

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

October 4th, 2016

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Townsend called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

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

Road Report – Lingshire Road:

Public Present to express concerns:

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| Bill Galt | Richard H. |
| Kurt Burns | Robert Brandt |
| Shane Sereday | Dean Anderson |
| Robert M. | Errol Galt |
| John Wipf | Joe Wipf |
| Joseph J. Hofer | Mark Ogle |

Road Crew Present:

Supervisor Bruce Smith Foreman Tim Collins

Discussion opened with Chair Townsend asking about concerns on the road.

Bill Galt was the first to answer with his concerns. His greatest concerns were dealing with the Lingshire and Birch Creek roads. The specific complaints pertaining to those roads were, narrowing from a desired 24' width as narrow as 21'; pulling too much ditch material to create a better crown on the roads which is resulting in covering the existing gravel. Galt acknowledges that pulling shoulders is important but it appears the "ditches" are being pulled as well. Galt also gives credit that a lot of work has been done up to this point and that he knows gravel is a scarce resource. His concerns arose after the recent event of a semi load of cattle leaving his ranch wrecked while struggling to get out in poor weather conditions creating a poor road conditions. The accident resulted in a large loss of cattle.

Road Supervisor Bruce Smith updated everyone present that the Meagher County Road Department has been following the U.S. Department of Transportation Gravel Roads Maintenance guide printed in August 2015. The standard outline is a 4% crown on gravel roads.

This was used for a starting point; however, Smith agrees that 4% is not the ideal crown for every road in the county.

Errol Galt restated the same concern that Cottonwood Road contained too much crown and the road was narrowing. It had narrowed enough that when meeting oncoming traffic, one of the vehicles is usually pulled to a ditch.

Smith again acknowledge that a 4% crown was too much for this road. He anticipates correction in the crown to occur within the winter season from the plowing of snow off the road.

A Member from the Hutterite Colony expressed their concerns about the Birky Road and Ramspeck Lane. The concerns are that patrols are not being made frequently enough and there is not enough gravel to properly pull the shoulders in the current way.

Mark Ogle expressed similar concerns as stated above. His suggestion is to rebuild shorter stretches of the roads at one time to ensure the road crew has the manpower to fully complete the task in a timely manner.

Chair Townsend expressed interest in Mark Ogle's suggestion and wanted it to be taken into consideration by the road crew.

Shane Sereday stated he delivers propane all over the County and expressed the same concerns about narrowing of the roads and that when too much ditch material is pulled it causes the roads to become slick.

Ralph Miller called into the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and was placed on speaker phone to express his concerns. Miller stated the roads have become too narrow and its okay for the local people to anticipate, however, the increase of out of town traffic use has resulted in his concern for the safety of all those using county roads. Miller's call ended once his concerns were heard.

Commissioner Brewer asked of everyone if a 24' road is enough with the increase in size of farm equipment and other large vehicles or if 26' would be better. Galt stated that 24' is acceptable, but only if the full 24' is "safely usable".

Smith spoke, stating that they run a 4-man road crew for the entire county. There are many times when they simply do not have enough man power or time to cover everything as much as they would like to. Just about every road in the county needs more gravel. There is \$120,000 per year spent on crushing gravel for county roads. The idea of opening up a shorter stretch of road at one time was reiterated. The option of hiring additional truck drivers to haul the gravel when rebuilding a road was also discussed.

Commissioner Hurwitz updated everyone that the Commissioners are seeking funding from the Montana FWP, Montana DOT and the Forest Service to try and help maintain county roads. The County is also trying to acquire the needed supplies to start using Mag Chloride on high traffic areas to stabilize the gravel in place. Every year the county road budget has to wait and see if and how much Secure Rural Schools money they receive. Bottom line is the Commissioners and the road crew try to maintain the roads to the best standard with the resources available. The final point was that the Commissioners appreciated everyone coming in to express their concerns, but, also to please contact Smith directly in the future when road issues first begin to arise. Smith and crew cannot possibly see all the roads at all times.

Road Building Update- DNRC, DEQ:

Representative from DNRC (Heidi Anderson) entered the chambers at 9:50 a.m. She introduced herself to Commissioner Hurwitz, Chair Townsend, and Vice Chair Brewer. County Attorney Kimberly Deschene entered the chambers at 9:55 am and made introductions with DNRC. DEQ representative Laura Alvey and DEQ attorney Erica Morganson entered shortly after, Deschene, and Anderson.

Commissioner Hurwitz started off the discussion with asking Anderson about the DNRC grant money and what the parameters on how the money can be used for this specific removal of the road building.

Anderson responded that there is a \$30,000 planning grant to assist with any contingencies to bring the site to closure. Thus meaning soil removal, further tests (soil or water quality), and any other procedures that are needed to help bring the site to closure. The Planning Grant is available for use until December 31st, 2017. An extension can be filed 2 months before the expiration date if need be. Claims paid by Meagher County that fall within the parameters of the Planning Grant will be reimbursed by DNRC.

Chair Townsend asked the DEQ if the project was staying on the proper path for budget.

Alvey responded that the project was on budget even with expedited lab result fees. Money budgeted for the landfill were allocated towards the lab fees. The expedited lab tests allow us to obtain results within a 2-3 day time period, instead of two weeks.

The Commissioners wanted to know what final testing was needed before approval can be given to burn the rubble from the old county shop.

Commissioner Hurwitz updated that a DNRC inspector was coming to examine the rubble pile sometime during the week of October 3rd, 2016. The gentleman coming has been given direct contact information for Bruce Smith when he comes to examine the pile.

Alvey explained to the commissioners the final steps needing to be completed before removal or burning of the rubble pile. Elements of the building rubble need to be tested for the asbestos and lead paint. Certain structural elements within the rubble pile will be chosen for testing. If any test positive then removal of the contaminated objects will happen. If lead paint is present the pile is ineligible for burn and will need to be hauled to a dump site, even if it is asbestos free.

Commissioner Brewer came to the conclusion that we don't know what to plan for until the testing and results are completed.

The Commissioners inquired about the contract confusion with the DEQ. Clerk and Recorder Dayna Ogle also wanted clarifications on certain points pertaining to the grant money and the reporting that is needed through the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Alvey explained the details pertaining to the SB96 Orphan Share Funds. The current use of funds is \$175,830, the total funds available through SB96 is closer to the \$200,000 mark. The DEQ pays Hydrometrics directly with the SB96 Orphan Share Funds dollars. Orphan Share Funds are classified as state funds and all reporting will be done through DEQ and Hydrometrics. Only the contract needs to be kept on file at the Clerk and Recorder's Office.

Understanding was expressed from Commissioners and Dayna Ogle about the questions regarding the contract. All seemed satisfied with the discussion and the discussion ended at 10:45 am.

County Attorney Kimberly Deschene:

Deschene stated to Commissioner Hurwitz that Justice of the Peace Paula Wildman has a conflict of interest because of a ticket regarding the Alcohol Compliance Check that was performed at the Ringling Bar. Judge Wells will likely be handling the case for Wildman. She also stated she was dealing with three felony cases regarding elk/deer horn theft and some DUI cases.

Sheriff Report- Jon Lopp:

Sheriff Jon Lopp entered the chambers at 10:50 am and provided each Commissioner a copy of the monthly call report for September 2016 to be reviewed and discussed.

Commissioner Hurwitz asked Sheriff Lopp if he was present at the accident which took place on Lingshire Road with Bill Galt's cattle hauling. Lopp responded that he was not present that day but Deputy Cody Wilson was on the scene. No more was discussed.

Kimberly Deschene entered room at 10:50am

Sheriff Lopp began to update the Commissioners about the Alcohol Compliance checks that had occurred over the past two weekends. This is a state-undercover individual hired to check the establishments in the county which have licenses to sell alcoholic beverages or liquor. Three establishments did not pass the check. The state-undercover officer informed the local Law Enforcement of those establishments that did not pass. The local Deputies wrote out the corresponding ticket for the offense. The Alcohol Compliance checks are conducted by the state annually.

Kimberly Deschene left the room at 11:00am

The Commissioners inquired about how hunting season was going from the stand point of the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Lopp replied there been more calls about lost or disoriented hunters. Some of the calls are unintentional due to quick send buttons on the newer GPS tracking devices, as a result Search and Rescue teams are responding to non-life threatening calls. Discussion was brought up by the Commissioners whether charges could be installed for misuse of the Search and Rescue Teams. Lopp responded that it would be controversial to try to install a fee program. No solutions came from the discussion.

Sheriff Lopp stated that the ambulance had been called out almost daily this month as well.

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve the Minutes from the August 16 & September 20, 2016 meetings. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and was approved.

Title III- Public Hearing-Intent to Spend

Commissioner Hurwitz and Chair Townsend promptly asked Dayna Ogle about the Audit report findings.

Ogle discussed the findings with Commissioner's and explained in detail each finding. All questions were answered and thoughts about a quarterly report from the Ambulance Department were discussed. A copy of the Audit report is available for the public to view in the Clerk and Recorder's Office.

Commissioner Hurwitz, Commissioner Brewer, Chair Townsend, and Ogle discussed the Title III funds. The Commission agreed to continue with the Fire Wise Program.

ACTION #2

Resolution 2016-#56

Chair Townsend made a motion to obligate all the Title III Funds to the Fire Wise Program and open a 45 day public comment period. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and approved.

LEPC Lunch:

Commissioners left for lunch at 12:02 p.m. and returned at 1:10 p.m.

Extension Report- Bob Sager:

Commissioners welcomed Bob Sager into discussion about his report, which was presented to the Commissioners prior to the meeting.

Sager reported that in September he has received numerous calls and visits to his extension office by community members. Sager scheduled another presentation for October 18th, 2016 at the senior center. He felt scheduling another presentation was proper due to the positive feedback given to him after the August 2016 presentation. Sager requested input from the Commissioners about how frequent presentations could be.

Commissioner Hurwitz and Chair Townsend both responded to keep doing them bimonthly and topics were within his discretion.

Sager expressed ideas about building a covered show and sale arena for the 4-H grounds. The structure he has price quoted is 80' by 36-40'; costing roughly \$25,000. The quoted price was for materials alone. Thoughts were to look into local help for construction. Sager has been looking into specific grants to help fund the project. This project is something he would like to pursue even if he is not chosen for the permanent extension agent position.

Commissioner Brewer, Commissioner Hurwitz, and Chair Townsend liked the idea about the proposed covered arena and wanted to discuss more on another date.

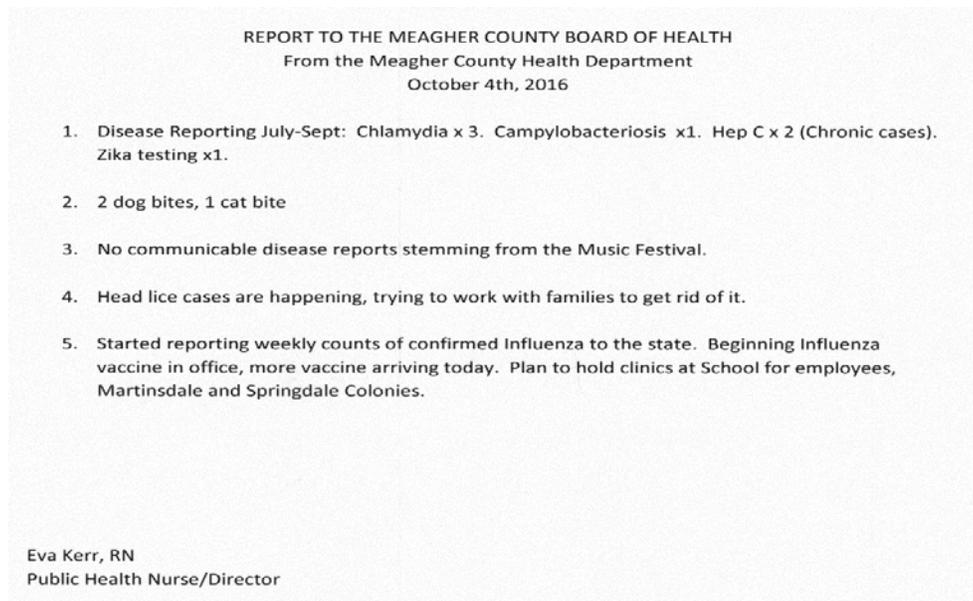
Health Nurse Eva Kerr entered the meeting at 1:55pm. She requested the Commissioners approval to advertise in the local newspaper for additional employees for the Homemaker Program. Approval was granted to advertise in the local paper for additional employees.

Board of Health:

Members present for the meeting Commission Hurwitz, Commissioner Brewer, Chair Townsend, Health Nurse Eva Kerr, RN, County Sanitarian Sean Hill, and board member Sandy Harris. Mayor Julian Theriault was not in attendance for the meeting.

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

See insert below:



Kerr presented the information about how her influenza shots were back ordered. She has received enough to vaccinate the school and county employees. The rest of the vaccinations should be arriving soon.

Commissioners asked Sanitarian Hill about how everything was transpiring since his take over as Meagher County Sanitarian.

Hill responded that everything is going very smoothly and working closely with Penny Plachy and Kate Jones has been a huge help. The records have become more complete and getting those

records within the digital database as allowed. He has done 6-7 new septic systems and gotten very good turnaround time with paperwork. When presented with questions on existing systems Rooney's Quality Construction & Plumbing is a very helpful resource with finding the system and being able to track the installer. Hill also stated he plans on having all the business inspections completed by November 1st, 2016.

Board Member Sandy Harris had no statement or comments to add.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Claims Approved:

Previously to the Commissioners was the payroll on September 30th, 2016 starting with Check # 11860 through Check # 11898 totaling \$63,696.63. Also presented were end of the month checks starting with check #52119 through Check # 52126 totaling \$2,506.66. Commissioners were presented with Check # 11851 through Check # 11859 for a voided payroll misprint issue. Commissioners signed to validate voiding the checks. Commissioners were presented with Check # 52127 through Check # 52157 totaling \$25,348.99. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

October 11th, 2016

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Townsend called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

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

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check # 52158 through Check # 52178 totaling \$27,895.17 and Check # 52179- #52180 totaling \$1,246.48. All Checks were signed as presented.

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Chair Townsend moved to approve the Minutes from the October 4th, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. A voted was taken and minutes were approved.

Commissioner Outing to Tenderfoot and Lingshire Road

On September 28th, 2016 Commissioner Brewer, Commissioner Hurwitz, and Chair Townsend spent the entire day to review the Tenderfoot Road and the Lingshire Road. When the commissioners arrived at the Tenderfoot Road and Campground area they met with Forest Service engineer Dan Wood, Howard Zehntner, Forest Service District Ranger Carol Hatfield, and Belt Creek Ranger John Met... The meeting was to discuss road maintenance and who was the responsible party. Commissioners have been in agreement together that the Tenderfoot Road went under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service to maintain since the property was purchased. Under the terms of purchase a \$500,000 trust was put in place by the Bair Company for all road maintenance, signs, and weed control on the Tenderfoot Road and Campground area. Knowledge of the trust has the Commissioners agreeing the maintenance of the road is to be done by the Forest Service and not Meagher County, especially since Meagher County is lacking resources to keep up with the demands for the county roads. The Forest Service had voiced no opinion at the present time.

After the meeting at Tenderfoot Road the Commissioners met with Road Crew Supervisor Bruce Smith to inspect the Lingshire Road. Many hours were taken with Smith to go over the entire distance of the road. Commissioners felt the road was still operational for the traffic but needed a routine maintenance go over.

Treasurer's Report- Sue Phelan

Treasurer Sue Phelan entered the Commissioner Chambers at 8:55 a.m.

Upon arrival Phelan presented the commissioners with a cash balance sheet for August 2016 and September 2016 for review and signatures. During the balance sheet review Phelan expressed her concerns with certain checks, written to the contractor Dick Anderson, that are not being processed within a timely manner. Leaving excess funding within the account creating budget worry. Phelan also updated the Commissioners with the information about how the School Bond money has been moved to direct deposit into a checking account verses the savings account.

Phelan requested permission from the Commissioners to write a letter stating that the Department of Revenue could access the Assessor's Module in the Black Mountain Software in order to update our land assessment database. Allowing access would help the treasurer's office to process the land taxes in a timely manner. Commissioners expressed concerns about allowing access to the system, especially not knowing what the Department of Revenue will see. Phelan reassured the Commissioners the access will only be given to them through the Assessor Module of the Black Mountain Software. Permission would only grant the Department of Revenue editing access in the Assessor Module.

ACTION #2

Commissioner Hurwitz moved to approve the letter and grant access. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved.

Resolution 2016- #57

Meagher County Commissioners authorized access for the Department of Revenue to use the Assessor's module in Black Mountain Software.

Commissioners requested information from Phelan about tax revenue loss with the 8,000 acres of Tenderfoot becoming government owned land. Also the revenue regarding the Windmill project and how the time frame works.

Phelan will locate information and present to the Commissioners at a later time.

Request for Endorsement Signatures- Jess Secret

Jess Secret requested the Meagher County Commissioners to sign letters in favor of the Moose Creek Vegetation Project and the Smith Shields Forest Health Project.

Secret explained that the Moose Creek Vegetation Project is removal of 2,400 acres of forest within the Woodland Urban Interface. This routine procedure will reduce fuel for wildfires near the Moose Creek Subdivision. The Forest Service has been working in close contact with the five owners in the Moose Creek Subdivision for access to the land. All owners are in favor of the project.

Secret also gave information on the second letter pertaining to the Smith Shields Forest Health Project. On October 7th, 2016 a field trip was conducted for the public and workers to attend. Michael Garrity from Alliance of the Wild Rockies, an environmentalist group, attended the field trip. Thus creating concerns of lawsuits towards the Smith Shield Forest Health Project. Under the 2014 Farm Bill the Smith Shields Forest Health Project is protected from protest or lawsuits until approved. Once approved all protests and lawsuits against the project must be held within a

court of law. Placing specific regulations might deter a lawsuit, yet the future can always be unpredictable.

Action #3?

Commissioners approved and signed the letters at 9:25 a.m.

County Attorney Report – Kimberly Deschene

County Attorney Kimberly Deschene entered the chambers at 9:34 a.m. to give a monthly report.

Deschene stated nothing current to report since she spoke with the Commissioners on October 4th, 2016. Court dates had been set for the antler theft case in the future; several adjustments could occur to the date. Deschene did update the Commissioners with news on the burglary that took place at Aon Enterprises- Branding Iron Café. The cash bag was stolen and damage was done to the premises. Deschene stated if the burglar is arrested he or she would face felony charges. The case would fall under the jurisdiction of Deschene. Deschene is unsure if this burglary is connected with similar burglaries that occurred in Townsend Montana in the same time frame which could change the jurisdiction. Due to the recent event Deschene expressed ideas about adding more security measures to the Bar 47. In addition to expressing her new security ideas she mentioned improvements that will be happening to the Bar 47. Deschene inquired if the Commissioners had hired a new deputy officer for the county and if a lawsuit against the county was going to transpire from the Lingshire Road accident.

Commissioners responded that Sam Peeler was hired on as a reserve officer only. Only two deputies are employed with the county and the county has no intentions of hiring another deputy at this time. Commissioners also felt that a lawsuit was not going to transpire from the Lingshire Road Accident.

Deschene entered into a discussion with the Commissioners about the dealings happening to the liquor license which was in practice at The Mint Bar. The license will go into probate but likely to leave the county; due to the Meagher County being over quota. Meagher County is over the standard quota by two licenses. In order for the community to keep or regain a liquor license town population needs to increase by 6-8,000 people.

Snow Removal Concerns- Alvin Kujath and Ken Martin

Alvin Kujath and Ken Martin requested to open a discussion with the Commissioners at 10:00 a.m.; regarding concerns with snow removal around the courthouse building and Mayn Cemetery. Commissioner opened discussion with Kujath and Martin to hear their concerns.

Kujath expressed his concerns regarding Gene Harris, cemetery sexton, ability to fulfill the snow removal duties of the upcoming season due to health issues. He proposed assisting with the removal of snow and gaining access to the county plow and truck. Kujath would like to see the truck parked near the courthouse building to make it more accessible, if chosen to assist with removal around the courthouse and Mayn Cemetery grounds.

Martin stated he would have no issue assisting Gene Harris as needed for snow removal. He is willing to do the parking lot and sidewalks of the courthouse because he arrives early in the morning before any of the other staff. If the cemetery needing plowing Martin would be willing to assist on an as needed basis. He requests that the plow and truck just be available for use.

Commissioners responded with concerns of not knowing how often Gene Harris plows snow in the cemetery. Also if Gene Harris feels that he is unable to perform the duties or would appreciate the assistant from Kujath or Martin. Commissioners suggested that Gene Harris be contacted to find out more details pertaining to the job. Kujath offered to go speak with Gene Harris after the meeting.

Commissioners asked to be updated with how Gene Harris felt towards concerns with snow removal for the upcoming season.

IT Courthouse – Jim McDanel

IT Jim McDanel entered the chambers at 10:15 a.m.

McDanel requested permission from the Commissioners to begin purchasing equipment/parts for a new network server. The current network servers for the building are becoming old in their lifespan. Typical lifespan for the network servers are 6 to 7 years; the current servers are on the final years of the lifespan. McDanel wants to start now, getting ready just in case one were to quit. He is willing to wait until the next budget year to begin purchasing equipment/parts.

Commissioners granted McDanel permission to slowly start purchasing equipment/parts for a new server. Emergency situations will be taken care of through the commissioners for funding.

Title III- Public Hearing- Opening of 45 day public Comment Period

Comment period for Title III funds is open for 45 day comment period from October 11th, 2016. Public can issue a comment in person to both the Clerk and Recorder's Office or the board of Commission at their regularly scheduled meeting.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

October 18th, 2016

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Townsend called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Herb Townsend and Commissioner Ben Hurwitz. Commissioner Rod Brewer was not present for the meeting.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Check # 52181 through Check # 52207 totaling \$14,933.90. All Checks were signed as presented.

Minutes:

ACTION #1

Chair Townsend moved to approve the Minutes from the October 11th, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

Discussion about Northwestern Energy Lowering Taxes

Clerk and Recorder Dayna Ogle and Treasurer Sue Phelan entered the Commissioner Chambers at 8:40 a.m.

Ogle and Phelan presented the Commissioners with information regarding the settlement between the Department of Revenue and Northwestern Energy. The tax reduction will lower the taxable value throughout the state. The county has an option to request a "Revised Certification of Taxable Value" and adjust the budget accordingly, then the lower taxable value is entered into

the Mill Levy Limitation sheet. The county will be authorized to levy for the more mills than previously authorized to make up for the reduced revenue. The other option is to not ask for the recertification. However the actual revenue coming in would be considerable less forcing the county to utilize their cash reserves.

The Commissioner's all agreed to request recertification. The School is also planning on requesting a recertification. The City of White Sulphur Springs at this time is undecided.

Phelan mentioned that this process will make the tax bills go out later than normal.

The Commission still agreed recertification was in the best interest of the County.

Dustbuster's Inc. - Ed Fick

Representative Ed Fick entered the chambers at 9:45a.m. Road Crew Supervisor Bruce Smith entered the chambers at 9:48 a.m.

Fick presented the Commissioners with a letter detailing out information for the Magnesium Chloride programs. The letter included quoted prices for using the Dustbuster's Inc. as a contractor per mile and prices for delivery of the Magnesium Chloride for the road crew to perform the duties. Fick also included the price \$6,170.00 in regards to 21,000 gallon Frack Master Tank available through them for purchase to store the Magnesium Chloride within county facilities. Frack Master Tanks comes with a double wheeled single axle attached making moving, only when empty, easy if needed.

Fick explained the cost differences between the contracting prices and price for just the Magnesium Chloride to be delivered to the county. If Dustbuster's Inc. was contracted to apply the Magnesium Chloride onto the road surface, the cost would be \$158.00 per ton on a full strength application at about \$ 0.50 a gallon per square yard totaling \$6,004.00 a mile on a 24' wide road. If the county was to purchase a tank and apply the Magnesium Chloride themselves costs are based on how quickly the product is needing to be delivered. For a three day delivery the cost would be \$141.00 a ton or \$5,358.00 per mile; saving \$17.00 a ton. Ordering for a delivery made within 7 days is \$135.87 per ton or \$ 5,011.06 per mile; saving \$22.13 a ton. The 14 day or two week order would cost \$126.12 per ton or \$4,792.56 per mile; saving \$31.88 a ton. Fick explained to the Commissioners costs have become lower on shipping the Magnesium Chloride because Idaho increased the weight limit on a bridge allowing their trucks to take a shorter more cost effective route to supply the buyer. He also informed the Commissioners that the Magnesium Chloride can be stored over the winter, even though you would want to go into stored with minimal to no solution, as long as it is diluted with water at a 50/50 ratio. If there is a huge excess of Magnesium Chloride is left, it can be used to coat sand piles for use on roads in

the winter. Coating the sand would drop the freezing point of the sand in winter months, extending the life of the sand in freezing weather.

Commissioners proposed a question to Fick regarding that if over time a reduction of the Magnesium Chloride solution could be used after full application on the road surfaces. Also if contracting certain jobs would be beneficial to our county in cost per mile. Smith was asked how many gallons the current water truck would hold.

Smith responded that the county water truck holds 3,000 gallons when completely filled. Fick stated that depending on the use of the road and quality of ground materials some roads might decrease in the amount of Magnesium Chloride. He does not guarantee reduction of the Magnesium Chloride Solution will always happen, there are too many outside factors that effect a road surface. Fick suggested that for larger road projects to contract the services out to Dustbuster's Inc. because their spraying vehicles hold double the amount of the county's current water truck. He said that his company can do full to partial applications based on what is needed for the road surface at that time. Fick however, strongly suggested that the Road Crew perform smaller jobs that will be around the county during a specific time period. This would be most cost effective for the county than contracting because the Dustbuster's Inc. truck would go from a per mile cost to an hourly rate.

Commissioners were very happy with all the information presented to them about the Magnesium Chloride and the options available for Meagher County. They decided to talk with Commissioner Brewer about the information and options before coming to a final decision.

Monthly Health Nurse Report- Eva Kerr R.N.

Health Nurse Eva Kerr entered the chambers at 10:35 a.m. and presented the Commissioners with a Monthly Report of September 2016 handout.

Kerr stated that she had been busy within vaccinations and ensuring records were being updated for all the students in the school system. State reports were submitted and the Martinsdale and Springdale colonies were contacted about flu vaccinations. The colonies were being updated that the nasal injection for the flu shot would no longer be available and the shot form was all that could be given this year. In Martinsdale about twelve children were vaccinated which is lower than usual. Parents at the colony expressed dislike about the changes in method for the flu shot to be administered. The Springdale Colony did not respond to any contact from Kerr. She was not overly surprised by this action from the Springdale Colony. Kerr also expressed her concerns that head lice has been a bigger issue than usual this year. One family in particular is not taking treatment very seriously for their children. Kerr examines both the children and parents weekly on Monday mornings to try and help with the situation. Unfortunately performing the routine

checks has not helped resolve the issue in anyway. Sometimes law enforcement has been contacted to get the parents to contact Kerr to discuss new options for treatment. Kerr is trying all her options to help the family get the lice issue under control but is feeling the resources she is offering are being neglected. Kerr is still doing full school checks occasionally to ensure the rest of the student body is not being effected. She is not required to do this, but feels it is in the best interest for the children at the school.

Commissioners asked if there was more she could be doing with outside help to address the issue with the family.

Kerr replied she is getting help from outside parties to hopefully help resolve the issue in a quicker time frame.

Public Test of Auto-Mark Voting System

Clerk and Recorder Dayna Ogle brought the Auto-Mark Voting System into the chambers for the Commissioners to perform the test on both a Rural and City Ballot. During the test the Auto-Mark Voting System jammed the ballots while preparing them to print. Ogle will contact service repair and get the machine fix. The Auto-Make Voting System will be re-tested by the Commissioners on November 1st, 2016.

Public Comment:

Harlan Sipe came to present an issue he has regarding the Forest Lake Road during the winter on snow removal. Sipe lives off Cottonwood Road on Forest Lake Road, a forest service road, out in Martinsdale. He wanted to know if the county would be willing to help plow the 1.8 mile stretch to the homestead property he owns. The issue of the snow removal arose because he has family members that need to leave the property on a daily basis. He stated the county had been unintentionally plowing a snow berm into the crossing cattle guard accessing Forest Lake Road. Sipe has tried to maintain the road himself but his plow on his truck does not complete the job to make the best road conditions. He has also gotten a plow agreement from Carol Hatfield, District Forest Service Ranger, to allow plowing on the forest service road.

Commissioners responded that Forest Lake Road is not within the jurisdiction of the county to plow for snow because it is a Forest Service owned road. The county has had issues in the past plowing for residents off the direct county roads. They acknowledge the permit that Sipe had received allowing plowing on the Forest Lake Road. Commissioners decided to make the County Road Crew aware of the snow berm which covers the cattle guard and to ask Road Supervisor Bruce Smith about a partial plowing on the Forest Lake Road. Sipe would be contacted on the final decision at a later date.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.