

OCTOBER 25 - 29, 2021  
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, October 25, 2021**

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

Public Works Director Conner presented an encroachment permit for Crazy Mtn. Distillery on Big Timber Canyon road. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to accept the encroachment permit with Cory's recommendations. Commissioner Roe seconded and the motion passed with a note attached to clarify that the County does not plow snow past Grosfield Lane.

A meeting with the City of Big Timber regarding the city water tower project was held with Nadine Stosich, Kris Novotny, Raymond Porter, Rolland Karlin and Crystal from Great West Engineering present. The County agreed to continue supporting the project (estimated at \$2,041,000 with a 2-million-dollar cap). The city will send over a revised memorandum of understanding for signatures.

Finance Officer Uehling came in to discuss the auditor's recommendations on CARES Act funding reimbursement and how they would like it in the budgets.

Dan Tronrud from Community Health came in to discuss old claims and Community Foundation funds. The Commissioners and Finance Officer Uehling agreed that claims would only be paid back to July 1, 2021.

Commissioner Wallace replaced the lock on the gate at the junk vehicle lot and called Riley McKenney regarding the snow fence at the airport.

**Tuesday, October 26, 2021**

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

Power is out in town this morning so meetings will be rescheduled.

**Wednesday, October 27, 2021**

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

A meeting with the Forest Service was held to discuss the proposed revised forest plan. Present were Mary Erickson, Kathy Minor and Alex Sienkiewicz. They are still waiting on the Fish and Game Department's opinion of "species of concern" but hopefully will have the final plan ruled on in early December.

Casey Smith stopped in to pick up information on the junk vehicle agreement contract. He may be interested in submitting a proposal.

**Thursday, October 28, 2021**

All Commissioners are in today.

Commissioner Wallace took the county car to Billings for repairs.

Commissioner Moody went to the fairgrounds for a walk thru with Nate Ruth, Marc King and John and Mardi Smith.

Claims for the week were reviewed and signed.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson was in to go over agenda items and read minutes. Commissioner Moody made a motion to approve the minutes from August 30, 2021 to September 24, 2021 with corrections. Commissioner Wallace seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

Nate with KLJ Engineering was in to talk about the airport fuel system and snow fence.

**Friday, October 29, 2021**

All Commissioners are in today.

Gabrielle Chandler was in to discuss airport issues.

County Attorney Dringman was in to talk about the Triangle Telephone meeting.

Claims for the month totaled \$304,306.21

Payroll for the month totaled \$249,267.33

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

Melanie Roe, Chairman

Date Approved: December 1, 2021

Attest: Vera Pederson, Clerk