

FEBRUARY 13 - 17, 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, February 13, 2023

All Commissioners are in today.

The bids for the backhoe and truck were opened.

2004 580M Backhoe:

Gary Arlian	\$21,100.00
Affordable Const. Equipment	\$27,007.00
1995 KW T800B	
Affordable Const. Equipment	\$8,008.00

Affordable Construction Equipment (Jim Neibur) was the winner of both bids.

Public Works Director Conner stopped in to discuss the VanderHagen headgate and implication of closing and reopening I-90 on the road crew. He also presented an encroachment permit for Coulee Creek Land and Cattle (Johnston) for a water pipeline for stock water development. Commissioner Roe moved to accept the permit with no conditions. Commissioner Wallace seconded this and the motion carried.

Commissioner Roe attended the Soil Conservation District meeting.

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

All Commissioners are in today.

Mike Vines with Key Insurance met with the commissioners to discuss the values of the property vs. rates.

A meeting with Clerk of District Court Swanson and Judge Gilbert (by phone) to review drawings for an ADA compliant courtroom.

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

All Commissioners are in today.

Peter Fox with Arca Search did a presentation on digitizing some of the early records. Focus was on commissioner minutes as well as other records that need to be archived such as water rights and misc. records.

Commissioner Wallace attended the weed board meeting.

Commissioner Roe attended the Conservation District working group meeting.

Bids for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan were opened. There was only one bid submitted by Jensen Hughes and prepared by Alex Cooper. All required paperwork was submitted. The amount of \$49,990.00 noted in appendix C "Pricing Sheet" indicates the sum of the bid. A bid bond of \$2,495.00 was submitted as required a "Bid Opening

Verification of Contents" sheet was completed and signed by James V. Moody. The bid envelope was not marked with "Bid for CWPP". That requirement was waived as it was the only bid received. Cliff Brophy was present at the opening.

Thursday, February 16, 2023

All Commissioners are in today.

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

Claims for the week were reviewed and signed.

A cash meeting was held with Finance Officer Uehling and Clerk and Recorder Pederson present. Commissioner Wallace moved to approve journal entries 396-636 not all inclusive. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Roe and carried unanimously.

Friday, February 17, 2023

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners


JV Moody, Chairman

Date Approved: May 1, 2023



Attest: Vera Pederson, Clerk

