

JANUARY 5, 2026 – JANUARY 9, 2026
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, January 5, 2026

Commissioners Roe and Moody are in the office.

Commissioner Vice Chair Moody called the Department Head meeting to order at 9:29 am.

County Attorney Pat Dringman said December had been busy with two trials. He also went to his winter convention and got an amended complaint on Microwave Road.

County Planner Page Dringman said several COS's were reviewed and filed in December, they've been working on maps and 9-1-1 addressing, the Dept. of Commerce grant and she will be attending a Port Authority meeting tonight.

Weed/Safety Coordinator Connie Weston reported that her BLM and FWP reports are done.

Sheriff Alan Ronneberg reported on his numbers for the year. Complaints are slightly up over last year, but opened cases are down. They got a new pickup for the undersheriff, one deputy's engine was replaced and another one needs it. He also ordered a new truck for himself which will arrive in June.

Justice of the Peace Jessie Connolly reported on her case numbers. She has a pending jury trial and has had an increase in small claims. She is handling a case for Park County and has been attending judge association meetings.

DES/911 Coordinator Cliff Brophy said there have been no disasters. They were able to get the courthouse generator working with a new starter.

Clerk & Recorder Dawn Curry said her office has wrapped up the municipal election in November with average turnout. They are working on yearend matters like 1099s, W-2s and overtime reporting. They have also been doing election training.

Commissioner Melanie Roe said they had hired a sanitarian and a new cemetery/maintenance person. The Commission has been working with the Crazy Mountain Collective as they discuss the pros and cons of a Port Authority, PMC issues, the fueling station at the airport, new cameras because of federal requirements, and the Flemming Bridge. Puget Sound reported that they are pushing their potential wind development to 2027.

Commissioner JV Moody said they had also met with Sibanye Stillwater Mining Company to get an update and had had several meetings on the new courthouse building. He attended the LEPC meeting. They are considering a new gate at the airport and CPS had finally come and moved their files etc. out of the annex.

This meeting was adjourned at 10:00. This meeting was recorded.

A local resident stopped in to ask about the mural honoring emergency responders at the courthouse that was supposed to be lit at night.

A local resident stopped in to inquire about Feather Bed Road, and some drainage work he would like to see done.

Commissioner Roe, along with a few members of the Crazy Mountain Collective, attended a City Council meeting to discuss the benefits of using the Port Authority “model” to house economic development.

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Commissioners Moody and Roe are in.

A meeting between Spry Consulting, the County Attorney and the Commission is being scheduled.

A fire was reported on the Main Boulder near the Natural Bridge Ranch.

Commissioner Moody called Walt with MDOT to ask about the bridge over Big Timber Creek on Howie Road.

Commissioner Moody spent time trying to resolve the Sheriff’s Office issue with the Verizon phone bill.

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Commissioners Moody and Roe are in.

Pye-Barker (formerly Mountain Alarm) is here changing out the cameras to comply with some of the federal grant requirements.

Williams Investigations served the County Commissioners with a complaint regarding the previous Melville teachers – Plaggemeyer and Galen.

Vice Chair Moody called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm for the purpose of adjusting the incorrect number previously used in Resolution 01-02-2026C for IRS mileage reimbursement. The correct amount should have been .725 instead of .68.

Commissioner Roe moved to adopt Resolution 01-07-2026 to adjust the amount of mileage reimbursement to .725. Commissioner Moody seconded and the motion carried with 2 ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 pm. This meeting was recorded.

Clerk & Recorder/Election Administrator Curry came in to visit about the petition for School Unification that is being circulated throughout School District 1.

The Commission received a letter of resignation from Superintendent of Schools Susan Metcalf.

Thursday, January 8, 2026

Commissioners Moody and Roe are in.

Vice Chair Moody called the commission into order at 9:31 am. Clerk & Recorder Curry is in to prepare the agenda for the week of January 12th through January 16th, 2026. The minutes from November 3rd through November 28th had been sent out previously for review and editing. Commissioner Roe moved to approve the minutes with minor corrections. Commissioner Moody seconded and the motion carried with 2 ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 am. This meeting was recorded.

A local resident came in to complain about truck and construction traffic on North Yellowstone Trail.

Safety Coordinator Weston stopped in to remind us to set up a quarterly safety meeting.

Claims for the week were reviewed and signed. Checks were stamped.

Commissioner Roe attended a Conservation District meeting.

Friday, January 9, 2026

Commissioners Moody and Roe are in.

The proposed Sanitarian contract was reviewed with the County Attorney and Megan Spry with Spry Consulting. A few minor revisions of the proposal were made.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dawn M. Curry

Board of County Commissioners

William Wallace

William Wallace, Chairperson

Date Approved: 2-23, 2026.

Attest: Dawn M. Curry, Clerk

Dawn M. Curry



RESOLUTION 01-07-2026

CORRECTING RESOLUTION 01-02-2026-C

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2026 HOLIDAYS, MILEAGE AND LODGING
FOR SWEET GRASS COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Whereas, MCA § 1-1-216 establishes legal holidays in the state of Montana.

- New Year's Day, January 1
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 19
- President's Day, February 16
- Memorial Day, May 25
- Independence Day, July 3
- Labor Day, September 7
- Columbus Day, October 12
- Federal Election Day, November 3
- Veterans' Day, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day, November 26
- Christmas Day, December 25

WHEREAS, per 2-18-501, M.C.A. all elected officials, appointed members of boards, commissioners, department heads, and all other county employees must be reimbursed for travel and lodging while away from the person's designated headquarters and engaged in official county business, and

WHEREAS, all travel and lodging must be authorized and approved by county department heads or the Board of County Commissioners prior to the event, and

WHEREAS, all requests for mileage and lodging must be accompanied by receipts and or a mileage log and an agenda for the meeting or proof of registration for a conference prior to the claim being paid.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 1, 2026, the reimbursement rate for mileage is \$0.725 per mile. The State rate for lodging is \$110.00 plus tax per night. If the conference or event that the employee is attending is at an establishment that charges a higher rate the county will reimburse at the higher rate if a receipt and copy of the registration and the agenda for the event accompanies the claim.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2026.

Board of County Commissioners

[Signature] (ACTING CHAIR)
Chairperson

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Commissioner

Commissioner

Attest:

[Signature]
Clerk



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SWEET GRASS COUNTY Filed 1/7/2026 At 2:25 PM

Dawn M. Curry, Clk & Rcdr By *[Signature]*