

AUGUST 14 - 18, 2023
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, August 14, 2023

All Commissioners are in.

Budget discussions continue with all Commissioners and Finance Officer Vicki Uehling.

Commissioner Moody called the meeting to order for the reading of bids for the Grey Cliff/Voges Bridge Abutment Scour Repair Project. Brandon Duffey with Great West Engineering was present, and Tristen Donnes was also present. The bids were opened at 10:00 AM.

Bid # 1 – Broadwater Excavating – Bid Bond enclosed and addendum was acknowledged. Base bid was \$316,000.00.

Bid # 2 – Donnes Inc. – Bid Bond enclosed and addendum was acknowledged. Base bid was \$434,000.00.

Bid # 3 – JAG LLC (Jason Long) – Bid Bond enclosed and addendum was acknowledged. Base Bid was \$817,405.00.

Commissioner Wallace moved to have Great West review and then make a recommendation to the Commission for award. Commissioner Roe seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes. The meeting was adjourned.

A resident complained about not being notified that the county was going to access a headgate through their property. Public Works Director was notified to please advise prior to accessing.

A resident complained about people speeding, lack of signs and lack of law enforcement presence on Rapelje Road.

Budget discussions continued with various scenarios being presented and multiple mills being applied. The impacts of market assessment, lower Sibanye Stillwater Mine gross proceeds and slightly higher newly taxable properties continue to create a tax shift between entities with the burden being moved to residential.

The County Planner stopped in to discuss her concerns about some boundary relocations and surveys intentionally or unintentionally bypassing the subdivision rules.

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

All Commissioners are in.

Commissioner Roe attended the Senior Center board meeting.

Commissioner Moody and the County Attorney attended the McLeod School Board Meeting at McLeod.

Commissioner Wallace and Public Works Director Conner went out to Dry Creek Road to look at a cattleguard and the placement of the adjacent gate.

Amber Blake of Catalyst for Change came in to visit with the Commission.

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

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

Finance Officer Uehling came in and the Commissioners worked on the non-levied funds for the budget.

Claims were reviewed and signed.

Thursday, August 17, 2023

All Commissioners are in.

County Planner Dringman presented a COS for review. The COS was to create a tract of land to provide security for mortgage loan purposes. Commissioner Roe moved to approve the COS as presented by the Planner for Brad and Paige Bichler. Commissioner Wallace seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes.

Finance Officer Uehling, Treasurer Rasnick, Clerk and Recorder Pederson, along with the Commissioners held a cash meeting to review the end of the year balances within each expenditure and revenue budget, review end of year budget resolutions, the cash report, journal entries etc.

Commissioner Roe moved to adopt Resolution 08-17-2023A. A resolution to amend Fund 2220 (Library). The Amendment will increase the expenditures to reflect unbudgeted revenues of \$3,780.00, not included in the original expenditure budget for 2022-2023. Commissioner Wallace seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes.

Commissioner Wallace moved to adopt Resolution 08-17-2023B. A resolution to amend Fund 2969 (Opioid Settlement Fund) to reflect the actual dollar amount awarded as part of the national lawsuit. Both the revenue and expenditure funds will be amended by \$4,277.00. Commissioner Roe seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes.

Commissioner Wallace moved to adopt Resolution 08-17-2023C. A resolution to amend Fund 2979 (Community Services Directory). This fund was created through a donation from the Sweet Grass Community Foundation. Both the revenue and expenditure funds will be amended by \$15,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Roe and carried with 3 ayes.

Commissioner Wallace moved to adopt Resolution 08-17-2023D to create Fund 2998 (Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund – LATCF). This fund, both expenditure and revenue, was created to reflect the acceptance of funds from the US Department of the Treasury – American Rescue Plan, for a total of \$235,193.00. Commissioner Roe seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes.

Commissioner Roe moved to adopt Resolution 08-17-2023E. A resolution to authorize a temporary loan, bearing no interest, of unrestricted money from other accounting entries, to be paid back within one year and so recorded. The loan will be from Fund 2900 (PILT) to:

Fund 2220 – Library - \$250.78 – did not mill enough to cover levy.

Fund 2840 – Weed – North Grant - \$4,154.30 – Grant requires expenditure prior to reimbursement.

Fund 2928 – Homeland Security 2022 – \$52,520 – Grant requires expenditure prior to reimbursement.

Fund 2992 – CHW Grant Program - \$4,527.64 – Grant requires expenditure prior to reimbursement.

Fund 2993 – Telehealth Grant - \$126.55 – Grant requires expenditure prior to reimbursement.

A one-time loan will be made from Fund 2900 to the above-mentioned funds for a total of \$61,579.27. This loan will be repaid to Fund 2900 before June 30, 2024.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wallace and carried with 3 ayes.

Commissioner Roe moved to accept the adjusting general entries from 632 to 1068, not all inclusive. Commissioner Wallace seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes.

County Sanitarian Kaleb Pearson stopped in to introduce the new Sanitarian – Scott.

Friday, August 18, 2023

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

Finance Officer Uehling stopped in to drop off some additional scenarios and impacts for various mill levies.

A resident stopped in to ask for support on an access road logging project in the Crazy Mountains. He was referred to the Conservation District as well.

Triangle Telephone called to set up an appointment to cut over the fiber.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

JV Moody
JV Moody, Chairman

Date Approved: October 31, 2023

Vera Pederson
Attest: Vera Pederson, Clerk



RESOLUTION #08-17-2023 A
A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE FINANCIAL OFFICER OR THE CLERK & RECORDER TO
MAKE BUDGET AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated 7-6-4006(4), gives the governing body the authority to amend budgets during the fiscal year by conducting hearings at regularly scheduled meetings, and

WHEREAS, circumstances have occurred that require a budget amendment to be made, and

WHEREAS, a monthly cash meeting that was properly noticed 48 hours in advance and open to the public and was attended by Commissioners Wallace, Moody and Roe, Financial Officer Uehling, Treasurer Rasnick, and Clerk & Recorder Pederson, was held on the 17th day of August, 2023, and the amendment to adjust the expenditure budget for **Fund 2220 Library**, was fully discussed.

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Sweet Grass County authorize Financial Officer Vicki Uehling to increase the **FY 2022-2023** expenditure budget of **Fund 2220 Library**, for unbudgeted revenues received of \$3,780 not included in original expenditure budget. The current expenditure budget is \$82,487, after amendment expenditure budget will be \$86,267 for **FY 2022-2023**.

Dated this 17 day of August, 2023
SWEET GRASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Sweet Grass County, Montana

W. Moody

W Moody, Chairman

William Wallace

William Wallace, Commissioner

Melanie Roe

Melanie Roe, Commissioner

Attest: *Vera Pederson*

Vera Pederson, Clerk & Recorder



RESOLUTION # 08-17-2023 B

**A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE FINANCIAL OFFICER OR THE CLERK & RECORDER TO
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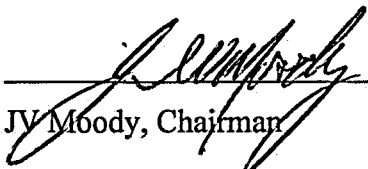
WHEREAS, circumstances have occurred that require a budget amendment to be made, and

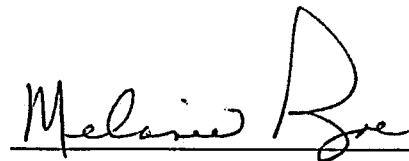
WHEREAS, a monthly cash meeting that was properly noticed 48 hours in advance and open to the public and was attended by Commissioners Wallace, Moody and Roe, Financial Officer Uehling, Treasurer Rasnick, and Clerk & Recorder Pederson, was held on the 17th day of August, 2023 and to amend the revenue and expenditure budgets of **Fund 2969 – Opioid Settlement**, was fully discussed.

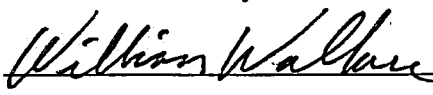
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Sweet Grass County authorize Financial Officer Vicki Uehling to amend the revenue and expenditure budget each in **FY 2022-2023**. **Fund 2969** requires both a revenue and expenditure amendment of \$4,277. Revenues for **Fund 2969** are the unexpected result of a lawsuit settlement.

Dated this 17 day of August, 2023

SWEET GRASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Sweet Grass County, Montana


JV Moody, Chairman


Melanie Roe, Commissioner


William Wallace, Commissioner

Attest: 
Vera Pederson, Clerk & Recorder



RESOLUTION # 08-17-2023 C

**A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE FINANCIAL OFFICER OR THE CLERK & RECORDER TO
MAKE BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated 7-6-4006(4), gives the governing body the authority to amend budgets during the fiscal year by conducting hearings at regularly scheduled meetings, and

WHEREAS, circumstances have occurred that require a budget amendment to be made, and

WHEREAS, a monthly cash meeting that was properly noticed 48 hours in advance and open to the public and was attended by Commissioners Wallace, Moody and Roe, Financial Officer Uehling, Treasurer Rasnick, and Clerk & Recorder Pederson, was held on the 17th day of August, 2023 and to amend the revenue and expenditure budgets of Fund 2979 – Community Services Directory, was fully discussed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Sweet Grass County authorize Financial Officer Vicki Uehling to amend the revenue and expenditure budget each in FY 2022-2023. This fund requires a revenue and expenditure amendment in the amount of \$15,000. Revenues for Fund 2979 are from a donation from Sweet Grass Community Foundation.

Dated this 17 day of August, 2023

SWEET GRASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Sweet Grass County, Montana

JV Moody
JV Moody, Chairman

Melanie Roe
Melanie Roe, Commissioner

William Wallace
William Wallace, Commissioner

Attest: Vera Pederson
Vera Pederson, Clerk & Recorder



RESOLUTION # 08-17-2023 D

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE FINANCIAL OFFICER OR THE CLERK & RECORDER TO MAKE BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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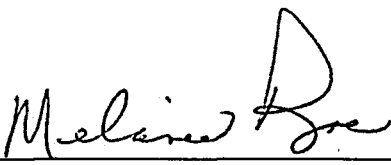
WHEREAS, a monthly cash meeting that was properly noticed 48 hours in advance and open to the public and was attended by Commissioners Wallace, Moody and Roe, Financial Officer Uehling, Treasurer Rasnick, and Clerk & Recorder Pederson, was held on the 17th day of August, 2023 and to amend the revenue and expenditure budgets of Fund 2998 – Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF), was fully discussed.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Sweet Grass County authorize Financial Officer Vicki Uehling to amend the revenue and expenditure budget each in FY 2022-2023. Fund 2998 requires both a revenue and expenditure amendment of \$235,193. Revenues for Fund 2998 are from the U.S. Department of the Treasury as part of the American Rescue Plan.

Dated this 17 day of August, 2023

SWEET GRASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Sweet Grass County, Montana


JV Moody, Chairman


Melanie Roe, Commissioner


William Wallace, Commissioner

Attest: 
Vera Pederson, Clerk & Recorder



RESOLUTION #08-17-2023 E

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE FINANCIAL OFFICER OR THE CLERK & RECORDER TO MAKE BUDGET AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated 17-2-107(2)(a) gives general powers to the Board of County Commissioners to authorize a temporary loan, bearing no interest, of unrestricted money from other accounting entries if there is reasonable evidence that the income will be sufficient to repay the loan within one (1) calendar year and if the loan is recorded in the county records.

WHEREAS, a monthly cash meeting that was properly noticed 48 hours in advance and open to the public and was attended by Commissioners Wallace, Moody and Roe, Financial Officer Uehling, Treasurer Rasnick, and Clerk & Recorder Pederson, was held on the 17th day of August, 2023, and the resolution to record loans from **Fund 2900 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)** to the below listed funds for the below listed amounts was fully discussed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Sweet Grass County authorize Financial Officer Vicki Uehling to record loans in FY 2022-2023 between **Fund 2900 PILT** and the following funds:

Fund 2220 – Library - \$250.78 – did not mill a sufficient levy to cover expenditures

Fund 2840 – Weed North Grant - \$4,154.30 - grant requires expenditure occur prior to revenue disbursed

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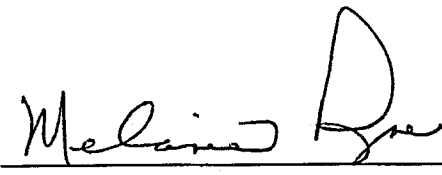
A one-time loan will be made from **Fund 2900** to the above-mentioned funds in a total amount of \$61,579.27 at zero percent (0%) interest to be repaid to **Fund 2900** before June 30, 2024.

Dated this 17 day of August, 2023


SWEET GRASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Sweet Grass County, Montana



JV Moody, Chairman



Melanie Roe, Commissioner



William Wallace, Commissioner

Attest: 

Vera Pederson, Clerk & Recorder

