

MAY 19, 2025 – MAY 23, 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, May 19, 2025

All Commissioners are in.

Fire Chief Kris Novotny and Contractor Heath Nation came in to discuss the Melville Fire Hall and the need for structural engineering due to the fact the new building will be designated as a Class 4 fire building and therefore will need an engineer's stamp. They discussed what the options looked like and how to include these additional costs.

The Commission also asked Kris Novotny about the lack of a street light at 5th and Mcleod next to the crosswalks and sidewalks that connect both the high school and the grade school.

Granite Technology stopped in with the new laptops for the Commissioners as the old ones were becoming obsolete with no software update available.

MACo Insurance provider Hope Barker and Josh Boka from Mountainview Insurance came in to discuss the property casualty insurance and the reasoning behind the increases.

Commissioner Wallace attended a PMC finance board meeting.

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Commissioners Moody and Roe are in.

Commissioner Roe attended a Senior Center Board meeting. The Senior Center has received their new bus from the Montana DOT. They are currently looking for a new storage facility as Search and Rescue has a need for the space in the "Bat Cave".

Heather McDowell from Sibanye Stillwater Mining came in to give us an update on the mine and some of the concerns going forward the company has. These things included a need to have SSMC be designated as a supplier of critical minerals under the Department of Defense, as well as the tax designation on minerals.

Clerk & Recorder Curry came in to inquire about a Doc-U Sign agreement for a change order with MDOT on the Bainter Bridge.

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Commissioners Moody and Roe are in.

The Mental/Community Health Worker stopped in to let us know he was resigning to take another position.

The Senior Center/Hospitality House sent an email requesting that the Commission designate Julie Sanders and Audrene Kunda as the Area II Representatives.

Commissioner Roe is unable to serve as one of the appointees because she is currently on the Area II Executive Board.

Commissioner Chairman Roe called the Commission to order at 2:06 PM for the purpose of appointing the Area II representatives. Commissioner Moody moved that we accept the recommendation of the Hospitality House and appoint Audrene Kunda and Julie Sanders to the Area II Advisory Board for the current year. Commissioner Roe seconded and the motion carried. The paperwork was filled out and submitted to Area II. The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 PM. This meeting was recorded.

The Commission discussed the possibility of offering and paying for dental and vision insurance to those employees who currently do not have medical health insurance through the county.

Don Bedard with Travis West Engineering returned Commissioner Moody's call regarding surveying at the intersection of the McLeod Bridge and the county road through the town of McLeod.

Thursday, May 22, 2025

All Commissioners are in.

Financial Officer Uehling, Treasurer Char Rasnick, along with the Commissioners present to go over the Cash meeting through the month of April 2025.

Commissioner Chair Roe called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM, finances were discussed in detail by department including any budget over runs or budgets under significantly.

Commissioner Moody moved to accept journal entries 560 through 897, not all inclusive. Commissioner Wallace seconded and the motion carried with three ayes.

Commissioner Moody moved to accept the securities report for the quarter ending March 31, 2025. Commissioner Wallace seconded and the motion carried with three ayes.

The cash meeting was adjourned at 10:44 AM. This meeting was recorded.

The Commission was called back into order at 11:01 AM to prepare the agenda for the week of May 26 through May 30. The Commissioners prepared and posted the agenda.

Friday, May 23, 2025

Commissioners Moody and Roe are in.

The Metal Mines Licensing tax payment was received.

The meeting with Zack Waterman of American Rivers was rescheduled for later in June due to multiple conflicts in the Commission schedule.

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

