

APRIL 21, 2025 – APRIL 25, 2025
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, April 21, 2025

All Commissioners are in.

A local resident with experience in black-top applications called to talk about Melville Road and some possibilities to consider.

The Clerk of District Court called to discuss the purchase of a new printer for the court room. She also said that planning needed a new printer and she felt they could get a better deal if they purchased both of them at the same time.

The commission called Ryan Dahlke of MDOT to discuss if it would be possible to ask for an increase in the amount of the grant for the Bainter Bridge, as DCI had informed us of an approximate \$80,000.00 increase. He said to go ahead and send him an email outlining why we needed more funds and he would send it over to his strike team and let us know if we could qualify for more funds.

A resident stopped in to enquire about getting a cattleguard replaced on Donald Road, which is a class 4 road NW of Melville.

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Commissioners Moody and Roe are in. Commissioner Wallace is working with the road crew.

Financial Officer Uehling brought in copies of the budgets the Commission works on so that we may begin to put those numbers together. Budgets are due back to the Finance Officer on May 23, 2025.

A school board member from Greycliff had some questions about who plows at the school.

The Treasurer came in to talk about some questions that Opportunity Bank Management and the Big Timber Grade School Trustees had regarding the interest on their portion of the metal mines license tax revenues held by the school in their tax reserve account.

Commissioner Moody attended an HRDC board meeting in Billings.

Commissioner Wallace looked at the site of the Glasston/Orchard Road Triangle encroachment permit request.

Great West Engineering received two quotes for the construction of the bulb T bridge beams for the Flemming Bridge. Engineer Brandon Duffey recommended the commissioners go with the less expensive quote and allow him to get them ordered as soon as possible as this could delay the timing of construction for the rest of this season.

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Commissioners Moody and Roe are in. Commissioner Wallace is assisting the road crew.

Cory Claussen with DCI came in to discuss changes to the quote for the Bainter Bridge. DES/911 Coordinator Brophy came in to talk about emergency stuff.

Brandi Schweigert and Brandon Proue from Opportunity Bank came in to discuss Metal Mines license tax interest revenue for the Big Timber Grade School. Finance Officer Uehling, Treasurer Rasnick and the Commissioners were all present.

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Commissioners Moody and Wallace are in the office. Commissioner Roe is at an AREA II meeting in Roundup.

Clerk & Recorder Curry came in to prepare the agenda for the week of April 28 through May 2, 2025. This meeting was recorded.

Claims were reviewed and signed.

Commissioner Moody attended a fire cooperators meeting with DES/911 Coordinator Brophy and others.

Friday, April 25, 2025

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

Commissioner Chair Roe called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM for the purpose of reviewing the bids submitted for the bridge beams for the Flemming Bridge. Rinker Materials was the low bid at \$231,013.00. Knife River also presented a bid for \$335,888.00. Commissioner Moody moved to accept the low bid which was the engineer's recommendation. Commissioner Roe seconded and the motion carried with 2 ayes. Great West was instructed via email to go ahead and get the beams ordered so that we may have them by September. This meeting was recorded.

Planner Dringman came in to discuss her concerns about the Whitetail Acres Subdivision. They have not completed the conditions and the subdivision has not been finalized. She was going to have the county attorney write a cease-and-desist letter as they have been actively building on the site.

Commissioners Moody and Roe drove out to Lower Deer Creek to review the site where Triangle Communications wants to replace their fiber within the county ROW.

The Commissioners called Brandon Duffey at Great West to discuss whether or not they were of the opinion that we could get the Flemming Bridge started this year. He encouraged us to get the paperwork to him for the order to begin the shop drawings with Rinker and hopefully we will get some of the needed permits before too long.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dawn M. Curry

Board of County Commissioners

Melanie Roe

Melanie Roe, Chairperson

Date Approved: July 2, 2025

Attest: Dawn M. Curry, Clerk

Dawn M. Curry

