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

#### **Tuesday**

October 6, 2015 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Met in Commissioner's Chambers

#### **Meeting Called to Order:**

Commissioner Townsend called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

# **Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner Herb Townsend, Commissioner Rod Brewer, and Commissioner Ben Hurwitz.

## Triangle Communication:

Economic Development Specialist, Anne Boothe, came up to update the Commissioner's phone books. Boothe also updated the Commissioners on Triangle's progress throughout the state installing fiber-optic. In addition she reported that one of the servers that runs routers in Meagher County has been hacked. It causes dropped calls and difficulty using the internet. The solution is to call Triangle and let them know if you are having issues, then they will send a new router.

## **Road Report – Bruce Smith:**

Road Supervisor, Bruce Smith, came in to give the Commissioners his monthly report. Smith updated that they have the new semi and have wired in a switch to utilize the belly dump trailer.

Commissioner Hurwitz stated he has seen some of the work they are doing with the walk & roll and is very impressed with how good of a job its doing. It is allowing the shoulders to be pulled up effectively, creating a nice crown on the road, meanwhile leaving the road passable during the process. Smith stated he likes what it is doing also and that they are able to complete about one mile of road per day.

Smith updated that he is still looking for a second Semi. However he feels he needs to sell the red semi first, in order to have that money to put towards the second semi. Discussion about the possibility of placing it on the State Auction website, verses selling it to a salvage company. The Commissioners agreed to whichever option yielded the best price.

The Commissioners asked for an update on the Road employee that was injured earlier this summer. He is having surgery tomorrow, October 7, 2015. There is an estimated six week recovery period before he will be back to work. The Commissioners had additional questions for the Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle regarding this employee.

# Clerk & Recorder Dayna Ogle entered the meeting.

Ogle updated the Commissioners on the status of the Road Department's employee. Ogle answered some specific questions about Workers Compensation.

Commissioner Hurwitz asked if we had received any gravel crushing bids yet; there have not been any received yet. The Clerk & Recorder's office closes receipt of bids on Friday, October 9, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. Smith and the Commissioners discussed the specs for the gravel. One of the contractors told Smith he could sift the asphalt millings into the crushed gravel. This cost would be figured into the bid. The Commissioners said that sounds like it would be a good plan.

Commissioner Hurwitz addressed dust control for Smith River Road. There is \$7000 from MFWP to utilize for dust control. Commissioner Hurwitz stated he feels the section along Claudia Calender's property probably needs to be the first priority. Everyone agreed. Smith expressed concern that there would be many more county residents requesting dust control. The Commissioners updated Smith that they would offer a cost share of 50/50 with any land owner who would like dust control. There was discussion on putting a notice in the paper and setting a dead line to sign up for the service. A deadline in March seems the most appropriate. Smith will get new quotes for dust control and present them to the Commissioners.

Discussion over a letter Commissioner Townsend received from MDT, asking for the Commissioners input for a non-metropolitan local official participation in the statewide transportation planning process. Commissioner Townsend stated he feels this may be a good opportunity to ask the MDT to take over and pave Smith River Road. The deadline to submit letters is December 4, 2015.

Road complaints were discussed. Commissioner Brewer had received a couple of complaints about county roads. Smith also reported an individual came down to the county shop and had complained about mowing not being done by his property. After discussing the road issue in Ringling, it was decided to rip up the asphalt on the section of road in Ringling that has terrible potholes. Once it is ripped up, gravel can be put down allowing the road crew to maintain the road with a grader. Smith stated that he will place it on the road crew's agenda to complete as soon as possible.

#### Commissioner Discussion:

Commissioner Brewer updated that he had been asked to attend a meeting with City Councilman, Mike Eby, City Attorney, Susan Wordal, Sheriff Jon Lopp, and County Attorney, Kimberly Deschene. Their discussion had focused on the Law Enforcement Agreement with the County and the City. Commissioner Brewer updated that his understanding of what Councilman Eby believes is that Eby agrees the City should be paying for law enforcement costs associated with one officer. However he feels it should all be funded by the Special Police District taxes, and the City should not be paying for the difference out of their general fund.

# **Law Enforcement Agreement – County Attorney & Sheriff:**

County Attorney, Kimberly Deschene came in to talk with the Commissioners. Sheriff Lopp was unable to attend in person due to being out of town for training, however he was available for a conference call.

Deschene updated that she is no longer going to take the City Attorney position in Glasgow, Montana. She told the Commissioners that after she had driven up there a few times, she became concerned about winter driving in addition to being away from her children for a full week every month.

Deschene also updated the Commissioners that First American Title is closing the office in White Sulphur Springs and consolidating it into the Great Falls Office. Deschene told the Commissioners that Angie Evans is going to work for Deschene & Swandal now. Deschene is excited to have Evans as an employee and feels she will be a tremendous asset.

The City is requesting someone from the County come to the next City Council meeting and give a proposal for what the County is asking for from the City to meet the need of the Law Enforcement Budget. Deschene stated that Councilman Eby expressed that he believes the City needs to pay their portion, however they don't want to pay extra cost out of the general fund.

Deschene feels the best approach is to actually let the City make a good faith effort and offer what sum of money they can contribute. Continuing into the future, Deschene feels it should be taken to a vote of the City population, choosing either to increase the mils to cover the costs or provide their own Law Enforcement services.

## Clerk & Recorder Ogle entered the meeting.

Deschene told the Commissioners she feels like the best person to represent and make the argument at the City Council meeting is Sheriff Lopp. The Commissioners agreed that Lopp should be the representative from the County. Deschene said throughout this process it has been identified that the City is obligated to provide police services to the town.

Ogle provided the Commissioners and Deschene with a hand out that detailed the line items and cost associated with funding one officer. Ogle also updated the Commissioners about the change in the Special Police district and Mosquito district's mil levies. The mils will go down in the Special Police district after the correct re-appropriation happens. This means that the Special Police levy will be even less than it was this year.

Everyone discussed when would be the best time to hold an election and what question needed to be asked. Ogle feels that the question first has to be if the City residents still want to have services consolidated or have the City provide their own police services.

Commissioner Hurwitz stated that he feels if the City won't provide the \$25,000.00 needed to cover the Special Police budget, than Lopp needs to find the funds to cover it from within the Sheriff's budget. Commissioner Townsend and Commissioner Brewer agreed this would have to happen because the County budget has already been set and adopted. Ogle stated she feels doing that makes the County once again take the hit for what the City doesn't want to pay. Commissioner Hurwitz stated he feels it doesn't make the County take the hit, it makes only the Sheriff's Department have to adjust. Ogle maintained that it doesn't seem right.

# Sheriff Lopp called into the meeting.

Sheriff Lopp was placed on speaker phone. Commissioner Hurwitz told Sheriff Lopp that the County cannot force the City to pay. Therefore, after much discussion the Commissioners feel if the City doesn't pay the additional cost to offset the Special Police budget, than Lopp will need to find the money from within the Sheriff's Budget. Sheriff Lopp stated "I guess I'll have to live with that". Lopp stated that that requirement means he will have to wait another year before replacing his vehicle. His main concern with that is the transmission is starting to fail, however said he will just have to replace that and wait for a new vehicle. Commissioner Hurwitz reiterated that will have to be the way it is handled this year because the County budget is already set.

Commissioner Hurwitz then addressed the need to keep overtime down to an absolute minimum in the Sheriff's Department. The over time for the month of September was discussed. Sheriff Lopp stated that it was because of vacation for one of the Deputies that the over time was higher in September. Additionally, Commissioner Hurwitz asked about reports he had received that two deputies were riding together on shift. Lopp stated it was because one of the deputies had rode along without claiming any hours. Commissioner Townsend stated that the Commission doesn't want to run his department, however they feel strongly he needs to find a way to avoid so much overtime.

Also addressed was the option of consolidating the 911 center with another County like Broadwater. Sheriff Lopp disagrees with that because it would take more local jobs away from Meagher County. Commissioner Hurwitz reiterated not wanting to tell the Sheriff what to do,

merely that the solution will need to come from the Sheriff over the issues discussed today. Commissioner Hurwitz also let Lopp know that the Commissioners feel he is the best one to attend the City Council meeting to negotiate with the City. Sheriff Lopp agreed he will be there.

# Phone call with Sheriff Lopp ended.

Ogle provided the Commissioners with the letters of explanation that go along with the overtime from the Sheriff's Department. There was discussion about the explanations. Ogle suggested perhaps they should request to look at scheduling. The Commission are hesitant because they don't want to "run" the Sheriff Department.

Deschene reiterated she feels that beyond this year, there needs to be a new vote to determine the permanent solution. Everyone agreed that will be the only way. Ogle will get in touch with the State election office to determine how a ballot could be formed to ask two questions in one election.

## **Ogle Budget:**

Ogle discussed an issue she has been having with the County Credit Card. She feels it would be the best to cancel the current card number and get a new one. This would give the ability to require any department using the card to provide a request prior to the purchase.

Ogle updated that the Superintendent of Schools is at 70%. The Commissioners asked Ogle to verify why she is at 70% already for this year.

#### **Ambulance Board – Bid from Gittins Foundation Specialist INC:**

Jack Berg, Jay Kolbe, Sarah Driemeyer, and Ian Manger came in to discuss the bid that was received from Gittins Foundation Specialist regarding the ambulance foundation. The members present were provided with a copy of the bid to review.

Jack Berg stated that they have a few questions and concerns. The first was based on a discussion with Stansbery and Gittins after the last meeting. The Ambulance Board wants to verify that doing the piers and dead-mans slab will actually and totally fix the problem of the building kicking out at the bottom. Second is if the work will be guaranteed if completed according to the engineered plans. Commissioner Hurwitz stated that to his knowledge any work that was done according to the engineered plans by Gittins would be stamped and bonded.

Berg updated that he has been in communication regarding the electrical line. NorthWestern Energy said they will come out and shut it off and do a line locate so that the contractor can excavate. Ian Manger will be the contractor doing the work for exposing the power line. Any damage that may occur in the process would need to be fixed by NWE at a cost of labor and materials. The LP line can easily be turned off, cut and relocated. Berg will handle that portion of the process.

The last concern discussed was that the anchors for the framework pillars on the South wall was not addressed in the bid. It had been part of the Engineers plan to stabilize the building. Also there was no language in the bid about reimbursement or extra charges if the helical piers depth varies from the estimated 20'. Commissioner Hurwitz will speak with Allen Stansbery to discuss all the above mentioned questions and concerns.

# **Minutes:**

After corrections were discussed, Commissioner Townsend moved to approve the minutes from the September 8 &15, 2015 meetings with corrections made per discussion. Commissioner Brewer Seconded. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

## **Lunch:**

The Commissioners broke for lunch at 12:07 p.m. and returned at 1:00 p.m.

# Russell Nemetz - Northern Ag Network from Billings:

Russell Nemetz arrived to interview the Commissioners about the Tintina Copper Mine. Nemetz had just completed the tour of the Tintina mining project. He stated he was optimistically impressed with what they are proposing. The misconception that much of the public has about the mine was discussed.

It was decided that Commissioner Hurwitz would do the interview.

#### **Budget Review – Treasurer and Clerk & Recorder:**

Treasurer Sue Phelan, Deputy Treasurer, Shauna Porter, and Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle came up to the meeting.

The Treasurer provided a handout with figures detailing what percentage the City is paying towards Law Enforcement. Porter and Phelan expressly stated that they were loose figures and would need fine tuning to be 100% accurate. When combined with the handout Ogle provided earlier that showed the line item cost for funding one law enforcement officer it will provide valuable information. It was discussed at length and everyone agreed there would need to be more figures calculated to officially define this issue.

Treasurer Phelan and Deputy Porter both stated they are unaware how Jason Phillips at the Meagher County News had reached his figures that he published. The Commissioners stated that they would not be posting anything else in the paper because they felt it to be ineffectual to have a word war with the City.

Lengthy discussion was conducted about how to resolve the issue. All the Commissioners feel that the numbers need be figured exactly and only then will they be able to make a sound resolution to fix the issue. The Treasurer's Office and Ogle will work together to complete these figures.

## Nico Cantalupo – Extension Agent Contract Renewal:

Cantalupo updated the Commissioners that his final day is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016; however, at this point, the official announcement hasn't happened in Extension yet. Commissioner Townsend asked what happens to the funds during the lag time when we don't have a county agent. Cantalupo responded that the excess funds will be placed on hold to go towards the next county extension agent.

Cantalupo asked the Commissioners if they were having second thoughts about having an extension agent. Commissioner Hurwitz expressed that they are looking closely at expenditures right now and the Commissioners wanted to weigh cost versus benefit having an extension agent here. Commissioner Townsend asked Cantalupo to tell the Commissioners all the names of people he has helped since he came to work in the community. After Cantalupo detailed his list of clients, there was a lengthy discussion about various projects and grants he has been an intricate part of during his time in Meagher County.

Whomever replaces Cantalupo will have a group of clients and community members that have formed a good relationship with a county agent. Cantalupo also feels it would be easy for the Commission to help guide a new agent into functioning in a way that produces the most benefit for the community. He has been "hand selecting" or suggesting to other agents to apply that Cantalupo feels would be a good replacement. Additionally, the Commissioners would be a big part in the selection committee who will hire the next agent.

Cantalupo inquired with the Commissioners if they feel he has done a good job as the extension agent and wanted to make sure that he hadn't failed in some way. The Commissioners all expressed that he has done an excellent job and they were very pleased. This was only a look at expenditures in the county and ensuring they are utilizing resources appropriately.

#### **Public Comment:**

No public comment

# **Claims Approved:**

Commissioners had previously been presented with Check#50767 through Check #50780 totaling \$4,593.61 dated in September, 2015.

Also presented with Payroll and Liability Check #11431 through Check #11465 totaling 48,469.87.

Additionally the Commissioners were presented with Check #50781 through Check #50850 totaling \$80,896.03. All Checks were signed as presented.

Voided Checks presented for initials: Check #50771 & #50776 – Wrong amount. Commissioners all initialed the voided checks.

#### **Meeting Adjourned:**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

# **Next Meeting:**

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, October 13, 2015.

CLERK & RECORDER	CHAIRMAN
SEAL	VICE-CHAIRMAN
	COMMISSIONER

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

#### **Tuesday**

October 13, 2015 8:50 a.m. – 3:35 p.m. Met in Commissioner's Chambers

## **Meeting Called to Order:**

Commissioner Townsend called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

# **Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner Herb Townsend, Commissioner Rod Brewer, and Commissioner Ben Hurwitz.

# **Minutes:**

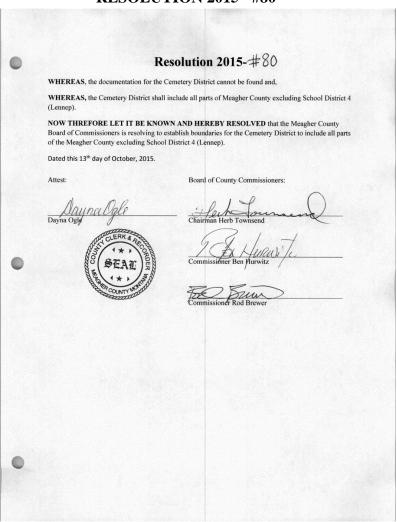
Commissioner Townsend moved to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### **Resolutions:**

Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle sent up two resolutions for approval at the request of the Department of Revenue for their records and clarification. The first resolution is regarding the Cemetery District to include all of Meagher County Excluding School District 4 (Lennep). The second was to clarify the change for Grassy Mountain Fire District from acreage to property valuation beginning July 1, 2015.

# **ACTION #1**

# **RESOLUTION 2015 - #80**



# RESOLUTION 2015 - #12 Amended

	Resolution	2015-12	
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	WHEREAS, the Grassy Mountain Fire District has be	WHEREAS, the Grassy Mountain Fire District has been assessing taxes based on acreage,	
	WHEREAS, the Grassy Mountain Fire District tax should be assessed by property valuation.		
	NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HE Board of Commissioners is resolving to change the tar from acreage to property valuation beginning July 1, 2	xation method for the Grassy Mountain Fire District	
	Dated this 6th day of January, 2015.  Amended 10.13.15  Attest:  Boar	d of County Commissioners:	
	Dayna Ogle Chair	Lisk Sounsen	
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Commissioner Townsend moved to approve the resolutions as presented. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. It is therefore resolved.

Administrative Assistant, Kate Jones presented the Commissioners with a new board member to approve for the Ambulance Board. Nicolle Sereday has accepted the position as the third voting member after being approached by Sarah Driemeyer to see if she was interested in serving on the board.

#### **ACTION #3**

#### **RESOLUTION 2015 - #81**

Commissioner Townsend moved to approve Nicolle Sereday, to a three year term on the Meagher County Ambulance Board, the term will expire June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. It is therefore resolved.

## **Gravel Crushing Bids:**

Commissioner Townsend opened and read aloud the two sealed bids that had been submitted. There was one bid rejected due to not being sealed.

The first was from Valley Sand and Gravel to crush and process 20,000 yards of 1" minus gravel for \$5.95/ yard = \$119,000.00

The Second was from Bishop, Inc. to crush and process 20,000 yards of 1" minus gravel for 4.65/yard = 93,000.00 if the county provided a dozer and operator. If Bishop, Inc. supplies the dozer and operator, 5.65/yard = 113,000.00

After discussing the bids with Road Supervisor, Bruce Smith, the Commissioners decided to award the bid to Bishop, Inc.

#### **ACTION #4**

#### **RESOLUTION 2015 - #82**

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to accept the bid from Bishop, Inc. to crush and process 20,000 yards of 1" minus gravel for \$4.65/yard = \$93,000.00 if the county provided a dozer and operator. If Bishop, Inc. supplies the dozer and operator, \$5.65/yard = \$113,000.00 Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. It is therefore resolved.

The Commissioners discussed the deadline for completion of the gravel crushing. Smith stated he feels it should be completed by June 1, 2016. The Commissioners all agreed. Smith updated that he has been pushing up gravel and mixing it with the asphalt millings in preparation of having the gravel crushed.

## **Southwestern Montana Financial - Julie Blockey:**

Julie Blockey updated the Commissioners that she had just finished speaking with Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle to reconcile the bills for employee's deductions.

Blockey then stated that there are a few new products coming out in 2016. One worthy of consideration is from BCBS. The Commissioners asked what the rate increase might look like in the next year's premiums. Blockey stated that most carriers are estimating 10% increase in premiums. The reality is that Meagher County's renewal rates will most likely increase for FY 16.17.

Commissioner Townsend stated the county will likely be doing an RFP for next year and inquired when the earliest date SWMF could submit a quote would be. Blockey feels she can have tentative rates for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of FY 16.17 by January to submit to the County. However, Blockey feels the most definitive rates would be available in February. Blockey stated that due to some of the chronic issues that exist in Meagher County that choosing a fully insured company is the best option.

The overall trend for healthcare coverage was discussed at length. Blockey reported that the main issue in the market right now is that the true effects of the Healthcare Act are now hitting the health coverage industry, and it hasn't been good. There is an expected 30% increase for individual health insurance plans in 2016.

# <u>Health Nurse – Eva Kerr:</u>

Kerr updated the Commissioners on her monthly report. There were no major issues in the month of September. Kerr was able to do a shot clinic up at the school for any students who still needed the varicella vaccination. All students are completely compliant with varicella or have a valid religious exemption.

Commissioner Hurwitz asked some specific questions regarding the religious exemption. Kerr updated that as of right now the State of Montana advises that it still stands as a lawful exemption. Kerr reported that almost all of the students in Meagher County are fully vaccinated.

Kerr updated the Commissioners that she had hired a new employee for the homemaker program, Betsy Hamann. The program is still showing great success.

Kerr was approached and asked if Child Protective Services could use the office downstairs once per month. The Commissioners all agreed that was acceptable. Also discussed was the status of cleaning out the second room for WIC. Administrative Assistant, Kate Jones will inquire with Ken Martin and relay that the Commissioners said its okay to post an advertisement to get rid of any excess items.

#### **County Attorney – Kimberley Deschene:**

Attorney Deschene and Sheriff Lopp entered the meeting together. Lopp confirmed that he is going to the next City Council Meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Lopp asked if Commissioner Brewer was willing to attend again also. Commissioner Brewer agreed he would like to attend. Deschene stated she will likely attend also. All the Commissioners agreed that they would like Deschene to be at the meeting also. Commissioner Townsend asked what Sheriff Lopp was planning to say and or do to convey the great need for the City to participate financially above the mil levy this year. Lopp replied that he plans to advise them he will be forced to reduce services in some areas without putting the public in danger.

Commissioner Townsend stated he feels the City may need a little more pressure to take action this year. Everyone echoed the same feeling. Several different ways of reducing the Sheriffs budget were discussed. Some of the main points were over time hours, and the possibility of ending the patrol shift at 2 a.m. instead of 4 a.m. Sheriff Lopp said he is doing his best to find ways to make small cuts, however none of them would be enough to offset the shortfall if the City doesn't pay a portion towards special police this year.

The need for having a vote to raise mils was discussed and seems to be the only long term solution. Attorney Deschene will look into what the ballot can and cannot say.

# <u>Fire & DES Report – Chief Rick Seidlitz:</u>

Fire Chief Seidlitz came in to update the Commissioners on the monthly report. The main topic was regarding the new Ladder Truck. It has been outfitted with most of the needed equipment and fittings needed to be operational, however they are still waiting for a few more fittings to get it 100% operational. Also the location of the truck was discussed. It is currently being stored out at the airport. There is potential for it to be stored at the new ambulance barn, once the building has been completely finished.

Discussed a grant to get structure protective gear. The grant is for \$13,000.00 there is probably a 5-10 % match from the County. It costs approximately \$1,800.00 per person for bunker gear.

Commissioner Brewer inquired about the Ringling Fire building. Seidlitz has not heard any more regarding it lately. Also discussed was the mutual aid agreements. Seidlitz stated there are agreements from many other fire departments and it is a somewhat lengthy process to arrange meetings with all the respective mutual aid departments.

# <u>Treasurer's Report – Sue Phelan:</u>

Treasurer Sue Phelan came up to present the Commissioners with the monthly Treasurer's Hand Balance Report. The Commissioners signed it as presented.

#### Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle entered the meeting.

Phelan asked the Commissioners if they want a monthly Treasurer's Cash Report, or if quarterly would be acceptable. The Commissioners all agreed that quarterly is more than enough.

# Clerk & Recorder Ogle:

Ogle updated that Deputy Clerk, Penny Plachy is reporting overdue claims due to the three week gap between Commission meetings last month. Ogle asked if the Commissioners feel it would be acceptable to run an extra week of claims to be presented with payroll. After discussion, the Commissioners all agreed if there will be a gap of three weeks or more, then its okay to run an additional set of claims for review by one Commissioner until the next regularly scheduled meeting when all Commissioners can review the claims that were approved along with payroll.

#### Lunch:

The Commissioners broke for LEPC lunch at 12:10.

#### **Board of Health Training:**

The Commissioners all attended Board of Health training provided by a guest speaker from the State of Montana at the training center next the Sheriff's Office in White Sulphur Springs.

# **Public Comment:**

No public comment

# **Claims Approved:**

Commissioners were presented with Check #50851 through Check #50889 totaling \$26,916.40. All Checks were signed as presented.

Payroll and Liability checks previously presented and signed by the Commissioners

- August 31, 2015 Check #11403 through #11430 Totaling \$36,516.18
- October 6, 2015 Check #11466 through #11509 Totaling \$7,752.61 Retro Pay

# **Meeting Adjourned:**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, Oc	tober 20, 2015.
CLERK & RECORDER	CHAIRMAN
SEAL	VICE-CHAIRMAN
	COMMISSIONER

**Next Meeting:** 

Note: Minutes taken by Administrative Assistant to Clerk & Recorder, Kate Jones
Distributed October 20, 2015 to Chairman Townsend, Commissioner Hurwitz, Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Ogle.

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

#### **Tuesday**

October 20, 2015 8:55 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. Met in Commissioner's Chambers

## **Meeting Called to Order:**

Commissioner Townsend called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m.

# **Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner Herb Townsend, Commissioner Rod Brewer, and Commissioner Ben Hurwitz.

# **Minutes:**

Commissioner Townsend moved to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2015 meeting with the corrections discussed. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

#### Helen Hanson - Safety:

Helen Hanson, Safety Coordinator, updated the Commissioners about scheduling a meeting to review an incident that occurred in Meagher County this summer. Hopefully there will be a meeting arranged within the last two weeks of October, 2015. Hanson stated there has been an increase of work to do lately due to getting everything for the Safety Program brought up to speed.

# **Closed Session – Personnel:**

Commissioner's office door was closed and only necessary staff and personnel present for closed session.

#### Commissioner Discussion:

- Meagher County overtime was discussed by all the Commissioners.
- Ambulance Building Contract with Gittins Foundation Specialist, Inc. All Commissioners signed the contract for inserting the helical piers, pouring Deadman's slab and anchoring framework by overhead doors.

# **Public Comment:**

No public comment

# **Claims Approved:**

Commissioners were presented with Check #50890 through Check #50908 totaling \$9,106.49. All Checks were signed as presented.

# **Meeting Adjourned:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

# **Next Meeting:**

CLERK & RECORDER	CHAIRMAN
SEAL	VICE-CHAIRMAN
	COMMISSIONER

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

Note: Minutes taken by Administrative Assistant to Clerk & Recorder, Kate Jones
Distributed November 3, 2015 to Chairman Townsend, Commissioner Hurwitz, Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Ogle.