commissioner Nancy Schlepp

Fire Budget—Rick Seidlitz:

Fire Chief, Rick Seidlitz joined the meeting to discuss his budget. Ogle explained that after Treasurer, Sue Phelan, had interfaced, Seidlitz was only \$1833 in the hole with cash instead of \$16,000. He was still \$13,000 over budget for the year, however. She said that the pump he purchased to convert the military dump truck cost more than was expected. And he had been approved to purchase some pagers in the previous fiscal year but did not buy them until the current year, without rebudgeting. She explained that these might be some reasons Fire was over budget.

Schlepp asked if there was still money remaining in the Disaster Fund which might be used to cover the \$1800. She felt they should use the emergency funds if possible. Ogle said there was \$31,000 in Disaster, and she would look into whether it could be used. Seidlitz said it would be good to know going forward how to spend that money anyway. In the end, Ogle said she could journal voucher the funds from Disaster to Fire to cover wages, which would not require commissioner approval.

Buildings and Grounds:

Ogle asked the commissioners whether Ken Martin, the County’s maintenance person, would be paid for mileage. Schlepp said he would not. Hurwitz said he would be paid the cell phone allowance though. Ogle then asked about Alvin Kujath, who handles the lawn and sidewalks at the courthouse and library. She wondered whether they would keep him on, as he is past the 12-month period of his original temporary employment. The commissioners said they did want to keep him on. Ogle said he would become permanent then and eligible for sick and vacation pay. They agreed.

LUNCH:

The commissioners broke for lunch at noon. They returned at 1:00pm.

Vehicle Purchase—Sheriff Jon Lopp:

Sheriff Lopp joined the meeting to discuss getting a new vehicle for the Sheriff Department. He said there is another meeting soon with the City Council regarding a new law enforcement contract, which would include a new vehicle. He said if they were to buy a new vehicle, it would be a 2014 model and cost at least \$5000 more than if they were able to find a \$2013 model. He said there was an outfit in Missoula that had a 2013 model they were trying to get rid of. Schlepp told him he needs to wait to have a new contract in place with the City first.

Emergency Preparedness Grant Paperwork:

Hurwitz signed three copies of a contract for an Emergency Preparedness grant through the DPHHS.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Treasurer Sue Phelan

Treasurer Phelan asked the commissioners if it would be okay to get a fax line hooked up to her office and a new fax machine. She said her office occasionally misses getting faxes that are sent to the fax in the Clerk & Recorder’s office. It would be \$30 to install the line and \$44 a month for the service. Schlepp told her she would prefer not to spend the \$500 a year it would cost the County for a new fax line.

Claims:

Commission was presented Voucher #1378, CK#45609-CK#45632, totaling \$13,368.04. They approved and signed as presented. They were also presented Voucher # 1377, CK#45608, totaling \$244.45, which had already been voided. It was a check issued to replace a check which had disappeared, but had later turned up.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, July 2, 2013.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Assistant to the Clerk & Recorder, Nate Sanders.
Distributed July 2, 2013 to Chairman Hurwitz, Commissioner Townsend, Commissioner Schlepp, and Clerk & Recorder Ogle