

JANUARY 3 - 7, 2022  
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, January 3, 2022**

All Commissioners are in today.

Commissioner Wallace made a motion to appoint Melanie Roe as the Chairman of the Board for 2022. Commissioner Moody seconded and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

Commissioner Moody made a motion to appoint Bill Wallace as the Vice Chairman of the Board for 2022. Commissioner Roe seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson was in to go over new year resolutions. Commissioner Moody made a motion to approve resolutions 01-03-2022A – 01-03-2022F. Commissioner Wallace seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes. (See attached resolutions).

A staff meeting was held with Cliff, Vera, Vicki, Cory, Page, Susan, Marc, Alan, Dan, Connie, Pat, Barb and Jessie present.

Commissioner Roe welcomed everyone to the new year and stated that they would like to start doing Commissioner Connects again. She also mentioned the travel mileage for 2022 was updated with the new rates and that they met with Jerry from Great West regarding the CIP.

County Attorney Dringman said he attended school last month and discussed some of the legislative changes with the DUI and marijuana laws.

Justice of the Peace Connolly reported the numbers for the month, said she attended the city council meeting with the new mayor and council members. She will be holding a couple trials for Park and Yellowstone Counties because of conflicts of interest and she attended the Child Protection Team meeting.

Extension Agent King said he has been testing hay, attended wool growers meeting, judging contests and will be headed to Denver in the morning with his judging teams.

Weed Coordinator Weston said she turned in the special county grant and now her office is pretty quiet.

Finance Officer Uehling said the annual report was submitted, received the draft of the audit with one finding and will have a cash meeting this month.

Dan Tronrud reported the numbers for the month and described what assistance they have been helping with.

Public Works Director Conner said Great West developed a patch for the Bridger Creek Bridge and hopefully the steel for that will be here this week. He interviewed several

people for the position within his department and they have been plowing a lot since Christmas.

Planner Dringman said they have been busy with COS reviews, subdivision applications and the growth policy.

Clerk of District Court Swanson reported the numbers for the month and said she has several jury trials set in the near future.

Sheriff Ronneberg reported the numbers for the month, he will be advertising for a new dispatcher, Isaac finished field training and DCI stopped in to offer any assistance.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy reminded everyone of the cyber security training and said the base station radios were in.

Superintendent of Schools Metcalf discussed Covid-19 in the schools and the issues with OPI.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson said the mid-term elections will be this year and the first day to file is January 13<sup>th</sup> and she will have packets available soon. She is busy with the NVRA/NCOA process again this year, she attended the ElectMT training but that program was put on hold, her certification is in February and the recording numbers are about the same as last year.

Commissioner Wallace said he attended a MACo board meeting in Helena, PMC board and Mental Health board.

Commissioner Moody said he attended HRDC, Civic Center, DUI Task Force meetings and they have been having meetings regarding the Bridger Creek Bridge and the Airport fuel system.

Commissioner Roe added that they will be making appointments to the county boards.

#### **Tuesday, January 4, 2022**

All Commissioners are in today.

Ray with Tech Electric was in to look at the annex generator options.

Dan Tronrud was in to talk about the ambulance service.

#### **Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

Commissioner Moody and Roe are in today and Commissioner Wallace is out.

Brian Engle was in to discuss airport issues and the Christmas boxes through Catalyst for Change.

#### **Thursday, January 6, 2022**

Commissioner Wallace and Roe are in today and Commissioner Moody is out.

Claims for the week were reviewed and signed.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson was in to read minutes from November 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Commissioner Roe seconded this and the motion passed with 2 ayes.

**Friday, January 7, 2022**

Commissioner Wallace was in today and Commissioner Moody and Roe were out.

Commissioner Wallace helped the road department plow snow.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

Melanie Roe, Chairman

Date Approved: February 10, 2022

Attest: Vera Pederson, Clerk