

AUGUST 11, 2025 – AUGUST 15, 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)).**

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**Monday, August 11, 2025**

Commissioner Roe is in the office.

The county received notice that it would be receiving more opioid settlement money. It would be approximately \$2,872.00.

Road Supervisor Schuman advised that Swamp Creek Road and Lower Sweet Grass would be graveled and graded during the week.

Superintendent of Schools Metcalf and several folks came in to visit about the McLeod School issues and what some possible options might be.

**Tuesday, August 12, 2025**

All Commissioners are in.

Financial Officer Uehling, Clerk & Recorder Curry were both present. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM for the final cash meeting of 2024/2025. The budget resolutions to fix funds that were “in the hole” were presented. These resolutions allow the financial officer to “borrow” funds from PILT to make each fund whole for the end of the year. The funds are then paid back at the beginning of the next fiscal year (2025/2026). These funds include things such as grants where the dollars must be expended prior to being reimbursed, resulting in funds being overspent.

Commissioner Moody moved to adopt resolutions 08-12-2025 A – J, excluding B and J as these needed some additional verbiage. The motion was seconded and carried with 3 ayes. The Resolutions are attached to these minutes. This meeting was recessed to allow the recording to be reset.

The meeting was called back to order at 10:14. Commissioner Moody moved to approve the pledged security report as presented. Commissioner Wallace seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes.

Commissioner Moody moved to accept Journal Entries 898-1215, not all inclusive. Commissioner Wallace seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes. The meeting was recessed at 11:00 AM and the recording was ended.

The meeting was called back to order at 1:31 PM. Commissioner Moody moved to approve Resolutions 08-12-2025B and 08-12-2025J. Commissioner Wallace seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes. These resolutions are attached to the end of these minutes. This meeting was adjourned. This meeting was recorded.

Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks Mike Ruggles and Chris Phillips came in to visit about HB 648 as it pertained to notice on the relocation of both black and grizzly bears and the requirement to communicate with the commission and how to do it best, via phone call, text or email.

### **Wednesday, August 13, 2025**

All Commissioners are in.

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM for the purpose of reviewing a road encroachment permit. Road Supervisor Schuman was present. Commissioner Wallace moved to accept the preliminary encroachment permit for Faucher on Lower Deer Creek Road. This will be an access to the county road with a wire gate. There were no conditions. The motion was seconded and carried with 3 ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 AM. This meeting was recorded.

The Flemming Bridge Pre-Construction meeting was held.

The Commission called Forest Ranger Zach Fisher to enquire as to the status of the temporary construction permit. No one answered.

Superintendent of Schools Metcalf came in to discuss the McLeod School and some of the challenges.

Lauren Oswald, with the Forest Service, returned the phone call to say they were close with the Flemming Bridge agreements and should have something soon.

### **Thursday, August 14, 2025**

All Commissioners are in.

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 AM. Clerk & Recorder Curry was in to prepare the agenda for the week of August 18<sup>th</sup> through August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Commissioner Moody moved to approve the minutes from June and July, 2025 with corrections. The motion was seconded and carried with 3 ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 AM. This meeting was recorded.

Clerk & Recorder wondered if we could get together with the Planning Office and come up with some type of cover sheet/checklist for subdivision completion and order of recording.

She also wondered if we were required to read the minutes aloud or if we could read them prior to our meeting, make corrections and then approve them without reading them aloud.

Claims for the week were reviewed and signed.

### **Friday, August 15, 2025**

Commissioners Moody and Roe are in.

Commissioners Moody and Roe listened to MACo and the Department of Revenue zoom meeting on Tax Reform 2025.

Commission asked Co. Ext Admin to update the webpage to reflect possible delays at the Flemming Bridge construction project on the Main Boulder Road.

Checks for the week were signed.

Superintendent of Schools Metcalf and several families from McLeod School came in to discuss issues and possible solutions at the McLeod School.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Dawn M. Curry

Board of County Commissioners

*Melanie Roe*  
Melanie Roe, Chairperson

Date Approved: September 29, 2025

Attest: Dawn M. Curry, Clerk

*Dawn M. Curry*

