

Tuesday
July 5, 2016
8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Commissioners Present:

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

Road Report – Bruce Smith:

Road Supervisor Bruce Smith came in to present the Commissioners with a verbal monthly report. There was discussion regarding the mag chloride that was recently placed on Smith River Road. John Taillie from Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks has spoken with Commissioner Hurwitz and stated that FWP will reimburse the County \$4,000 once a paid invoice is provided for the services done. Administrative Assistant Kate Jones will send the invoice as soon as it is prepared.

Commissioner Hurwitz will contact Laura Alvey from DEQ to verify how long the DEQ will test to make sure the clean-up is successful at the County Shop. The Commissioners concern is rebuilding a shop if there is a risk the contamination will not be resolved. In addition to asking how deep the ground will be excavated and compacted, and if the soil from County Pit #1 can be used. There was discussion about purchasing a steel shipping container to store small equipment in prior to rebuilding. The Commissioners agreed that purchasing a shipping container is a good idea. It was also decided to place an advertisement in the Meagher County News to demolish for salvage the old County Shop.

Minutes Approved:

The Commissioners discussed corrections to the minutes of the June 28, 2016 meeting. Changes were noted by Administrative Assistant Kate Jones. Tabled approving the minutes until the corrections are made.

Sheriff Report – Jon Lopp:

Sheriff Lopp was unable to attend the meeting due to Sheriff Department related duties.

Approve County Board Members:

The Commissioners were presented with a list of County Board Members up for renewal. Each member had previously signed their Board Information sheets requesting to be re-appointed and are listed accordingly. Letters were signed to acknowledge their renewal and thank them for their continued service to the community.

<i>Airport Board</i>	John Zawada
<i>Ambulance Board</i>	Jack Berg
<i>Cemetery Board</i>	Cindy Mesecher
<i>Library Board</i>	Steve Hicks
<i>Mosquito Board</i>	Otto Ohlson
<i>County Planning Board</i>	Jess Secrest & Mike Eby (City)
<i>Salary Compensation Board</i>	Tary Buckingham

ACTION #1

RESOLUTION 2016 - #42

Vice Chair Brewer moved to approve the Board Members up for renewal with the terms set below. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

Airport Board	John Zawada	7/1/2016 – 6/30/2019
Ambulance Board	Jack Berg	7/1/2016 – 6/30/2019
Cemetery Board	Cindy Mesecher	7/1/2016 – 6/30/2019
Library Board	Steve Hicks	7/1/2016 – 6/30/2021
Mosquito Board	Otto Ohlson	7/1/2016 – 6/30/2019
County Planning Board	Jess Secrest & Mike Eby (City)	7/1/2016 – 6/30/2019
Salary Compensation Board	Tary Buckingham	7/1/2016 – 6/30/2019

Old Business:

Vice Chair Brewer asked if the fence by the recycling bins has been fixed yet. The other Commissioners said to their knowledge, it has not been. Vice Chair Brewer suggested calling Jim McDanel to look at the fence and give an estimate to have it repaired. Everyone agreed and McDanel was contacted by Commissioner Brewer. The Commissioners then discussed the possibility of ending the County’s involvement with Recycling altogether.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with F.Y. 15/16 Check #51808 totaling \$50.00 dated 6/29/2016. Also presented with F.Y. 15/16 Check #51809 through Check #51820 totaling \$15,219.48 dated 6/30/2016. One voided Check #51800 – wrong vender. Additionally presented with F.Y. 16/17 Check #51821 through Check #51832 totaling \$123,071.39. All checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, July 12, 2016.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

VICE CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

NOTE: Minutes taken by Administrative Assistant to Clerk & Recorder, Kate Jones
Distributed July 12, 2016 to Chairman Herb Townsend, Vice Chairman Rod Brewer, Commissioner Ben Hurwitz and Clerk & Recorder Dayna Ogle.

Tuesday
July 12, 2016
8:10 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Townsend called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

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

Bob Seagar - Extension:

Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine, Bob Sager came in to visit with the Commissioners regarding the extension agent position that is open in Meagher County. The Commissioners and Sager discussed the position and needs of Meagher County. Sager highlighted that he is "retired" however, he is in the process of starting up his own nutritional consulting business as well as applied to a position with a Land Company. Sager will not know if he receives a job offering for about another 90 days. Sager stated that he feels that his schedule would best allow him to fill a part time position in Meagher County. He feels very confident that he meets the qualifications for beef and cattle production as well as working with the youth in 4-H/FFA programs. Everyone also discussed office hours; Sager stated he is willing to have set office hours to be here in Meagher County, since he lives in Park County, and is very flexible with his schedule to do his consulting business on weekends.

The Commissioners discussed having him in the position at least as an Ag Representative if the MSU Extension Office feels they cannot complete the process to hire Sager as a University Employee. The Commissioners will discuss the options more with John Pfister from MSU and see what the University can and cannot do.

Seagar is adamant that wages are not his highest priority. He wants to be a service to the community. At a minimum, he would like to help for the next 90 days. Sager stated that he is especially happy to help with the County Fair and is willing to schedule some producer meetings for this fall.

Clerk & Recorder Dayna Ogle entered the meeting.

C&R Ogle updated the Commissioners that the county had been contributing \$2191.00 monthly to MSU for the former Extension Agents wages. All employee benefits and insurance had been covered through the University. The Commissioners and Ogle will continue to work through the possibilities and what options there are. Everyone agreed to have Sager help, at least short term.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Phelan:

Treasurer Phelan came up to let the Commissioners know she has not balanced yet. Phelan stated she is hoping to have the Hand Cash Balance sheet ready for them on July 19, 2016 to review and sign. Phelan also updated the Commissioners on the Deputy Treasurer's status.

John Pfister was reached by telephone and placed on speaker phone:

Commissioner Hurwitz asked Pfister if or what needed to be done in order to get Dr. Bob Sager hired as Meagher County's Extension Agent. Pfister stated he had just finished corresponding with Sager via email. Commissioner Brewer asked if it could be changed to a part-time position. Pfister stated that it certainly could be part-time, Pfister's main concern is that an agent would put in more time than he would get compensated for as a part-time employee. The Commissioners updated Pfister that Sager has stated that money is not an issue for him. There are as many details to hire Sager as a temporary employee of the University as the permanent position. Pfister will coordinate with the Commissioners and the Department Head at MSU to discuss all of the options tomorrow.

Clerk & Recorder Ogle and County Attorney Deschene entered the meeting:

The Commissioners and Ogle discussed the minutes from the June 28, 2016 meeting to ensure accuracy from the discussion regarding the recall petition. Attorney Deschene was in agreement.

Clerk & Recorder Ogle left the meeting.

County Attorney Report – Kimberly Deschene:

Attorney Deschene entered the meeting to check in with the Commissioners and see if they needed anything. Specifically if Laura Alvey from DEQ, was able to touch base with the Commissioners to answer questions regarding the demolition of the old county shop and then removing the contaminated soil. Commissioner Hurwitz stated she had spoken with him and he updated the other Commissioners that DEQ will dig approximately 10 feet down and compact in layers. The DEQ will also be conducting the follow up tests as they go to ensure that all of the contamination was taken care of.

Deschene stated that she is waiting for something in the mail to file an injunction for the recall petition against her. Deschene reported that the case will be looked at by Judge Spaulding, and if he grants in favor of Deschene, a temporary restraining order against Kathy Walter and the Clerk & Recorder's Office to stop processing any part of the recall would be ordered. If it is signed by Judge Spaulding, then the defendant's named in the injunction, Kathy Walter and Election Administrator Dayna Ogle, would have 21 days to respond. There was discussion regarding if anyone had heard how the signature gathering is going. There is a page on Facebook that has posted there has been approximately 28% gathered.

Deschene reported receiving two complaints regarding tickets that were received over the weekend. Deschene stated that the individuals had expressed to her that they felt harassed by the White Sulphur Springs' Law Enforcement. Deschene reported that she had advised the individuals that it was something she understands, but that she has little chance of being able to help them.

Minutes:

Commissioner Townsend moved to accept the minutes from July 5, 2016 as presented. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Health Nurse – Eva Kerr, RN:

Eva Kerr, RN came in and presented the Commissioners with her written monthly report. The two year Immunization inspection went extremely well. Based on the high level of success, Kerr was asked to be a spokesperson for all the counties in the state. Training with Lorna and Theresa Doig is going well. Theresa is starting to do job functions on her own as the new billing clerk. There was a dog bite from a repeat offender. Kerr did bring in the owner to her office to discuss the severity and responsibility of having a dog that has now bitten two children.

They have released a notice that the CDC feels the Flu Mist has not been as effective as they would like in the past few years. Therefore, they will not be using the Nasal Mist anymore. That means all of the children will now have to receive the shot.

The Homemaker program is going extremely well. Kerr reported that there are 13 community members that have qualified and enrolled in the program for assistance.

Lastly, there is a new program that would be available through her grants. This program would certify Kerr and another individual to teach Safe Sitter Courses for the young babysitters in the Community. Kerr updated that Pam Sundstrom has been identified for the position to help Kerr start up the program. There are a few more details that Kerr needs in addition to verifying that the Commissioners are on board also. The Commissioners all expressed their support and thanks to Kerr for all she does for the Community.

Board of Health:

Members present for the meeting were Commissioners Townsend, Brewer and Hurwitz, Health Nurse Eva Kerr, RN and Mayor Julian Theriault. County Sanitarian Sean Hill and board member Sandy Harris were unable to attend the meeting.

Kerr provided all members present with a written report for the Board of Health.

See insert below:

REPORT TO THE MEAGHER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
From the Meagher County Health Department
July 12, 2016

1. Disease Reporting April to June: Influenza Type A (1), Influenza Type B (3) Chronic Hep C (2).
Campylobacteriosis (1), Dog bites (2) and Cat bites (1), Lyme's Disease investigation (negative)
2. Martinsdale Colony visited in March and May. Springdale also visited in June.
3. Assessment Reports on vaccination rates:
 - 19-35month old with recommended series is 94% (10 of 11)
 - 11 to 17 yr olds with HPV (47%) MCV (93%), and Tdap (96%)
 - These are done twice a year
4. Review of Truck Wreck Policy needed for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Deliverable.
(Sean still needs to review)
5. Discuss removing old junk vehicles.
6. Follow up with the Mayor regarding garbage at homes in town.

Eva Kerr, RN
Public Health Nurse/Director

Specifically discussed removing Junk Vehicles. There is a unit out of Lewistown that will haul off junk vehicles for free. Mayor Theriault updated everyone on the process that is being carried out by the City right now. Kerr asked the Mayor additional questions to verify that the \$7500.00 available is being utilized for all members of the county.

Kerr followed up with the Mayor regarding homes within the City that are collecting trash. The two that received a letter from the Sanitarian had responded and removed the trash. The Mayor continues to look around town for any more violators.

There was discussion regarding the City streets and what the State has been doing to help with the road maintenance. Commissioner Hurwitz asked the Mayor if the City still had the roller that was purchased from the County. The DEQ had asked if there was a roller that could be rented in the community. The Mayor stated that it is still operational and available. Commissioner Hurwitz will notify Laura Alvey to get in touch with the City to rent the roller.

Minutes Corrections:

The Commissioners were presented with corrections for the minutes of the June 28, 2016 meeting made by Clerk & Recorder Ogle. The Commissioners all reviewed the corrections and identified additional corrections. Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve the minutes with additional corrections just identified. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Fire/DES Report – Rick Seidlitz:

Fire Chief Seidlitz updated the Commissioners on one of the claims that was presented for payment. It is to do the updates for the 911 addressing. There are a few problems within some of the tightly built communities that still need a lot of work. The telephone company often calls with issues in the areas that need layers added to contain all of the addresses.

Discussion conducted regarding the Fire Truck that is for sale. There is a relatively new motor in it with roughly 3,000 miles on it. It has a 250 gallon/per minute pump on it, with only a 500 gallon tank. It's designed to pump water at a structure fire with the intention that tenders would fill the drop tank for water supply.

Thad and Nancy Hereim entered the meeting.

Seidlitz provided the Commissioners with a written monthly report. The report was discussed by the Commissioners and Seidlitz. There was specific discussion regarding a \$500 increase in a grant that can be used to purchase wildland fire equipment.

Discussion regarding the fire calls over the past two weeks. Seidlitz expressed what a great turnout there was for the ISO training. It went well and all of the volunteers were pleased with the outcome of the training. Seidlitz is also working with ISO to develop water points throughout the rural areas in the County. Meagher County's ISO inspection will be September 6, 2016.

Thad & Nancy Hereim – Newlan Creek Road:

The Hereims came in to visit with the Commissioners about the issue they have with dust on Newlan Creek Road. Hereims recently had mag chloride applied at the cost of \$1527.38. on approximately 300 yards. The Hereims would like to seek help in recuperating some of their cost if it is possible. The Hereims updated the Commissioners that they have spoken with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks several times and FWP is not amiable to contributing funds to help. Hereims were hoping perhaps the Commissioners help support them in getting FWP to take some responsibility for the impact to their private property from the access to the recreation site above them. Hereims reported that their vet has advised them that the animals are starting to suffer effects from the dust.

Thad Hereim told the Commissioners that he had spoken with Grant Grezack in the past and believes he is the supervisor for Victoria Roberts who manages the Newlan Creek Recreational Area. The noxious weeds have gotten out of control since the weed spraying was given to a private contractor. Nancy Hereim stated that the Game Warden, John Lesofski has told her that there is statewide funding set aside for circumstances like this. However, the FWP is extremely reluctant to utilize or tell anyone that the funds are available.

The Commissioners expressed understanding the Hereims frustration as it is a very mutually shared frustration over other areas of high impact from public recreation in Meagher County. The Commissioners and the Hereims would like ask Grant Gresak and Victoria Robinson from the FWP to discuss the problems going on and push for more noxious weed and dust control.

The Hereims will send a letter of displeasure and asked if the Commissioners would also. The Weed Board and the Commissioners will send appropriate letters accordingly.

The Commissioners would also like to have the county road supervisor place the vehicle counter on Newlan Creek Road.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with F.Y. 15/16 Check #51833 through Check #51857 totaling \$29,980.88 dated 6/30/2016. Also presented with F.Y. 16/17 Check #51858 through Check #51876 totaling \$15,212.73 dated 7/12/2016. All checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, July 19, 2016.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

VICE CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

NOTE: Minutes taken by Administrative Assistant to Clerk & Recorder, Kate Jones
Distributed July 19, 2016 to Chairman Herb Townsend, Vice Chairman Rod Brewer, Commissioner Ben Hurwitz and Clerk & Recorder Dayna Ogle.

Tuesday
July 19, 2016
8:15 a.m. – 4:10 p.m.
Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Townsend called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

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

Matt Hudson from the Billings Gazette.

Hudson stated he is here today to discuss the situation of the recall petition that was filed to unseat County Attorney Kimberly Deschene. Hudson asked the Commissioners if they have fielded complaints arising from the fractured relationship between the County Attorney and the Meagher County Sheriff's Department. The Commissioners all acknowledged that they have received complaints and there have been some situations that needed to be worked through. Commissioner Brewer stated that they have done their best to encourage the Sheriff Dept. and County Attorney to get along.

Commissioner Townsend stated that the Commissioners don't have a lot to do with the recall. It is a matter that came about and is outside of the Commissioners hands. Commissioner Brewer reinforced that the Commission does not have direct control over the Sheriff, the deputies or the County Attorney, adding that both the Sheriff and Deschene are elected officials. The only area the Commissioners have direct authority within the perspective departments, is the budget.

Commissioner Hurwitz stated that the Commissioners are all sympathetic to the Walter family and this was a very unfortunate incident. The Commissioners are especially sympathetic in regards to the issue of a trespasser on the Walter's property because the Commissioners are also all ranchers and relate to the issues that can arise from those situations

Hudson asked the Commissioners if they recalled an issue where an individual had called into the Commission meeting and made a complaint about how he was treated by the Sheriff's department sometime in November. Hudson has heard a rumor that the issue had not been in the minutes, despite happening. The Commissioners all stated that they did not recall this whatsoever.

Hudson asked if the Commissioners feel it has been difficult to stay impartial when dealing with the conflicts surrounding the recall. The Commissioners do not feel it is affecting their ability to do their job. They reiterated that they do not control the other elected officials in the county.

The next question from Hudson was if there was a discussion about Ms. Deschene purchasing the bar and if there was concern way back then. The Commissioners stated they didn't recall much more discussion other than Deschene's position with the county was only part time so owning the business wouldn't interfere with her duties with the County. Commissioner Hurwitz mentioned that the County Justice of the Peace also owns and operates a Bar and expressed full trust that both Judge Wildman and Attorney Deschene practice appropriate judicial discretion. It is Commissioner Hurwitz's summary of opinion that it is common issue to have conflict between a County Attorney and law enforcement. There is a Special Deputy Attorney that has been appointed to handle cases for Deschene when there is a conflict of interest. The Commissioners all agreed that they feel confident that both the County Attorney and the Justice of the Peace would recuse themselves if there was a conflict of interest.

Lastly, the Commissioners were questioned about the allegation of misuse of County money by Deschenes refusal to move back into the Courthouse. Commissioner Hurwitz stated that the Commissioners do not have an issue with County Attorney working out of her private office.

Clerk and Recorder Dayna Ogle:

Presented the Commissioners with an emailing updating them on Ogles request for reconsideration to MACo. The board is meeting this afternoon, so hopefully Harold Blattie will have an answer by this afternoon.

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Brewer made note to correct the spelling of Bob Sagers last name. Changes were noted by Administrative Assistant Kate Jones. Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2016 meeting with corrections noted. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Fire – Open Sealed Bids, Engine 4:

Chairman Townsend was presented with the 1 sealed bid received for the Fire Departments Engine No. 4 (four).

Chair Townsend opened the sealed bid and read it out loud.

- Townsend Ranch with a bid of \$650.00

ACTION #2

RESOLUTION 2016 - #43

Commissioner Brewer moved to accept the bid from Townsend Ranch in the amount of \$650 for Fire Engine No. 4. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and passed. Commissioner Townsend abstained from voting. It is therefore resolved.

Sheriff Report – Jon Lopp:

Sheriff Lopp came in to the meeting and presented the Commissioners with his monthly written report for July of 2016. The report was reviewed by the Commissioners.

Charmain Townsend was presented with 2 sealed bids for the Sheriff Department's Ford Expedition. Sealed bids were opened by Chair Townsend and read out loud.

#1: Bay Ridge Motors in the amount of \$2268.00

#2: Amber Brown from Conrad MT in the amount of \$7,000.

ACTION #3

RESOLUTION 2016 - #44

Commissioner Townsend move to accept the highest bid from Amber Brown in the amount of \$7,000 for the 2010 Ford Expedition. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. It is therefore resolved.

Dave Stiner entered the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Sheriff Lopp discussed an issue with feeling like the law enforcement needs to have the full support and thorough follow-through from the Commissioners when issues arise. There are questions being raised regarding an issue involving the Sheriff Department that Lopp feels wasn't appropriately documented and dealt with. Lopp continued stating that often the bad things are talked about but the resolution and truth of the rumors isn't being properly given to the public.

The Commissioners stated to Lopp that they do support the Law enforcement and don't recall any of the issues Lopp referenced.

AirMedCare – Photo at Helipad:

Dave Stiner updated the Commissioners that since the mailer went out he has had many people signing up.

There will be an announcement in the Meagher County News, Meagher County Public TV and perhaps Broadwater County TV announcing the news that Meagher County has a contract with AirMedCare now.

The Commissioners left the meeting 9:55 a.m. and returned at 10:27 a.m.

Jay Kolbe entered the meeting at 10:30

Meagher County Public TV – BJ Hawkins:

Commissioner Townsend absent from the meeting.

BJ Hawkins from Meagher County Public Television came in to visit with the Commissioners about the yearly contract with Meagher County Public TV. Hawkins updated the Commissioners that most everything is the same, the fees went up just a little bit. The contract was presented to Vice Chair Rod Brewer for signature.

Discussion regarding how accessible the stations are to the Meagher County residents. There have been many programs that have been recorded and played back now that the system is digitized. Commissioner Hurwitz asked if she was able to cover the Political Conventions. Hawkins updated that there will be four nights of the republican convention played in the next week.

ACTION #4

RESOLUTION 2016 - #45

Commissioner Hurwitz made a motion to approve the Meagher County Public Television proposed budget for F.Y. 16/17 as presented. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. It is therefore resolved.

BJ Hawkins left the meeting at 10:45

White Sulphur Springs Wildlife Biologist – Jay Kolbe:

The Commissioners asked Jay Kolbe to go ahead with his presentation. Kolbe presented a written report of the Shoulder season to the Commissioners. A copy was also given to the Clerk and Records Office to keep on file and is available for the public to come and read. The Commissioners had a lengthy discussion with Kolbe regarding the results and what is anticipated for the future. Over all the shoulder season was a great success.

Kolbe stated that in Meagher County the land owners have been very cooperative and worked very well with the department of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. One of the other things they learned is that they have a huge workload to keep up with the calls. FWP is hiring three additional Administrative techs to work in White Sulphur Springs to help field the mass of questions.

Library Budget Review – Gordon Doig:

Library Board Chairman Gordon Doig, Board member Elton Lee and Librarian Jessica Ketola. The three parties came in to visit with the Commissioners about the Library Budget for the next year.

Doig began by updating the Commissioners with how pleased the Library Board is with Mrs. Ketola. She has recently just received her Master's Degree in Public Administration from Ashtyn's online college. Additionally, she has completely redone the Montana room and the children's section. Doig stated she is doing great.

Commissioner Hurwitz asked how the computers were doing. Ketola updated that they have been greatly improvement but still have a little bit of work left.

Doig noted to the Commissioners that Ketola has submitted notes on the line items for the proposed budget. One thing Doig highlighted is to increase the budget a little to help purchase a building on skids to store the books for Friends of the Library. Friend of the Library has agreed to pay for half of the building. Mr. Lee stated that it would also help with the workflow of the books that come and go. It would be a valuable addition to the work space of the Library.

Commissioner Townsend entered the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Commissioner Hurwitz stated that he certainly sees the value in having an extra building to store books. Commissioner Brewer also agreed.

Chair Townsend asked what the budget looks like for the new building. Doig stated that there will be a decrease in some cost and an increase in others. They are approximately 200k away from meeting the funding goal for the new Library. Ketola just recently submitted a grant proposal to NorthWestern Energy for the full amount needed. Everyone is optimistic that they will reach the final goal very soon.

Dave Stiner re-entered the meeting at 11:20.

Updated the Commissioners that he has reached out to one of the corporate managers of AirMedCare to link up with the hospital to help pay the bill for the light replacement at the Helipad. The Commissioners agreed that would be great.

Townsend asked how many flights they have taken in Montana. Average 20 flights per month per base, the plane also has a flight approximately every three days. The flight company must have at least two calls per week to justify a 24 hour crew. AirMedCare is one of few, if not the only Nationally Certified flight service in the Nation.

Golf Course – Bill Dodson:

Bill Dodson from the Arrowhead Golf Course came in to visit with the Commissioners about funding for the Golf Course. The Commissioners were presented with bills for sand, seed, fertilizer, bentonite and copper sulfides to specifically work on the ponds that have already been paid.

Dodson updated the Commissioners that there has been good progress getting the greens up to standard. They are currently looking at getting a sprayer for applying liquid fertilizer. Right now the Golf Course is in need of \$2,600 for purchasing the sprayer and repairs on one of the golf carts.

Commissioner Hurwitz stated that the budget still isn't finalized, it is in his opinion that the Commission will pay \$2,600 today and will look at the budget to try and provide the balance to total \$10,000 for the year. The other Commissioners agreed to the same.

ACTION #5

RESOLUTION 2016 - #46

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve funding the Golf Course in the amount of \$2,600 for the purchase of a fertilizer sprayer and repairs for a broken golf cart. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. It is therefore resolved.

Clerk & Recorder Ogle presented the response from MACo.

The email received from Harold Blattie stated that the board has decided to make an offer to pay \$5,000 for the County to hire outside counsel to represent Ogle as a named defendant in the injunction of the recall petition.

ACTION #6

RESOLUTION 2016 - #47

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve hiring Attorney Burt Hurwitz as outside counsel to advise Clerk & Recorder through the recall petition. Commissioner Townsend seconded. Commissioner Hurwitz abstained from voting. A vote was taken and passed. It is therefore resolved.

Child Care Safe Sitter Class – Dayna Ogle:

Clerk & Recorder Ogle Presented the Commissioners with a request from Health Nurse Eva Kerr to hire Pam Sundstrom to coordinate and teach a Safe Sitter Class in Meagher County. The course and the instructor fit the criteria to be paid by one of the grants that County Health receives.

ACTION #7

RESOLUTION 2016 - #48

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve hiring Pam Sundstrom as a temporary employee to perform the duties of the Safe Sitter Course. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

Office of the Clerk & Recorder:

Present for the meeting were Clerk & Recorder Dayna Ogle, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Penny Plachy, Administrative Assistant Kate Jones.

The Clerk & Recorder's office requested that the Commissioners consider leaving more in-depth discussions in the Minutes when there are conflicts between departments. This conversation was due to the fact that Sheriff Lopp expressed frustration over the fact that there have been some complaints made between the Sheriff's Department and County Attorney's Office that are not tracked and resolved through Commission minutes. The Clerk & Recorder's office expressed their concerns that not keeping these portions in the minutes are detrimental to any research done in the future to see how those issues were resolved. The example used was the Law Enforcement Agreement from past Minutes that only stated "it was discussed".

The Commissioners were reminded that this is a public meeting where minutes are taken, and there should be no allowance for someone to ask Jones to "keep conversations off the record". The Commissioners all agreed they will remind anyone speaking in a Commissioner meeting that conversations go on record and may be included in the minutes if it is relevant.

Commissioners expressed some concern over creating an atmosphere that in turn would inhibit truthful conversation. The compromise will be to leave out specific names, emotion and irrelevant banter. The Clerk & Recorder's Office told the Commissioners that a balance is needed to prevent conflict within the meeting so that "bad mouthing" is stopped immediately and also to ensure confidential information isn't shared during a public meeting.

Election Administrator – Dayna Ogle:

Clerk & Recorder Ogle presented the Commissioners with the email received from MACo detailing the Board of Trustees decision regarding the circumstances surrounding the recall petition and application for relief that had been filed with a summons for Ogle's response. Persons contacted for a conference call were Harold Blattie, Brain Hopkins, David Payne, Bonnie Knopf and Shannon Shanholtzer.

The Conference call was begun and Blattie stated the purpose of the call is to discuss what is and is not covered by the MACo Policy. Blattie continued verifying that everyone mentioned above were present for the call on their side.

David Payne spoke about the document received wherein Meagher County Attorney Deschene is seeking relief of the recall petition. This type of document is specifically excluded from the policy because, Indemnity Policies do not have injunctions in the underwriting. Because of this situation where County Attorney Deschene is the named subject for the recall it excludes her from being able to represent the County's Election Administrator, Dayna Ogle.

Blattie updated everyone that he had presented the situation to the trustees. It was specifically noted that they are NOT extending coverage. However, out of sympathy viewpoint towards Ogle, the Trustees have granted Meagher County up to \$5,000 to hire an outside attorney to respond to this action on Ogle's behalf.

Commissioner Hurwitz asked if anyone was aware if a motion could be filed to have Ogle removed from the petition. The parties present on the conference call stated that none of them are attorneys; however, their understanding is that is a viable option to pursue with emphasis that they hold no claim to being able to give legal advice.

Blattie made one final request of the Commissioners, suggesting that an email be sent to the Board of Trustees expressing gratitude for granting the funding towards hiring an attorney for Ogle. The Commissioners stated that they are absolutely willing to do that and will in fact send a letter.

Budget Workshop – Dayna Ogle:

Clerk & Recorder Ogle conducted a Budget workshop with the Commissioners. Proposed budgets for the General Fund were reviewed and discussed. A copy of the proposed budget is available at the Clerk & Records Office for review.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with F.Y. 15/16 Check #51877 through Check #51878 totaling \$6,250.83. Also presented with F.Y. 16/17 Check #51879 through Check #51911 totaling \$ 34,726.87. All checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, August 2, 2016.

CLERK & RECORDER

CHAIRMAN

VICE CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

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