

**SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS
OF THE
RAVALLI COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

REGULAR MEETING 1:00 PM

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

**Commissioners' Meeting Room
County Administration Building,
215 S. 4th St, Hamilton, MT 59840.**

I. Roll call

Jeff Burrows, Dr. Michael Turner (Zoom), Skip Chisholm, Louis Danes and Greg Dowdy.

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Taggart, minutes

Also present:

Dillon Ratz, Civil Counsel

Naomi Cheeney

Reyanna Rice

Debra Kehoe

Mike Kent

Ran Pigman

Tony Hudson

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes/Administrative Matters:

- a. April 09, 2025 minutes

[Attachment - Draft April 09, 2025 BOH minutes](#)

Skip moved to approve the April 09, 2025 BOH minutes as presented. Seconded by Louis. Public comment on motion: none. Discussion: none. **All voted "aye" (5-0).**

III. Correspondence:

[Attachment - High Post SD](#)

[Attachment - Holtzen Commercial SD](#)

IV. Department Reports:

1. Health Officer
2. Public Health Nurse's Report

Attachment - PHN 1 of 2

Attachment - PHN 2 of 2

Present:

Todd Wohlman, PHO

Tiffany Webber, PHN

3. MTUPP Report

Absent

4. PHEP Report

Present:

Jeff Rodrick

OEM:

Present:

Erik Hoover, OEM Director

5. Environmental Health Report

Present:

John Palacio

V. Old Business:

1. UPDATE: Big Sky Church (Christina Center) RV trailers – John

Attachment - H Himes Letter

Attachment - Cornerstone letter

Attachment - Family Shelter letter

Attachment - Grace Lutheran letter

Attachment - Knell letter

Attachment - Monforton letter

Attachment - Rhoades letter

Attachment - Assembly of God letter

Attachment - Andrusky Letter

Louis moved to forward the Big Sky Christian Center Compliance Order to the Ravalli County Attorneys' Office. Seconded by Dr. Turner. Public comment on motion: none. Discussion: none. **All voted "aye" (4-0)** (Skip Chisholm abstained from voting).

2. UPDATE: 5250 Eastside HWY – John

Update only, moving forward with permitting process.

3. "Discussion with possible decision on Holding Tank application for 5562 Klements Lane – Parcel # 1425300" – John

Table to June 11, 2025 BOH meeting.

4. Holding Tanks – BOH discussion with possible decision

Update only, per Dillon Ratz.

VI. New Business:

1. “Discussion with possible decision on Appeal for Septic Permit issuance for 178 Blodgett View Dr., Hamilton; Parcel # 751520” – John

Attachment - Appeal

Attachment - Staff report

Present:

Naomi Cheeney

BOH consensus: Continue with this seasons GWM to see if one of the six pipe location passes. If not, re visit the failed pipe in NW area for replacement system consideration.

2. “Discussion with possible decision on Appeal for Septic Permit issuance for 1802 Sundowner Ln., Victor; Parcel # 964800” – John

Attachment - Report received

Attachment - Staff report

Present:

Reyanna Rice

Debra Kehoe

Findings of Fact (FOF):

FOF 1: The existing permit was issued for a 2-bedroom system.

Greg moved to deny the appeal, based upon the finding of fact, for 1802 Sundowner Lane, Parcel #964800. Seconded by Skip. Public comment on motion: none. Discussion: Dr. Turner, Greg, Jeff and Skip. **All voted “aye” (5-0).**

3. “Discussion with possible decision on Appeal for Septic Permit issuance for 876 Tammany Lane, Hamilton; Parcel # 609824” – John

Present:

Ran Pigman

Findings of Fact (FOF):

FOF 1: An affidavit from Brad Mildenberger was presented and states the previous building was a 3-bedroom;

FOF 2: The historic permit was issued for a 1-bedroom system, just as an acknowledgement that a building was there (burnt/torn down)

FOF 3: The owner is requesting a replacement system for a new construction of a 2-bedroom building (pressure dosed, shallow cap).

Greg moved to approve the appeal, as requested, based upon the findings of fact, for 876 Tammany Lane, Parcel #609824, for a new 2-bedroom building. Seconded by Louis. Public comment on motion: none. Discussion: none. All voted “aye” (5-0).

4. “Review with possible decision on annual GWM pipes installation using Board of Health fees” – John

Attachment - Bids

Three Bids Received:

Rapid Property Maintenance, LLC \$2,250.00

L4 Groundworks \$3,240.00

Top Gun Construction \$5,000.00

Greg moved to award the bid to Rapid Property Maintenance LLC to install 10 pipes at 10 different County owned properties at a total cost of \$2,250.00, to be paid for by BOH fines account. Seconded by Louis. Public comment on motion: none. Discussion: none. All voted “aye” (4-0) (Jeff Burrows recused himself from voting, due to a possible conflict or perceived conflict).

5. “Review with possible decision on Snow Water Equivalence and Precipitation for 2025 GWM season” – John

Attachment - Snow Water Precipitations

Skip moved to accept the 2025 GWM results as presented. Seconded by Greg. Public comment on motion: none. Discussion: none. All voted “aye” (5-0).

6. “Review with possible decision on BOH Fees for mailing of septic informational folders with finalized permits” – John

Louis moved to approve RCEH request for \$2,500.00 from BOH fees account for septic folder mail outs, as requested. Seconded by Skip. Public comment on motion: none. Discussion: none. All voted “aye” (5-0).

VII. Public comment

Tony Hudson

Mike Kent

John Crowley

VIII. Next regular BOH meeting: June 11, 2025 at 1:00 PM

IX. Meeting Adjournment

Greg moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Skip. All voted “aye” (5-0).

Chris Taggart, Administrative Assistant

