

AUGUST 4, 2025 – AUGUST 8, 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, August 4, 2025

All commissioners are in.

The Department Head Meeting for the month was called to order at 9:32 AM.

County Attorney Pat Dringman said he had his convention this past month with a legislative update, the Walla sentencing review is on Thursday and he has several trials coming up.

Finance Officer Vicki Uehling has been working steadily on budgets and just got numbers from the Department of Revenue.

Justice of the Peace Jessie Connolly reported on her June and July numbers which rose a little. She has had consistent orders of protection. She has attended meetings for budgets and the mental health advisory board. The State IT crew is coming today to work on their computers. She has two MMA meetings coming.

Sheriff Alan Ronneberg reported on his complaints and tickets numbers, which he said were average. He had a few fireworks complaints over the July 4th holiday, but no major incidents. He was asked to go to DC with several Senators and Core Data (they do infrastructure for rehab) to talk about Catalyst and the Angel Initiative (where they can ask for help and get treatment and no charges will be filed.) He has had 4 so far. He has also been working on the state and federal campaign to reclassify dispatchers as first responders, that would also move them from PERS to SRS. They had one assault incident over Boat Float weekend.

DES/911 Coordinator Cliff Brophy said there have been no disasters which is good. He anticipates some fires in August. He has worked on upgrading the emergency operations plan.

Clerk & Recorder Dawn Curry has been working on the transition from the old fiscal year to the new fiscal year for AP and payroll. Granite installed the new Sentinel One antivirus on the annex computers that she had received a grant for. She reviewed how to do a credit card sheet and claims, and asked everyone to be sure to fill them out completely for the sake of her new employee, replacing Julie Dodge after her retirement.

Road Supervisor Chuck Schuman said they have been working on Bainter and Flemming bridges, will do maintenance gravel and will grade when they can.

Commissioner Bill Wallace said he has been working with the road department and on budgets.

Commissioner JV Moody said they've been busy with budgets. They talked to the Chamber of Commerce about their funding, had several public health meetings, several surveys, LEPC meeting, encroachment meetings, Flemming Bridge, a Forest Service meeting, McLeod School meeting, and are talking to a structural engineer for the courthouse elevator project to see if it's feasible and getting numbers on a new prefab building. One August 18th they will be tearing down the bleachers at the Fairgrounds and the new ones are coming.

Commissioner Melanie Roe said she had worked a lot on budgets and the legislative changes and trying to figure out how those changes would affect our county. They also had a meeting with Park County on the roads up the Boulder and the McLeod School meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:04 AM. This meeting was recorded.

Financial Officer Uehling came in to discuss payroll changes to the budgets and the receipt of the taxable values. The general county mill is 27,54.353, a decrease of 3,139.01 from the previous year.

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

All commissioners are in.

Financial Officer Uehling came in to discuss the decrease in the value of the mill and its potential impact on the fiscal year 25/26 budget.

A discussion was held on the development of a Port Authority that would involve both the city and the county. Pros and cons were discussed.

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

All commissioners are in.

Financial Officer Uehling came in and a portion of the budget was worked through.

Commissioner Roe wrote a letter of support for the RCDI grant.

Thursday, August 7, 2025

All commissioners are in.

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 AM for the purpose of preparing the agenda for the week of August 11th through the 15th. Clerk & Recorder Curry was present. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 AM. This meeting was recorded.

Commissioner Moody filled out the annual NOTAM paperwork required for the airport.

Financial Officer Uehling came in and the commission worked on the voted levies and a discussion was held on which of the resolutions suggested by the state would work the best for us.

Claims were reviewed and signed.

Commissioner Moody attended a fair board meeting.

Friday, August 8, 2025

Commissioners Moody and Roe are in the office.

The checks were reviewed and signed.

The commission updated the Mountain Fire Alarm System contact information.

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

