

NOVEMBER 3 – 7, 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, November 3, 2025

All commissioners are in.

The truck bids for the 2008 Ford F-150 (Weed Department) were opened. The high bid for \$10,501.00 was received from Wayne Pollari and he was awarded the pickup. The other bids ranged from \$2,626.00 to \$6,066.00.

The county received an Open Cut Permit release from MT DEQ for an old shale pit the county had opened many years ago on property that belonged to the Arneson Ranch and now belongs to Suzanne Wilson.

The Department Head meeting was called to order by Chairman Roe at 9:30 AM.

Extension Agent Marc King reported that November will be busy. He will be gone next week to the National 4-H convention, will have 4H interviews and the Stockgrowers dinner is on November 21st.

Weed Supervisor/Safety Coordinator Connie Weston sprayed some year-end Dyer's Woad and has taken some online classes. She has winterized everything and turned off the water. She got a new truck and sold the old one by bid.

Treasurer Char Rasnick reported that the new tax bills have been sent, payments are starting to come in and everything seems to be going well.

Financial Officer Vicki Uehling went to finance officer training and is preparing for the auditor who will be here on November 17th. She has already sent him a lot of preparatory documentation.

Clerk of District Court Barb Swanson had school in October and said new changes regarding juries would be starting May 1, 2026. She assisted Park County with a large jury trial. She had 15 new cases and 255 filings, which is average.

DES/911 Coordinator Cliff Brophy has a conference this week and continues to prepare for any disaster mitigation.

Clerk & Recorder Dawn Curry reported that she has been training her new employees. The city election ends tomorrow, and voter turnout seems to be low so far. Her office is also preparing for year-end matters.

Sheriff Alan Ronneberg reported on his numbers with complaints being down slightly. The State is deploying the Taser 10 and he went through an instructor course on it. Craig Snodgrass retired as bailiff and his son Jim Snodgrass is taking over. The State of Mind program is coming tomorrow.

Justice of the Peace Jessie Connolly reported on her case numbers and also processed some old warrants. She attended a Bridgemont meeting.

Commissioner JV Moody said they have been busy with Flemming Bridge challenges, plans for the new airport fueling station and the grandstands. He also attended meetings for HRDC, the public health nurse, and a Caithness Wind meeting.

Commissioner Bill Wallace reported taking motor grader training in Harlo and has been with the road crew working on several county roads.

Commissioner Melanie Roe said they had also had several encroachment permits to review and that the senior center would like to put a bus storage building on a lot near the courthouse. She has also been working on issues with the loss of our Sanitarian Contract with Park County and the retirement of the Cemetery, Annex and Courthouse caretaker, Darrel Elgen.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 am. This meeting was recorded.

Kevin Babcock gave a safety committee presentation in conjunction with Montana State Fund for the Department Heads

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

All Commissioners are in.

Chairman Roe called the commission to order at 11:00 am to discuss the Public Health Nurse position. Ian Peterson and Heidi, the head of nursing, from the Pioneer Medical Center were present for the discussion. The county agreed to increase their contribution to the PMC. The new amount is \$58,222.00. This amount is based on the shortfall outlined by the PMC who currently employs the public health nurse. Taking into consideration grants and services that are billed for, this amount may decrease. The PHN is actively seeking additional grants which could further reduce this amount. The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 am. This meeting was recorded.

The Army Corps of Engineers and the US Forest Service are discussing the MOU on mitigation for the Flemming Bridge. Apparently, the tribes want input. It appears that mitigation will be signage. The language will be determined by the USFS.

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Commissioners Moody and Roe are in the office. Commissioner Wallace is with the road crew on South Shawmut.

Chairman Roe called the meeting to order at 10:02 am for the purpose of reviewing the Encroachment Permit submitted by Engineering West – Jeremy Eaton. These approaches/encroachments on county property, are already in place, but lack the appropriate permits. The Road Supervisor and Commissioner Wallace had gone out to look previously and things looked good. Commissioner Moody moved to approve permit #11-05-2025A. Commissioner Roe seconded and the motion carried with two ayes. This meeting was recorded.

A local resident from out north inquired about installing a cattle guard on Donald Road. He would like to put in a “pipe” type as these are easier on livestock should they fall through. The county has previously required tubular steel.

A local resident called to inquire as to whether or not the county would sell gravel from the Miller Pit to Park County.

Thursday, November 6, 2025

Commissioners Moody and Roe are in.

The Commission was called to order at 10:58 am with Clerk and Recorder Curry to prepare the agenda for the week of November 10 – 14. The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am. This meeting was recorded.

A local resident called to inquire about rules regarding burning in the county.

The Chamber of Commerce president called to see if we could get together and discuss the chamber of commerce, county expectations and funding economic development.

Claims for the week were reviewed and signed.

The Public Health Nurse stopped in to let the commission know that she thought she had received another \$10,000.00 grant. This would help offset what the county agreed to pay the PMC towards her position.

A local resident who lives on Howie Road stopped in to say thank you for widening the road.

Spencer with TCA group called to let the Commission know they were able to get the beams set at Flemming Bridge.

Friday, November 7, 2025

Commissioners Moody and Roe are in.

A local resident stopped in to discuss his concerns with the Sanitarian and their discussions about his incinerator. Commissioner Moody called Senator Esp regarding the State's position on incinerators and their use.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dawn M. Curry

Board of County Commissioners
William Wallace

William Wallace, Chairperson

Date Approved: January 8, 2026.

Attest: Dawn M. Curry, Clerk

Dawn M. Curry

