

MARCH 2 - 6, 2020  
COMMISSIONER MEETINGS

Sweet Grass County Commissioner meetings are held in the office of the county commissioners in the Sweet Grass County Annex in Big Timber, Montana, unless otherwise noted in the minutes. The first Monday of each month a department head staff meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. Claims will be reviewed and approved for payment every Thursday unless a conflict arises. At least one commissioner will be in the office from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily unless they are at a conference or a meeting requiring them to be out of the office.

**NOTICE: These minutes reflect the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners. The official minutes are on file with the Clerk and Recorder (MCA 7-4-2611(2)(b)).**

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**Monday, March 2, 2020**

All Commissioners are in today.

A staff meeting was held. Present were Cliff Brophy, Char Fuller, Connie Weston, Pat Dringman, Alan Ronneberg, Page Dringman, Marc King, Jessie Connolly, Vera Pederson, Cory Conner, Susan Metcalf, Vicki Uehling and Barb Swanson.

Sheriff Ronneberg reported the numbers for the month and stated he hired a new dispatcher, completed the COPS grant and is working on the STEP grant.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy said he has been busy with the grant season and asking for letters of support.

Superintendent of Schools Metcalf said they had a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student win the spelling bee this year and that the high school will have a trustee election with 5 people running for 2 board positions, Melville has a contested trustee race and that BTGS will be having a mill levy election.

Public Works Director Conner said his department had been out on Berg Lane working on shaling and crushing and also touched up Cremer Road.

County Planner Dringman said the growth policy will need updated this year, the city council is looking at subdivision regulations and they received the draft of the Custer/Gallatin Forest Revision Plan.

Extension Agent King said he took the judging team to Miles City, held an estate planning workshop last month and attended the meeting to score the job descriptions.

Clerk of Court Swanson reported the numbers for the month and said they will have 2 bench trials this month.

Weed Coordinator Weston said she turned in the RAC grant, has a trust fund presentation this week in Helena and scheduled the Weed Summit for April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer Fuller said that February was slow and she sent out reminders about delinquent taxes.

Justice of Peace Connolly reported the numbers for the month, said she attended Alternatives, Commission on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction, salary scoring and high school board meetings.

Finance Officer Uehling said she has been helping with grants, job scoring meeting and the procurement policy.

County Attorney Dringman said court has been busy, training in April and meeting with Park County regarding the proposed drug court.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson informed us that the deadlines for filing for the upcoming primary election is March 9, 2020 and for the school trustee election is March 26, 2020. She said she attended election training in Great Falls and that she will be getting a grant for new voting equipment.

Commissioner Roe said the Commissioners signed the resolution for the Personnel Policy, they will be coming around for Commissioner Connect meetings again, the Reasonable Suspicion training is next week and they reviewed the Forest Service Plan rough draft. Also, they discussed subdivision issues, worked on Old Boulder Bridge project and held a salary/job scoring meeting.

Commissioner Moody added that they attended the MACo mid-winter meetings, LEPC, Conservation District meeting with Sibayne/Stillwater mine, Civic Center meeting and asked about the employees interested in the Firehouse Gym membership discount.

Commissioner Wallace also stated that the gas tax resolution was approved.

The agreement with HRDC was approved and signed.

Ellis and Carol Faw stopped in to discuss the Faw Lane road issue in Greycliff.

### **Tuesday, March 3, 2020**

All Commissioners are in today.

Commissioner Moody and County Attorney Dringman went to Greycliff to meet with Dave Sheets, Ellis and Carol Faw concerning the Faw Lane road issues.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson was in to read minutes. Commissioner Roe made a motion to approve the minutes from January 27 - 31, 2020; February 3 – 7, 2020; February 10 – 14, 2020; February 17 – 21, 2020 and February 24 -28, 2020 with corrections. Commissioner Moody seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

Susie Fiveash and Jenny Holman with J & S were in to inquire about cleaning contracts.

Commissioner Moody went to a Fair Board meeting.

### **Wednesday, March 4, 2020**

All Commissioners are in today.

The Montana Department of Commerce TSEP contract #MT-TSEP-PL-21-197 was reviewed and signed.

A DNRC land use permit application was completed for the Old Boulder Road bridge project.

A Mental Health Board meeting was held.

A meeting with the East Crazy Mountain landowners and interested parties regarding a letter of support from the Commissioners for the land swap proposal was held. The Commissioners will discuss the letter of support and put it on the agenda for approval.

### **Thursday, March 5, 2020**

All Commissioners are in today.

Claims for the week were reviewed and signed.

The County Procurement Policy was reviewed. Commissioner Roe made a motion to approve as presented and Commissioner Moody seconded this. The motion passed with 3 ayes.

Calvin Christensen stopped in to discuss road issues and offered shale to surface Kalberg Lane.

**Friday, March 6, 2020**

All Commissioners are in today.

County Planner Dringman presented a boundary adjustment between Todd and Halverson. Commissioner Roe made a motion to accept the boundary adjustment as presented. Commissioner Moody seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

All Commissioners went to Conservation District for a meeting to prioritize projects.

Commissioner Roe made a motion to approve a letter of support to the Department of Commerce for a grant to produce a tea tumbler locally for Tumblewood Teas. Commissioner Moody seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

Claims for the month of February totaled \$189,822.75  
Payroll for the month of February totaled \$260,999.28

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

William Wallace, Chairman

Date Approved: May 7, 2020

Attest:  
Vera Pederson, Clerk