

FEBRUARY 5 – FEBRUARY 9, 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)).

Monday, February 5, 2024

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

Commissioner Chairman Moody called the staff meeting to order at 9:30.

MSU Extension Agent King reported that he had been busy with: judging contests in Great Falls, Miles City and Lewistown; he participated in the Reimagining Rural Workshop; and he put on a steer feeding clinic. During the month of February he will be busy with rancher roundtable discussions.

Weed Supervisor Weston stated she was busy last month. She has been preparing for the Weed Summit and currently has over 100 registered participants. She also picked up the new sprayer tank for the quad.

Sheriff Ronneberg stated that he has another dispatcher that will be leaving and several of the deputies are looking for some advanced training. He will be approaching the area schools for some SRO funding as the COPs grant is winding down. He also presented the monthly statistics.

County Treasurer Rasnick stated her office was slow during the month of January. They are currently preparing for the re-billing of the taxes in March.

Superintendent of Schools Rech reported she had attended several accreditation schools via Zoom. She has been working on IEPs and doing some home school testing. There are also several "in-service" and regional meetings coming up. The County Spelling Bee is scheduled for February 23rd.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy stated that his office had been quiet in January. The Annex Generator had been delivered. He also stated we would be working on switching over to the new phone system.

Public Works Director Conner stated that he had been dealing with weather related issues, particularly the ice dams on Howie Road and the Upper Main Boulder Road. The crews had also been doing some burning at the fairgrounds and airport. He also inquired about the Interlocal Agreement between the City and County.

Commissioners reported on the various things they have been working on throughout the month of January. The New Year Resolutions, the update of the phone system, Senior Center, Fair Board, Airport, Conservation District, Beartooth RC&D and Mental Health meetings. The Boulder Bridge project east of town received \$300,000.00 from MDOT. The Conservation District and County are spearheading this project.

Commissioners Roe and Moody drove on the Old Boulder Road, Old Yellowstone Trail and Cow Creek Road.

Commissioner Roe attended an informational meeting with Jess Pederson of Western Skies to discuss the Passenger Rail Authority.

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

All Commissioners are in.

All Commissioners attended the phone training session presented by Nathan Little of Granite Technology. There was a second session at the annex and two in the afternoon at the Courthouse.

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

All Commissioners are in.

Commissioner Wallace attended the weed summit.

Granite Tech Nathan spent the day in and out of the offices checking to see how the phones were working and if everything was working as anticipated. He will also be checking tomorrow.

A local resident stopped in to invite the Commissioners to a candlelight vigil being held on February 15th to raise awareness on substance abuse.

Thursday, February 8, 2024

All Commissioners are in.

Commissioner Wallace attended a Zoom call to sign a contract for a MT NRC Executive Director.

Clerk & Recorder Curry came in to prepare next week's agenda.

Claims for the week were reviewed and signed.

Commissioner Roe went to the Courthouse to check on the phones.

Dusty Burns, USFS Road Supervisor for Custer Gallatin National Forest came in to visit about roads and frequency of maintenance. Forest Service Roads slated for maintenance this year are Iron Mountain, Derby Gulch, Big Timber Canyon, West Bridger, West Boulder and East Boulder.

Mountain Security came in to work on the election camera system.

Friday, February 9, 2024

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

County Planner Page Dringman came in to talk about the Pilot Community Tourism Grant Program as part of Community Economic Development.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dawn M. Curry

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Date Approved: April 8, 2024

Attest: Dawn M. Curry, Clerk

Board of County Commissioners

J. Moody
J. Moody, Chairman

