

OCTOBER 6 – 10, 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, October 6, 2025

All Commissioners are in.

The Department Head Meeting was called to order at 9:33 am.

County Attorney Pat Dringman is going to his winter convention in November. He has received several legislative updates on laws that changed that affect his office. There are several trials set in the next few weeks.

Clerk of District Court Barb Swanson is going to a school today. They got the windows and carpets cleaned at the courthouse and got AC and heating units installed. She has been reimbursed for the LaRue trial and their computers were replaced at the end of August. She had 13 new cases and 328 filings.

County Planner Page Dringman said there are a couple of subdivisions that are proceeding to final plat approval. The DOC is coming tomorrow to look at the tourism grant projects. She has two MLR conservation easements to review.

Weed/Safety Supervisor Connie Weston is back from vacation. Everything has been winterized and she is doing some fall spraying. She has finished the RAC reports and is setting a date for the weed summit in April.

Finance Officer Vicki Uehling is working on the extensive audit list in preparation for next month's audit and some end of year matters. She reiterated the importance of turning in credit card claims.

DES/911 Coordinator Cliff Brophy said they had done maintenance to the generators and fixed the siren which will now go off at noon on Wednesdays. Otherwise, it will be used as a code red notice.

Justice Court Judge Jessie Connolly reported on her new and pending case numbers, which are slightly down. She went to judge school 2 weeks ago as did her clerks. She is working on their 2026 certification curriculum. OPD is not getting better. She met with MHP Sgt. Lacie Wickum and the Sheriff about Program 24/7. There is a social work management person that helps some people.

Road Supervisor Chuck Schuman has been doing maintenance, has been doing some dura patching on Melville Road and hired a new employee. The Bainter Bridge is on hold.

Clerk and Recorder Dawn Curry has been training her two new employees and has been starting to get ready to send out ballots for the city election.

Commissioner JV Moody said the commissioners have worked on issues with the parking lot at McLeod School, a structural engineer came to the courthouse, and they were waiting on a permit for the fairgrounds bleachers but the first half of the concrete is poured. They had a meeting on bridges in Park County, and meetings for the LEPC and DUI task force. They appointed a representative for the rail authority, have been working on the new Flemming Bridge and are working on a new fueling station for the airport.

Commissioner Bill Wallace went to a MACo conference, a Bridgemont meeting, a weed board meeting and has been helping the road crew.

Commissioner Melanie Roe said the senior center wants to build a building to put their new bus in, they approved the budget and waded through a lot of bureaucracy with the airport and the Forest Service.

The next meeting on November 6th will also have a safety meeting.

It was suggested that the policy committee should look into an AI policy as that will be a big thing soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 am.

Josh Sommer, Great West Engineer for the airport, called to discuss the Categorical Exclusion being requested for the addition of the airport fueling system which is a partnership between the County and the Fixed Base Operator. The FAA has several concerns regarding the placement of the new system and the Airport Layout Plan.

The Commission requested the help of a local resident to remove some beavers that are damaging a county road north of town.

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

All Commissioners are in.

The City/County Quarterly Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. The city discussed their struggle with trying to find a new building or replace the old city hall. They are currently waiting on a second opinion regarding the structural soundness of their current building. The need for a streetlight at the intersection of 5th and McLeod near the crosswalk for the schools was also discussed. It was also mentioned that it might be helpful to have another cooperative emergency meeting. Commissioner Moody said he would help organize it and the LEPC should assist. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am.

Commissioner Roe attended a Crazy Mountain collective meeting with the Department of Commerce.

Commissioners Moody and Wallace are working with the engineer on the fueling system.

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Commissioners Moody and Roe are in the office.

The quarterly airport board meeting was held.

Thursday, October 9, 2025

All Commissioners are in.

The commission was called to order at 9:28 am. Clerk & Recorder Curry was in to prepare the agenda for the week of October 13th through October 17th, 2025. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 am. This meeting was recorded.

A local resident called to complain about the removal of the beaver dam on Cremer Road. She requested a meeting.

The claims for the week were reviewed and signed.

The Airport Engineer called to say that we are good to go on the environmental paperwork for the airport fueling station.

We received an encroachment permit application for Little Timber Creek Ranch.

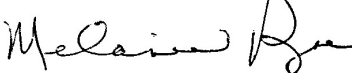
Friday, October 10, 2025

Commissioners Moody and Roe are in.

Checks were reviewed and signed.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dawn M. Curry

Board of County Commissioners


Melanie Roe, Chairperson

Date Approved: December 5, 2025

Attest: Dawn M. Curry, Clerk

