



MARCH 23 – 27, 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, March 23, 2026

Commissioners Wallace and Roe are in the office.

MT FW&P biologist sent an email asking the length of the Upper Deer Creek Bridge. Commissioner Wallace confirmed it was 65 feet long.

Josh Sommer and Kraig McLeod, engineers from Great West Engineering, came in to conduct the Pre-bid Construction Conference for the airport crack sealing and gate project at the airport. This project is scheduled to be bid on April 1st, 2026, at 2:00 PM. There were several interested bidders present and one video conference prospective bidder.

Austin Anderson with Collaborative Design called to discuss the outline of the proposal he sent over for review.

The former Reed Point Cemetery caretaker asked whose responsibility it would be to repair some of the fencing as she had noticed that the neighboring horses must be getting into the cemetery.

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Commissioners Roe and Wallace are in the office.

Park County Grant Writer Kristen Galbraith requested another letter of support for the Upper Main Boulder Bridge Project.

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Commissioners Roe and Wallace are in the office.

Commissioner Moody zoomed in from home. Commissioner Moody stated that the local residents who had put signs up at the Flemming Bridge wanted their signs back. He informed them that they can go and get them at their convenience.

Commissioner Chairman Wallace called the Salary Compensation Committee meeting to order at 10:01 am. All Commissioners were present, as were the rest of the appointed and required members. Members include – County Attorney Pat Dringman, District Clerk of Court Barb Swanson, Joyce Stephens – public member at large, County Treasurer Char Rasnick, Mary Gregorich – public member at large, Denise Winjum – public member at large, and Clerk & Recorder Dawn Curry.

Commissioner Roe moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on April 2, 2025. Denise Winjum seconded and the motion carried.

Financial Officer Uehling reviewed the packet of information she had sent out prior to the meeting and asked for questions. Ms. Winjum discussed her review of the documents and also that she had reviewed the county's financial audit from last year. She appreciated that the county is very financially healthy and stable. She recommended that we add a brief summary of the audit to next year's packet of information.

More discussion ensued on the merits of giving raises to help retain employees and to recruit new ones. Concerns were raised over the volatility of taxable values, some uncertainty around Stillwater Mine and some of the changes that had occurred in the legislature that affect taxes. There is also uncertainty over the cost of health insurance for next year as we have not been able to get a quote yet.

County Attorney Dringman moved to use the CPI from 2025 (2.6%) to increase the elected officials' salaries for the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2027. Ms. Stephens seconded and the motion carried, with all three Commissioners voting aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am. This meeting was recorded.

Commissioner Chairman Wallace called the meeting to order at 1:25 pm. Clerk & Recorder Curry was present to go over the internal review of the minutes from February. There were no substantive changes. Commissioner Roe moved to approve the minutes from February 2nd through February 27th with minor corrections. Commissioner Wallace seconded and the motion carried with two ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 pm. This meeting was recorded.

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Commissioners Wallace and Roe are in. Commissioner Moody is working from home.

Commission Chair Wallace called the Commission to order at 9:33 am. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Young was in to prepare the agenda for the week of March 30th through April 3rd, 2026. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 am. This meeting was recorded.

The claims for the week were reviewed and signed. The checks were also signed.

Commissioner Roe attended the LEPC meeting at the ambulance station.

Friday, March 27, 2026

Commissioner Roe is in the office. Commissioner Wallace is attending a Bridgmont meeting in Billings.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dawn M. Curry

Board of County Commissioners

William Wallace

William Wallace, Chairperson

Date Approved: 21 APRIL, 2026.

Attest: Dawn M. Curry, Clerk

Dawn M. Curry

