

OCTOBER 4 - 8, 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)).

Monday, October 4, 2021

Commissioner Moody and Roe are in today and Commissioner Wallace was in later.

Tom Kersebergen with Park Electric called to inquire about the weight limits on the Susie Creek Bridge.

A staff meeting was held with Connie Weston, Cliff Brophy, Jessie Connolly, Barb Swanson, Cory Conner, Char Rasnick, Dan Tronrud, Marc King, Alan Ronneberg, Vera Pederson, Vicki Uehling, Amy Hellwick with Community Mental Health, Jennifer Chappell and Amy Kinnen present.

Clerk of Court Swanson reported the numbers for the month and said that Judge Gilbert will be here one more afternoon every month and that she will be attending school this week.

Treasurer Rasnick said they would be mailing the tax bills the end of this month and that Stephanie is retiring in December.

Weed Coordinator Weston said she has been busy with closing out grants and she attended a MWCA board of director's meeting.

Extension Agent King said they had Farm Fair down at the fairgrounds, he received a grant for a water treatment system at the fairgrounds and Triangle Telephone will be holding their annual meeting there next week.

Sheriff Ronneberg reported the numbers for the month and said he has been talking to several security companies about the security system at the courthouse. He also has several deputies out for various reasons.

Finance Officer Uehling said she has been working on end of year stuff, the certified levy is in, auditor will be here in November and attended several Zoom conferences.

Public Health Nurse Chappell introduced her new assistant and reported the Covid numbers.

Justice of Peace Connolly reported the numbers for the month, said they are working with the new software, she is going to White Sulpher Springs to assist the city court judge, she attended 2 Commission of Courts of Limited Jurisdiction meetings, they had a CJIN presentation on fingerprinting and discussed the new DUI and marijuana laws.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy said the generator for the civic center arrived in Billings and they are waiting on the electrician, the repeater at Monument Peak was repaired, working on the Emergency Operating Plan draft and the Code Red emergency alert system.

Public Works Director Conner said Neal retired and Kevin has been out a lot. His department is transitioning to winter and the new truck might not be here by the bid due date.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson said she will be mailing out the municipal election ballots next week, she attended the MACo conference in Kalispell in September and the MCRA convention in August and she is the Vice President of the association, her office is accepting credit card payments now, Catherine and Julie attended the new ElectMT training last week and she will be attending this week.

Commissioner Moody informed us that HRDC will be in Big Timber three times a month for different assistance programs. He said the Commissioners attended an LEPC meeting, After Covid-19 action review, school budgets certified, meeting regarding the East Boulder tailings pond, made a donation to the American Legion from the metal mines fund and rescinded fire restrictions.

Commissioner Roe added that the Senior Center remodel is complete, she attended a Beartooth RC & D meeting and MACo Conference in Kalispell with Commissioner Wallace.

Public Works Director Conner presented encroachment permits for Triangle Telephone. Commissioner Moody made motion to approve the encroachment permit for Triangle Telephone on McLeod Main Street to the McLeod school. Commissioner Wallace seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

A concerned citizen stopped in to complain about the Otter Creek Road. He also said he went to the road shop and was verbally abused by a road crew employee.

Ed Crawford called and asked the county to assist financially with repairs on Indian Rings Subdivision Road that he feels has been caused by the school bus turning around.

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

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

Commissioner Moody inspected the Indian Springs Subdivision Road and Commissioner Roe inspected the Otter Creek Road.

Commissioner Moody attended the RAC Grant Forest Service meeting.

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

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

Thursday, October 7, 2021

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

Planner Dringman presented a boundary relocation survey between Blake and Snodell on the East Boulder. Commissioner Moody made a motion to approve and Commissioner Roe seconded this, the motion passed with 2 ayes.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson was in to go over agenda items.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy was in to discuss the THYRA grant.

Sheriff Ronneberg informed the Commissioners of issues with the USFS and his department.

Commissioner Moody and Roe attended the PDM meeting via Zoom.

Claims for the week were reviewed and signed.

Friday, October 8, 2021

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

Melanie Roe, Chairman

Date Approved: December 1, 2021

Attest: Vera Pederson, Clerk