

FEBRUARY 19 – FEBRUARY 23, 2024  
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, February 19, 2024**

Holiday – All Offices Closed.

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

All Commissioners are in.

Commissioner Roe attended a Senior Center Board meeting.

The Commission met with Clerk & Recorder Curry, DES/911 Coordinator Brophy, MSU Ext. Administrator Schuman and Alex from Granite Tech to discuss some of the Cybersecurity Assessment suggestions from CISA. Several items were identified as things or changes that would be relatively easy to do. Several internet educational areas were identified as well as training opportunities that are already available. These will be stressed to all departments. Clerk and Recorder/Election Administrator inquired as to whether or not Granite would have someone available during the evening of the election.

Commissioner Moody attended an HRDC monthly meeting.

Commissioner Wallace attended an MTNRC meeting via Zoom.

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

All Commissioners are in.

A discussion was held on the lack of an HRDC person to serve Sweet Grass County. One option discussed was using one of our CHW people as they are already familiar with the services.

A discussion was held on the airport need to prepare a Request for Qualifications for an Airport Engineering Company, as the current contract expired a year ago and was extended due to the airport apron project.

Clerk and Recorder Curry came in with Resolution 02-21-2024 to appoint special counsel for an upcoming trial. Commissioner Roe moved to adopt Resolution 02-21-2024 as presented. Commissioner Wallace seconded and the motion carried with three ayes.

Commissioner Roe attended the Beartooth RC & D Executive Board meeting in Joliet.

**Thursday, February 22, 2024**

Clerk & Recorder Curry presented the resolution calling for the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission to do so, by placing it on the primary ballot per Article XI, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of Montana. Commissioner Roe moved to adopt Resolution 02-23-2024 as presented. Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion and it carried with three ayes.

All Commissioners attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting. Commissioner Moody stayed for the tabletop exercise on a hazardous materials situation.

The agenda was prepared and claims were reviewed and signed.

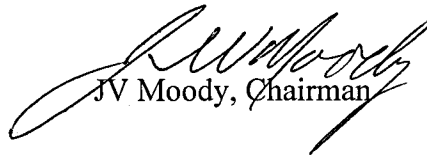
**Friday, February 23, 2024**

Commissioners Moody and Roe are in. Commissioner Wallace is at a South-Central Montana Mental Health Board meeting in Billings.

A discussion with Finance Officer Uehling was held to decide what should be in the informational packet sent out to the Salary Compensation Committee. A date was set to review the packet and send them out.

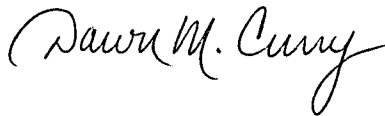
Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Dawn M. Curry

Board of County Commissioners

  
JV Moody, Chairman

Date Approved: April 8, 2024

Attest: Dawn M. Curry, Clerk





**RESOLUTION 02-21-2024**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT SPECIAL DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEYS**

Whereas, the Sweet Grass County Attorney has requested prosecutorial assistance in the case of *State v. Alfred Dale Grosfield*, Cause No. DC 22-8; and;

Whereas, it is desired and deemed appropriate that a special deputy county attorney be appointed to assist in the prosecution of the aforementioned case, and

Whereas, Mont. Code Ann. § 44-4-111 authorizes and contemplates that the training coordinator for county attorneys and the bureau chief of Prosecution Services Bureau (together with the deputies within said bureau) act as special counsel on request of the county attorney and upon the approval of the board of county commissioners, and

Whereas, Mont. Code Ann. § 2-15-501(6) authorizes the Attorney General to provide assistance to county attorneys in the discharge of his or her duties.

It Is Hereby Resolved:

That the attorneys assigned to the Prosecution Services Bureau of the Department of Justice are hereby appointed as special deputy county attorneys for Sweet Grass County for the purpose of assisting in the prosecution of the aforementioned case and that any of said deputies can fulfill the functions set out in Mont. Code Ann. § 44-4-103.

It is Further Resolved:

That under the terms of this agreement, no fee will be charged for attorney time provided by the Bureau. Assistance in such cases is provided without an hourly fee. Witness fees and expenses, jury costs, and other normal costs associated with trial will be the County's responsibility as with all other prosecutions.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2024.

Sweet Grass Board of County Commissioners

[Signature]  
Chairperson

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Commissioner

[Signature]  
Commissioner

Attest:

[Signature]  
Clerk

RESOLUTION 02-22-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF SWEET GRASS COUNTY MONTANA, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF CONDUCTING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW AND ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMISSION TO DO SO.

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 9, of the Constitution of the State of Montana requires that each unit of local government shall conduct an election once every ten years to determine whether the local government will undertake a local government review procedure; and

WHEREAS, 7-3-173(2) M.C.A. requires that the governing body shall call for an election, to be held on the primary election date, on the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission; and

WHEREAS, the Sweet Grass County Commission is the governing body of the County of Sweet Grass.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The County of Sweet Grass hereby calls for an election on the question of conducting a local government review and electing a study commission to be held at the primary election on June 4, 2024.
2. If the voters decide in favor of conducting a local government review, a study commission comprised of five members shall be elected at the general election of November 5, 2024.
3. Pursuant to 7-3-175, M.C.A. the question of conducting a local government review shall be submitted to the electors in substantially the following form:

Vote for one:

FOR the review of the government of Sweet Grass County and the establishment and funding, not to exceed \$66,544.67 (a 2 mill increase), of a local government study commission consisting of five members to examine the government of Sweet Grass County and submit recommendations on the government.

AGAINST the review of the government of Sweet Grass County and the establishment and funding, not to exceed \$66,544.67 (a 2 mill increase), of a local government study commission consisting of five members to examine the government of Sweet Grass County and submit recommendations on the government.

Passed and adopted by the County Commissioners of the County of Sweet Grass, Montana meeting at regular session held on the 22nd day of February, 2024.

Board of County Commissioners

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Chairperson

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

Attest:

*[Signature]*  
Clerk