FEBRUARY 2016

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. Regular commissioner meeting days are the first working day of each week (usually Monday unless Monday is a holiday then Tuesday) and every Thursday during the month. These are the days to schedule issues that require the commissioner to take action. 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.

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**Acronyms**

BC – Billings Clinic

DES – Disaster and Emergency Services

CCR – Coordinated Community Response

FLAP – Federal Lands Access Program

IC – Incident Command

L.E.P.C. – Local Emergency Preparedness

MACo – Montana Association of Counties

MDT – Montana Department of Transportation

MOU – Memorandum of Understanding

PMC – Pioneer Medical Center

RC&D – Rural Conservation and Development

RFR – request for reimbursement.

TSEP – Treasure State Endowment Program – provides matching grant funds to local government agencies for construction of infrastructure projects.

Tyler Technology – CSA sold to Tyler – the company that Sweet Grass County contracts with for all of our financial software.

Monday, February 1, 2016

Commissioner Faw is in today and Commissioner Wallace and Mosness are in Great Falls for MACo mid-winter conference.

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Commissioner Faw is in today and Commissioner Wallace and Mosness are in Great Falls for MACo mid-winter conference.

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Commissioner Faw is in today and Commissioner Wallace and Mosness are in Great Falls for MACo mid-winter conference.

Thursday, February 4, 2016

Commissioner Wallace is in the office today, Commissioner Mosness is finishing up in Great Falls and Commissioner Faw has doctor appointment. Commissioner Wallace and Clerk and Recorder Pederson reviewed and stamped payroll checks. Commissioner Wallace attended an Airport Board meeting.

Friday, February 5, 2016

All Commissioners are in today. County claims were signed and PMC claims were also processed.

Monday, February 8, 2016

All Commissioners are in today. Glen Berg was in talking about how well the roads were plowed after the last snow storm.

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

All Commissioners are in today. Public Works Director Conner was in along with County Attorney Dringman to discuss the overhead structure on Featherbed Road. We will have a meeting with the County and the owners.

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Commissioner Faw and Mosness are in today and Commissioner Wallace is in Bozeman for the Custer/Gallatin working group meeting.

Thursday, February 11, 2016

All Commissioners are in today. Claims for the week were reviewed and signed. Planner Dringman came in with a request for a family transfer, also present was Marty Wolfe. Some questions arose on how quickly this would be sold and Marty was asked to gather additional information and we will decide if it moves forward or the property will have to go through subdivision. Millie Woolley came in representing Big Timber Women’s Club to let us know that the next community project will be the restrooms at the fairgrounds. Dan Rostad, Chad Raisland, Mark Thompson and Brian Finnan with Sweet Grass Conservation District came in to let us know about the 595 program money that will have $400,000 for the Greycliff Bank Stabilization project. This came about with the help of Senator Tester’s office. They are also looking for a cost share for additional grant writing. Beartooth RC & D came in for an update and to sign the MOU for the upcoming year. Present were Earl Atwood, Dick Rath, Joel Bertolino and Page Dringman.

Friday, February 12, 2016

Commissioner Wallace and Mosness are in the office today.

Monday, February 15, 2016

President’s Day

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

All Commissioners are in today. Wanda Rouwhorst came in to sign the contract for cleaning at the courthouse. Commissioner Mosness moved to approve and Commissioner Faw seconded it passed with 3 ayes. PMC claims were reviewed and signed by Commissioner Wallace and Clerk and Recorder Pederson.

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

All Commissioners are in today. A cash meeting was held, present were Vicki, Jane Stene and Vera Pederson and Big Timber City Councilman Justin Ferguson stopped by. Journal entries were reviewed and approved as were pledged securities. In the afternoon, Commissioner Mosness drove county roads including Dry Creek, Lower Sweet Grass, Rapelje and Stephens Hill road.

Thursday, February 18, 2016

All Commissioners are in today. Claims for the week were signed and the county payroll was also reviewed and stamped by Commissioner Wallace and Clerk and Recorder Pederson.

Friday, February 19, 2016

Commissioner Wallace and Mosness were in today.

Monday, February 22, 2016

All Commissioners are in today. A conference call was held with Erin McCready on the PMC/BC affiliation and lease language. Also discussed was the refinancing of the bonds. Present were County Attorney Dringman, Finance Officer Uehling and MacKenzie Reiss from the Big Timber Pioneer. Commissioner Mosness attended the PMC Board meeting later in the day.

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

All Commissioners are in today. The agreement with the Tri-County Victim/Witness program was signed. Present were Stillwater County Sheriff Cliff Brophy, Manda Brownry and Volunteer Coordinator Emma Schmeltel to answer any questions we had about the program. Commissioner Mosness moved and Commissioner Faw seconded this it passed with 3 ayes. BTVFD Chris Novotny came in to update us on fire department issues, they will also be looking for a new administrative assistant since Chelsie Johnston has given her notice. Commissioner Mosness was in Billing for HRDC meeting that afternoon.

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Commissioner Mosness and Faw are in today and Commissioner Wallace is out. Claims for the week were reviewed and correspondence was caught up.

Thursday, February 25, 2016

All Commissioners are in this morning. After lunch a meeting was held to discuss property owned by Larry Rostad in Big Timber that the taxes had not been paid on it since 2003. Present were Mary Lair, Helen Stevenson and Treasurer Stene. A decision was made to have them pay 2013, 2014, and 2015 and abate the previous years. A motion was made by Commissioner Faw and seconded by Commissioner Wallace it passed with 3 ayes. A conference call was held concerning liability insurance on the PMC complex after it is taken over from the County to PMC 501C3. Present were Vicki, Julie Schmidt from Key Insurance and Pat Dringman; with Brian Hopkins, Greg Jackson, Erin McCready and Shannon Holtzer on the phone.

Friday, February 26, 2016

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today and Commissioner Mosness is in Columbus for a meeting of the Southern Montana Resource Advisory Committee.

Monday, February 29, 2016

All Commissioners are in today. Sheriff Tronrud came in for an update on the standoff on Stephen’s Hill road on Saturday. We also passed resolution 02-29-2016 to combine the coroner’s office with the sheriff. This will be noticed and a public hearing held 3/18/2016. Commissioner Mosness moved to accept and Commissioner Faw seconded this and it passed with 3 ayes. Lindsey Kroskob from the Big Timber Pioneer was also present. Later in the day all Commissioners attended the USFS Forest Plan Revision kick off meeting at the annex. Also, Commissioner Wallace attended this meeting that evening in Park County.

Claims for the month of February amounted to $290,789.78.

County and PMC February payrolls totaled $521,836.37.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Vera Pederson

 Board of County Commissioners

 William Wallace, Chairman

Attest:

Vera Pederson, Clerk