

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

August 4, 2015

10:30 a.m. – 4:10 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Townsend called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

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

Road Supervisor, Bruce Smith:

Road Supervisor, Bruce Smith came in to talk to the Commissioners about a landowner who is having an issue with a road. The gentleman recently purchased a mining claim just outside of Castle Town. He needs to put in a culvert for the approach to his property and the Forest Service told him to contact the County because they said it is a county road. As far as Smith is aware, it becomes a Forest Service road at the boundary of the Forest Service land which indicates the road in question belongs to the Forest Service. The Commissioners all agreed they also believe is a Forest Service road. The Commissioners agreed to have the landowner prove through documentation that it is a county road.

John Taillie and Collin Maas – Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks:

John Taillie, MFWP manager and Collin Mas, Smith River manager, came in to discuss the funding of putting mag chloride on the Smith River Road in Meagher County. Taillie updated the Commissioners that his budget for the next year allows him to give \$4,000.00 this year, and increase from the previous \$3,000.00 the year before. Commissioner Hurwitz expressed that the cost of doing the entire 8 miles of road needed, would be about \$50,000.00. Taillie stated that there would never be that much funding available from MFWP. Commissioner Hurwitz inquired if either of the two gentleman knew if Smith River Road would qualify to be paved by DOT.

Bruce Smith entered the meeting.

Taillie and Mas stated they did not know what the criteria is for a county road to be taken over, paved and maintained by the State of Montana.

Smith provided his date on the vehicle count on Smith River Road to date this year. Mas requested more conclusive data that is able to suggest the number assumed to be floater traffic is correct. Smith asked for permission to put another portable counter on the entrance of the launching area. Taillie and Mas agreed that would be fine and would give more justification to the Commissioners' request for help maintaining the road. Commissioner Hurwitz asked what the fees to float the river currently are, and how long ago they were raised. There was discussion on the process of fee changes and the possibility of earmarking a portion for road maintenance. Mas stated he doesn't believe MFWP has the legal authority to earmark funds in that manner. Taillie stated that changing fees is an extremely lengthy and arduous process. There was discussion on the validity on revenue generated by floater in the community of White Sulphur Springs, as being beneficial or minimal. Commissioner Hurwitz expressed the floaters do very

little business in town because they stage out by the river the night before and usually already have their food and beverages ahead of time. There was also discussion on the future of the Copper Mine opening

Commissioner Townsend reiterated that he feels the best solution appears to be asking the DOT to take over the road, everyone else also agreed. Taillie stated that he would write a letter of strong recommendation and support of having the State take over and pave Smith River Road. Commissioner Hurwitz inquired about the next meeting of the Smith River Advisory Council, stating the Commissioners would like to attend and possibly gain the council's support also. It was reiterated that Meagher County will gladly accept the \$4,000.00 offered towards the application of mag chloride.

Fire Chief, Rick Seidlitz and Bob Fry:

Chief Seidlitz and Bob Fry came in to talk to the Commissioners about getting a federally approved pre-mitigation plan for Meagher County. Having one of these plans is a federal mandate to qualify for sources of federal funding for projects to improve infrastructure from a natural disaster. Seidlitz said he is applying for a grant to pay the contractor and it would be a cost share of 25% paid by the county, which amounts to approximately \$5,000.00 for the initial plan. The pre- mitigation plan would qualify the county to share the cost of FEMA related projects at 75% federal and 25% county split. After the discussion, the Commissioners all agreed they would like to participate.

Lunch:

Commissioners broke for lunch at 12:10 p.m. and returned at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes:

Commissioner Townsend moved to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Road Report – Bruce Smith:

Smith updated the Commissioners on one of the road department's employee's that was in a county vehicle accident last week. The employee had surgery yesterday and will be recovering for six weeks.

All other road business was discussed previously in the meeting.

Weed Department – Otto Ohlson

The Commissioners asked Ohlson for an update on the status of a landowner's spotted knapweed issue. Ohlson stated that he had sent a letter to the landowner and had received a response that made him feel it would be best if the Commissioners and the Weed Board would back him up. Based on the discussion, the Commissioners will invite the landowner and the Weed Board to the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting on August 11, 2015. Ohlson is also to attend the meeting. Additionally, the Commissioners would like to have County Attorney Kimberly Deschene review the parameters, guidelines and laws if the landowner does not provide adequate corrective action. Administrative Assistant, Kate Jones will forward the request and a copy of the letter Ohlson sent to Mr. Hanson to Attorney Deschene for review.

Gordon Doig:

Mr. Doig stopped in to provide feedback to the Commissioners about the Harmon Fund per the request of the Commissioner Hurwitz. Doig stated that based on his review, he feels that the investments are being managed well.

Sheriff Jon Lopp entered the meeting.

Doig told the Commissioners that they have done a good job turning the Counties investments around to gain interest and he is proud of their decision to change how it was invested.

Sheriff's Report – Jon Lopp:

Sheriff Lopp expressed that the Red Ants Pants Festival had gone very well, and there were very few incidents, and one DUI. Lopp presented his monthly report and discussed it with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Brewer inquired about the cameras that attach to the deputies uniforms. Lopp stated the because of a grant the Sheriff's Department had received, all the full time and reserve deputies now have cameras that attach to their uniforms. These will provide invaluable information and safety in the future.

School Bond – Larry Markuson and Burt Williams:

Larry Markuson, School District 8 Superintendent and Burt Williams, School Board Trustee, came in to discuss the School Bond with the Commissioners. Also present for the meeting was County Treasurer, Sue Phelan. Markuson said the focus for what he wanted to discuss is the rationale, planning and details of the School Bond. Markuson began by outlining that it will be a 9.4 million dollar bond, to be paid over a 20 year period. The total net increase for the school taxes would be an estimated 52-53 mils Markuson stated.

Also key in the discussion was that the county is now all one school district, classified as K-12. Markuson and Phelan were both unsure of how the taxes would differ, if at all due to this merge for the counties rural population versus within city limits.

Phases of the building project were discussed at length, along with the rationale for needing more final plans. Markuson clarified that the phases that have been outlined in the preliminary plans are subject to change, and have already been revised substantially based on feedback from the community. The common rationale of the School Board and Markuson, is to fix all the buildings while the bond process is being done as opposed to coming back in four years asking for another bond to do the high school. Williams stated the average cost of repairs and maintenance of the high school is around \$300,000.00 per year. Markuson and Williams both reiterated they are approaching this project with a mindset to minimize disruption to the students as much as possible. Also, to do it in the most economical and effective way, all the while, ensuring the safety of the students and staff is provided as soon as possible.

Commissioner Hurwitz asked what they were doing to increase awareness and gain support in the community. Markuson said they have appearances scheduled at major local meetings, to include the Senior Center, Hobby Club and Grassy Mountain Home Owners Association. They also attended the Martinsdale Community Barbeque to talk with community members there. The School Bond Election is set for September 22, 2015.

Public Comment:

Conference call with Carol Hatfield from the Forest Service. Hatfield wanted to invite the Commissioners to open a community meeting on August 17, 2015 in regards to the Forest Revision Plan. It was agreed to by the Commissioners and placed on their calendars.

Second Conference call from Bob Hanson regarding his spotted knapweed issue. Hanson informed the Commissioners that he is out of town next week during the appointment time they invited him to. The situation was discussed at length and he provided the Commissioners with his explanation of the situation. Commissioner Townsend asked him to put it all down in writing and provide it in time for the meeting with the Weed Board next week on August 11, 2015. The landowner agreed to make a written statement. Commissioner Hurwitz spoke about the need to address it as fairly as possible and the need for adequate compliance to ensure fair treatment within the county.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners had been presented with Check #50565 through Check 50570 totaling \$1113.07 on July 27, 2015. Commissioners were presented with Check #50571 through Check #50610 totaling \$160, 312.41. All checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, August 11, 2015.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

VICE-CHAIR

COMMISSIONER

Note: Minutes taken by Assistant to the Clerk & Recorder Kate Jones
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

August 11, 2015

8:35 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Commissioner Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Rod Brewer and Commissioner Ben Hurwitz.

Commissioner Herb Townsend was absent.

Pat Bentz – County Road:

Pat Bentz came in to present supporting documentation to the Commissioners in order to show proof that Castle Road (Fourmile), north of Castle Town, is a county road. Per Commissioner Journal, Meagher County, Montana dated December 9, 1965, it outlines a Forest Development Road Cooperative Agreement that certifies Castle Road as a county road. The Commissioners gave their permission and verify it in writing; that Bentz may place an approach and culvert in the county road easement to access his property known as the Chamberland Mining Claim, Sec. 14 T8N R8E, Meagher County. Administrative Assistant, Kate Jones, transcribed the Commissioner's approval and they both signed the letter, the original document was given to Bentz and a copy was filed at the Clerk & Recorder's Office.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Phelan:

County Treasurer, Sue Phelan, presented the Commissioners with a request to remove Gene Dreidlein's (deceased) old backhoe from the Meagher County personal property tax role. Phelan also requested permission to remove delinquent taxes from WSS Cable and Internet from 2011, 2012, & 2013. The Commissioner's agreed that would be fine.

Phelan presented the Treasurer's report from June and July, 2015, for review, discussion and signatures. A copy was left on Commissioner Townsend's desk for his review next week.

Phelan then presented a printout of all the delinquent taxes in Meagher County and said she would like to review the list with the Commissioners at some point for their input. The list was briefly reviewed and discussed. Phelan stated that the delinquent taxes are much improved from a few years ago, and the Treasurer's Office is planning on sending letters of notice to taxpayers with delinquent taxes in the mail soon.

Minutes:

Commissioner Hurwitz and Commissioner Brewer tabled approving the minutes until next week after corrections are made and Commissioner Townsend is available for comment and his additional approval.

Bruce Smith- Road Department Supervisor:

Smith came in to discuss with the Commissioners, the fact that the 1992 Kenworth Semi is having significant issues, especially with shifting while driving. Smith feels it would be best to sell or trade it in before it isn't able to be driven. The discussion was to consider buying two used Semi's in light of the 2000 Freightliner, being totaled by the insurance company after reviewing

the damage from the accident. The Commissioners asked Smith to look for some options and present them with quotes.

County Attorney – Kimberly Deschene:

County Attorney Deschene came in to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Law Enforcement from the City of White Sulphur Springs. In summary, Deschene stated it appears to her, that the City doesn't want to be liable for the associated costs when someone is prosecuted for a law violation within City limits.

Deschene called City Attorney, Susan Wordal, and placed her on speaker phone with the Commissioners and herself. Wordal summarized the MOU, stating that the City doesn't want to pay any more funds beyond what was outlined in the original mil levy put in place when the City's Police force was disbanded in 1970. Wordal expressed that she was still waiting for a copy of the levy from the Clerk & Records Office. Commissioner Hurwitz asked how much the City is willing to pay. Wordal said it would require the documentation from the original agreement for her to determine the funds accordingly. The Commissioners and Kimberly agreed they would do their best to locate the information about the mil levy as soon as possible.

Attorney Deschene left the meeting.

Health Nurse – Eva Kerr, RN:

Eva Kerr came into present and discuss her monthly report to the Commissioners. She also presented the Broadwater County WIC Program Satellite Agreement with Meagher County for signature. The Commissioners reviewed the document and Vice Chairman Brewer signed the agreement.

Kerr notified the Commissioners that Deen Pomeroy is probably going to be resigning on the 1st of October, 2015. However, Pomeroy told Kerr that he is asking his colleagues if anyone is interested in taking over the position for Meagher County.

Kerr also wanted to make mention to the Commissioners that she received excellent assistance from one of the county deputies and the city regarding a dog bite incident in July. The deputy was able to catch the animal and the city compassionately cared for the animal while Kerr developed a plan for the dog. Kerr transferred the animal back to Gallatin County's animal shelter, and notified the shelter that the adoptive family had abandoned the animal after the incident.

County Attorney Deschene and Cassie Coburn:

It was verified that Meagher County is receiving a mil levy for special police funding, however the exact amount is still unknown. Deschene advised that she feels there needs to be additional funds considered for inflation; associated costs have changed since 1970 when the original levy was put in place. There was discussion over the number of law enforcement officers needed to cover Meagher County. Deschene stated she doesn't feel the county has much leverage for funding beyond the ½ Police Officer agreement with the city, because it is the county's duty to patrol open roads within the cities of the county. The Commissioners said there would need to be more discussion after more details regarding the situation were gathered.

Deschene discussed her current workload for the county. She is currently working on one DUI case, and answered the Commissioners questions.

Deschene stated she has familiarized herself with the weed laws for the state of Montana. Deschene summarized that the Commissioners and Weed Board can place the cost of handling a landowners weeds, as a special tax with an additional 25% fee. However, to reach that point, the Weed Board must exhaust all measures for voluntary remedies. Deschene also stated that the letter of noncompliance must be sent via certified mail as defined by the law. There must be a Court order to enter personal property to spray weeds, there also must be a court order to assess

the fees as a special tax. Commissioner Hurwitz asked if the case would be Justice or District Court, Deschene stated she thought it would need to be in District Court.

The Commissioners and Deschene discussed the status of the Ralph Miller case. Neither the Commissioners nor Deschene have heard anything from him. Everyone agreed to continue waiting for Miller's response.

Dick Roma entered the meeting – Came in to listen to the Weed Boards meeting.

Weed Board – Phil Rostad & Wally Bailey:

Members of the Weed Board present were Rod Brewer, Chairman of the Weed Board and members Phil Rostad and Wally Bailey. Additionally, Weed Supervisor, Otto Ohlson, a member of the public, Dick Roma and County Attorney Kimberly Deschene were present for the meeting. Bob Hanson was invited, however he called the Commissioners to let them know he was unable to attend because he was out of town.

Deschene stated she was going to discuss the options and steps the County has to take, when they are having issues with a landowner not controlling their weeds. Deschene asked Ohlson if the letter he sent to Mr. Hanson had been certified. Ohlson stated that it had not been and had been signed by himself only and not the Weed Board. Deschene advised for the future, that a letter of non-compliance requiring corrective action, must be certified mail and signed by the Weed Board due to the fact that the Board is the one with the authority for corrective remedies based on the counsel given by the Weed Supervisor.

Hanson and his Attorney Hertha Lund, have contacted Deschene. Lund advised Deschene that she and her client, Hanson, were gathering the documentation like receipts and forming a written statement for the Weed Board and Commissioners. Lund or Hanson will try to attend the meeting on August 18, 2015 to present the corrective plan of action. Deschene stated that Hanson had provided a receipt showing he had purchased \$6, 000.00 in Tordon. However the Weed Board feels that receipts of purchase is not sufficient proof that the weeds have actually been sprayed. Deschene advised that the Weed Board must exhaust all measures for voluntary compliance before a Judge would rule in favor of the county taking their own corrective measures.

Deschene feels that there has been an adequate response from Hanson. It is in everyone's best interest and satisfaction, for the Weed Board and Hanson to work together to form an effective plan of control for all of Hanson's property. Bailey asked Deschene how far it can go with the law, and she said a landowner can be charged with a misdemeanor for non-compliance of noxious weed laws.

The question was asked, how the Weed Board gains access to inspect the property for compliance if the landowner has said he doesn't want anyone on their property. Ohlson stated that there is a state law that allows members of the Weed Board or an approved representative to enter and inspect property for noxious weeds. Deschene reiterated that in these cases the Weed Board has the legal power and they receive counsel from the subject matter expert Ohlson. However, it was additionally discussed that all members of the Weed Board and Commissioners are ranchers themselves and have personally dealt with the reality of proper weed control.

Rostad voiced that he would like to see this matter settled in a friendly, timely and effective manner before the weeds get any further out of control. Everyone agreed to the same feeling. Ohlson reiterated that there is still a lot of benefit in fall spraying. There was more discussion on the fact that the area of impact is larger than what Hanson has stated he has been focusing on controlling. Ohlson was asked how he feels Hanson's property would compare to the rest of the county; Ohlson stated that he feels it is likely the worst property in Meagher County, for weed control.

Dick Roma inquired to a specific area within Meagher County, regarding spotted knapweed. Ohlson assured Mr. Roma that he had sprayed it with the landowners consent and she has been billed for the service.

Commissioner Hurwitz asked what the Weed Board wants to do this year regarding the issue with Hanson's property. It is the desire of the Weed Board to evaluate what the landowner

provides next week. Points of concern are the timeline for this season and the impact on the neighbors. There would still be benefit in fall spraying to enable a better handle on the parent plants next spring, although it has already gone to seed. Rostad stated that a helpful tactic for consideration may be to start spraying around the border and begin working inward for achieving containment. Also a good consideration would be fixed wing spraying. Ohlson stated that he has tried to include Hanson in grants to have his Weeds sprayed in the past, however it was turned down. Ohlson expressed that he has always been considerate and professional when trying to help Hanson with his weed problem. Attorney Deschene asked what the estimated acreage of concern is, Ohlson estimated an approximate 400-500 acres that needs to be sprayed.

Everyone agreed they want to keep it friendly and give Hanson this week for response and then if his plan doesn't satisfy the Weed Board to resend the letter certified in order to have legal footing to go further.

Bailey expressed that on behalf of the Weed Board, they fully support Ohlson in his assessment and actions he has taken regarding this issues. Everyone agreed that Ohlson does excellent work and his dedication to Meagher County is very much appreciated.

County Attorney Deschene left the meeting.

There was discussion on the reality that this has been a long standing issue and has been discussed at length between Ohlson and Hanson, with many attempts by Ohlson to resolve. The Weed Board is scheduled to return to the Commissioners meeting next week on August 18, 2015.

Lunch:

Commissioners broke for lunch at 12:13 p.m. and returned at 1:30 p.m.

Clerk & Recorder – Dayna Ogle – Budget Workshop:

Clerk and Recorder Ogle came up and presented the Commissioners with the certified taxable values for Meagher County and conducted a budget workshop.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #50611 through Check #50638 totaling \$11,644.10. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

VICE-CHAIR

COMMISSIONER

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

August 18, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 2:06 a.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Commissioner Townsend called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

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

Road Department – Bruce Smith, Tim Collins and Jacob Kusek:

The road crew came in to present quotes for two replacement Semi Trucks for the Road Department. One to replace the totaled Semi and one to replace an existing Semi that is having issues while shifting in addition to very high mileage. The quotes presented showed the prices for new, used and lease options. The Commissioner's asked for more specific information about leasing. Collins stated he felt the Commissioners should call because in his opinion it would be confusing to be in the middle of the negotiation. The Commissioners all agreed that they would continue to work on the budget in hopes of being able to purchase the major needs for the road department. Smith reiterated that he has also requested the purchase of three Walk & Rolls and another motor grader to replace the one Kusek operates. The Commissioners acknowledged the request and reminded the road crew that there will need to be an order of priority set for all the equipment they are requesting.

There was also discussion on the amount of gravel available to Meagher County. Smith and Collins stated there was not much left at the Voldseth pit. They feel it will be necessary to crush more gravel again this year. Commissioner Townsend asked Smith what roads in the county were at the top of his priority list to gravel next. Smith stated that Smith River Road needs more gravel on 5-6 miles for sure. Smith also stated he feels the roads in Commissioner Townsend's district are in pretty good shape, showing plenty of gravel still. Commissioner Townsend stated he had no disagreement and was merely checking in. Everyone agreed to crush gravel at the county pit this year.

Minutes:

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve the minutes from both the August 4th and 11th, 2015 meetings as emailed. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved.

Clerk & Recorder Dayna Ogle- Budget Workshop:

Clerk & Recorder Ogle conducted a budget workshop with the Commissioners.

Lunch:

Commissioners broke for lunch at 12:00 and returned at 1:28

Weed Board:

Members present from the Weed Board were Wally Bailey and Commissioner Brewer. They conducted discussion over the response County Attorney Deschene had received from Attorney Hertha Lund, regarding Bob Hanson's weed issue on his property. Otto Ohlson was called and asked to come join the meeting. Bailey reviewed the letter of explanation and attached invoices, showing the purchase of chemicals

Ohlson arrived and reviewed the letter of explanation and invoices for purchased chemicals. Commissioner Hurwitz asked Ohlson how long knapweed seed can sit dormant on the ground. Ohlson confirmed that it can be up to ten years, once conditions are right for sprouting then the seeds in the soil will all sprout and grow.

County Attorney Deschene entered the meeting.

Commissioner Brewer asked Deschene "what do we do now"? Deschene responded by asking what the Weed Board feels they would like to do. Deschene stated that at this point Hanson's attorney is waiting to hear a response from the Weed Board and the Commissioners regarding the letter of explanation. Deschene mentioned that she had asked Lund about the option of utilizing an aircraft to spray. Hanson feels that the chemical he has already applied is sufficient and that the weeds are dead. Hanson has voiced that he doesn't want to spray any more this year for concern of "over spraying" to the point of affecting the other forage around.

Commissioner Hurwitz asked Deschene again what she feels is the next step. Deschene stated that she feels the landowner has responded in a timely manner and seems to be cooperating. The main point however is to ensure the weeds are actually dying. She feels it would be a good idea to wait 2 weeks and see if the weeds are really dead and due to the lateness in the season, to check in the spring and if the weeds are a prevalent again, to then send a certified letter. Bailey asked if there is actually any specific reference in the letter of explanation, regarding to how many acres have actually and effectively been sprayed. The only acreage documented is what was sprayed by the Mountain View Co-op and that was around 100 acres.

Commissioner Hurwitz asked Ohlson about Grazon, and if it would be effective for Hanson's weed issue. Ohlson said yes it would be effective, however that it is dependent on proper application of the chemical. Commissioner Hurwitz called the Co-op and confirmed what chemical had been used on Mr. Hanson's property. The employee verified that it was sprayed with Grazon Next.

It was decided to ask for clarification on a few points; Commissioner Brewer would like to know exactly how many acres Hanson and his family had actually sprayed this year. Also the Commissioners would like to have a written plan of action, outlining what chemical will be used, when and how. The Weed Board would like to know if Hanson will allow a member of his choice from the Weed Board to monitor his progress and do some onsite inspections. Deschene will write and send a letter to Attorney Lund, asking for clarification and compliance on the above mentioned topics.

Jim McDanel and Gordon Doig entered the meeting.

Deschene asked Ohlson about the ordinance that allows forced entry if a landowner doesn't comply to weed control or inspection. Ohlson described the process for Deschene. Then Bailey reiterated that he feels forced entry is an extreme and last resort that, he believes it should be reserved for dire necessity. Everyone else also agreed.

Deschene will send the letter to Attorney Lund and also send a copy to the Commissioner's.

Library:

Jim McDanel, IT technician and Gordon Doig, Library Board Chairman, came in to speak with the Commissioners about having McDanel take over the computer management and maintenance for the Library.

Doig provided some background for why McDanel hadn't been doing the IT management and maintenance prior to this. Doig stated that the Library had been using another service, however the Library Board had voted them out because of dissatisfaction of the service provided.

McDanel had received a phone call from the Librarian Jessica Ketola last week, she stated that the Library computers weren't working. McDanel went and assessed the issue and what it would entail for him to take over the Library system. As of right now he believes the equipment is all good and doesn't need to be replaced. However, he said it is the current security system that is locking up the computers. He will need to install a new security system that will cost roughly \$320.00. There are 16-17 computers at the Library that McDanel will take over and fix. He said that he is looking into a specific security software designed for Library's and will notify the Library Board as soon as he has a quote.

Because it is still with in Meagher County's facilities, McDanel will extend his work and just make a note on his claim for the Library. There will be a time consuming process in the beginning to get all the computers security policy fixed, however McDanel is optimistic that there isn't a need to replace anything.

The Commissioners all agreed that it is a good idea and they approve of Jim McDanel taking over IT support for the Library.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check #50639 through Check #50660 totaling \$45,626.54. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 a.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, September 1, 2015.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

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