

MAY 1 - 5, 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, May 1, 2023

All Commissioners are in today.

A department head meeting was held with Pat Dringman, Marc King, Connie Weston, Vicki Uehling, Barb Swanson, Cory Conner, Jessie Connolly, Callie Rech, Cliff Brophy, Vera Pederson and Alan Ronneberg present.

County Attorney Dringman said he has been working on the conservation district lawsuit.

Extension Agent King said they tagged 30 lambs and 10 goats and did an initial applicator training class last week.

Weed Coordinator Weston said the weed summit is Wednesday and she has her weed crew ready to start soon.

Finance Officer Uehling said she has had several credit card issues, COPS grant extended to October and budget packets will be in boxes this week.

Planner Dringman said her office has been working on a subdivision application and several conditional use applications. She also has been working on the water rights at the fairgrounds.

Clerk of District Court Swanson reported the numbers for the month, convention coming up this month, e-file training scheduled for the 23rd and working on the jury trial at the fairgrounds.

Sheriff Ronneberg reported the numbers for the month, said they had several trainings in April, he taught at the coroner's training last week and will be attending the coroner's conference next week.

Public Works Director Conner said they have been busy with the flooding and the Grey Bear Bridge contract was signed.

Justice of the Peace Connolly reported the numbers for the month, attended a judge's meeting in Hardin, her clerks are out for training this week and she will be out the next week.

Superintendent of Schools Rech said the schools are doing their testing, Melville had an audit, field day is this month, she attended co-op meetings, school election this week and swearing in of new trustees next board meeting, Dailey Lake trip and graduations are coming up this month.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson said the school election is tomorrow and so far about 1000 ballots have been returned, she has been working on the redistricting, attending legislative sessions, new security fob on doors where election supplies are stored, elected

officials training last week with Dan Clark from MSU Extension and attended a city/county planning board meeting.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy said there was a fire up the Main Boulder in Park County and the tabletop evacuation exercise is coming up on the 23rd.

Commissioner Roe said the Commissioners have been working on a new server with Granite Tech, Cyber Security Fraud, CIP was approved, roads and flooding issues, attended the elected official training, redistricting, Microwave Road litigation, bids on expanding the airport apron, senior center board meetings, Beartooth RC & D meeting, Sage Grouse meeting and watching the legislative hearings.

Commissioner Moody added that he attended the HRDC meeting, working on the tanker removal at the courthouse, juvenile detention meeting and hired new cleaner at the courthouse.

Commissioner Wallace said he has been helping the road department with all the flooding and road issues.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson came in to read minutes. Commissioner Wallace moved to approve the minutes with corrections from January 2023 through February 17, 2023. Commissioner Roe seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes.

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Commissioner Roe and Moody are in today and Commissioner Wallace is helping the road department.

Joan Hansen with the tree board came in to inquire about putting some trees at the high school.

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Commissioner Roe and Moody are in today and Commissioner Wallace is helping the road department.

A resident stopped in to complain about Otter Creek Road.

Vicki, Cory and Catherine were in to discuss health insurance plans.

Chad Beckham and Peggy Campbell with the DOR and Treasurer Rasnick came in to discuss the increase in the market valuation and how best to educate the taxpayers. A townhall meeting will be scheduled for July 10th.

Thursday, May 4, 2023

Commissioner Moody and Wallace are in today and Commissioner Roe was in after lunch.

Claims were reviewed and signed.

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

Commissioner Wallace attended a Sibanye Stillwater Mine tour with Custer/Gallatin Working Group.

Friday, May 5, 2023

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

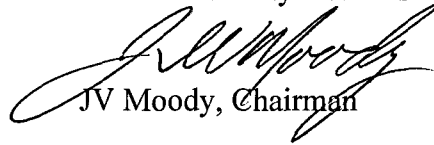
A resident on Old Boulder Road stopped by to complain about damage to the road from a snowplow.

Brandon Duffey with Great West stopped by to discuss the Voges Bridge.

Mark Thompson with Sweet Grass Conservation District called to talk about the bridges in the county and the meeting on the 12th with the State of Montana, MDOT and FWP.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners


JV Moody, Chairman

Date Approved: September 1, 2023



Attest: Vera Pederson, Clerk

