JULY 2017

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**

DES – Disaster and Emergency Services

CCR – Coordinated Community Response

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

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

Monday, July 3, 2017

Commissioner Wallace and Mosness are in today and Commissioner Faw is out. There were no bids for the weed wash unit.

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

Holiday

Wednesday, July 5, 2017

All Commissioners are in today. Acting District Ranger Marna Daley came in with maps about recommended wilderness inventory and wild and scenic river, in regards to the forest plan revision, also present was Matt Blois from the Big Timber Pioneer. Julie Johnson and Monte Koch with Sweet Grass County Chamber of Commerce came in to review the year and what Julie was able to accomplish in her executive director position. Sweet Grass County contributes $40,000 from the metal mines account towards her salary. A decision will be scheduled next week for this contribution for the next year. Planner Dringman came in with a COS for Bay WAr.e. and Hangman’s Creek. Commissioner Wallace moved to accept the COS for the utility site which is exempt from subdivision regulations. Commissioner Faw seconded this and it passed with 3 ayes.

Thursday, July 6, 2017

All Commissioners are in today. Claims were reviewed and signed. Commissioner Mosness attended a PMC board meeting and Commissioner Faw attended the fair board meeting.

Friday, July 7, 2017

All Commissioners are in today. Matt Davison with DIS Technologies came in to talk about their phone system. Brad McGann and Clerk and Recorder Pederson were also present.

Monday, July 10, 2017

All Commissioners are in today. Public Works Director Conner came in with an encroachment permit for Triangle Telephone, 4.5 miles east of the intersection of Deadman’s Canyon and Lower Sweet Grass Road. Commissioner Faw moved to approve and Commissioner Wallace seconded this, it passed with 3 ayes. Rolland Karlin was in with concerns over the city pool manager being hired for the victim witness advocate job. Justin Ferguson was also in stating he was not in favor of the city paying $5,000 for the victim witness advocate position. The weekly conference call was held for the fire restrictions. All commissioners met at the ambulance station to discuss the Tri-County Victim/Witness program that we are currently in with Stillwater and Carbon Counties. Sheriff Brophy presented that they had the grant from the Board of Crime Control and they would be willing to help Lindsey Ellis in her new position. Sheriff Brophy will talk to Carbon county and see what they will do going forward. Also, we will wait and see what the Montana Supreme Court will do with Marcy’s Law.

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Commissioner Mosness and Commissioner Faw are in today and Commissioner Wallace is in Helena for MACo budget workshop. The school transportation meeting was held and all bus routes and contracts were approved for the school year. The bus routes were cut from 6 to 5 routes this year.

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today and Commissioner Mosness is in Park County with MACo visiting the Park County Commissioners. Commissioner Wallace attended Custer/Gallatin Working Group meeting.

Thursday, July 13, 2017

All Commissioners are in this morning. Sweet Grass County Chamber of Commerce executive director position was discussed. Commissioner Wallace moved to continue to fund this from the metal mines license tax at $40,000 for FY18. Commissioner Faw seconded this and it passed with 3 ayes. The RFP for on call engineering services was discussed, Commissioner Wallace moved to advertise for the RFP and Commissioner Faw seconded this it passed with 3 ayes. This will be advertised in the Big Timber Pioneer and all proposals must be in by August 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, July 14, 2017

All Commissioners are in today.

Monday, July 17, 2017

Commissioner Mosness is out all week. Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in. A conference call was held on the fire restrictions.

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today. A mental health advisory board meeting was held at noon.

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today.

Thursday, July 20, 2017

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in this morning. Commissioner Faw attended a Beartooth RC & D meeting in the afternoon.

Friday, July 21, 2017

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today.

Monday, July 24, 2017

All Commissioners are back in the office today. The Sweet Grass County Fair is this week. Finance officer Uehling came in to review budgets. A fire conference call was held. We will go into Stage 1 Fire Restrictions starting at 12:01 AM on July 28, 2017.

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Commissioner Mosness and Wallace are in today and Commissioner Faw is out. Clerk and Recorder Pederson came in to read the June 2017 minutes. Commissioner Wallace moved to approve and Commissioner Mosness seconded this, it passed with 2 ayes.

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Commissioner Mosness is in this morning and Commissioner Wallace was in later. Commissioner Faw was out. Chip Roe was in with concerns on the fencing at his cabin located at 2-mile bridge. We will look into this. Richard Keen who lives in Yellowstone Meadows, came in to discuss the county plowing snow and cutting grass in Yellowstone Meadows. They would pay for this service. We let him know that we don’t do that for private roads. Public Works director Conner was in to update us on road and bridge issues.

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Commissioner Wallace and Mosness are in today and Commissioner Faw is out. Resolution 07-27-2017A was read, this is to go into Stage 1 fire restrictions. Resolution 07-27-2017B Evacuation Refusal Authority was also read. Commissioner Wallace moved to approve both of these and Commissioner Mosness seconded this and it passed with 2 ayes. Commissioner Wallace and Mosness and Public Works Director Conner went to the Main Boulder Ranger Station to see the Passport In Time project that the USFS was working on and the new roof and rechinking the cabin. We then visited the 2-mile bridge site and visited with Pete and Carol Anderson on ROW issues.

Friday, July 28, 2017

Commissioner Wallace is in today and Commissioner Mosness is in Billing for MHC governing board meeting.

Monday, July 31, 2017

Commissioner Mosness and Wallace are in today. Commissioner Faw is out. A cash meeting was held. Present were Vicki, Vera and Jane. Commissioner Wallace moved to approve JE 1126-1459 not all inclusive, Commissioner Mosness seconded this and it passed with 2 ayes. The weekly fire call with DNRC was held and we are in Stage 1 fire restrictions. The cash meeting resumed with resolutions 07-31-2017B – O being read. Commissioner Wallace moved to approve those and Commissioner Mosness seconded this, it passed with 2 ayes. The resolutions are all fiscal year close out items.

Resolution 07-31-2017B – Fund 2399 Electrical Energy Generation Impact Fee $465,000

Resolution 07-31-2017C – Fund 2713 Posted Bond (Law Enforcement) $447

Resolution 07-31-2017D – Fund 2750 County Attorney Trust $1,747

Resolution 07-31-2017E – Fund2841 Urban Spurge Weed Grant $12,752.50 loan from fund 2900 PILT until reimbursement is made.

Resolution 07-31-2017F – Fund 2844 Deer and Bridger Creek Weed Grant $1,982.47 loan from 2900 PILT until reimbursement is made.

Resolution 07-31-2017G – Fund 2845 Otter Creek Weed Grant $325 loan from 2900 PILT until reimbursement is made.

Resolution 07-31-2017H – Fund 2904 Law Enforcement RAC Grant $1,773.66 loan from fund 2900 PILT until reimbursement is made.

Resolution 07-31-2017I – Fund 2918 Bulletproof Vest $2,016.74 loan from fund 2900 PILT until reimbursement is made.

Resolution 07-31-2017J – Fund 2958 Flood Fund $126,281 this was transferred back to road fund and PILT to repay transfers made between FY2011 and FY2016

Resolution 07-31-2017K – Fund 4001 Junk Vehicle Capital Improvement $6.00 interest earned.

Resolution 07-31-2017L – Fund 4013 Main Boulder Project ROW Expenses $33,378.86 cash transfer from 2900 PILT fund.

Resolution 07-31-2017M – Fund 4316 TSEP Pony Truss Bridge to increase expenditure budget in the amount of $86,863

Resolution 07-31-2017N – Fund 5110 PMC – this shows ledger accounts that were closed out (disposal of operations) in accordance with the lease agreement as PMC became a 501c3 July 2016. The amount was $3,369,531.00

Resolution 07-31-2017O – Fund 7910 Payroll clearing $10,721.40 for advance payment for workman’s compensation payment to State Fund from PILT 2900.

After the cash meeting a discussion was held on funding for ASPEN. Commissioner Wallace moved to give them $3,500 from the Metal Mines License Tax and Commissioner Mosness seconded this, it passed with 2 ayes.

Claims for the month of July amounted to $327,072.86.

County July payroll totaled $229,958.46.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

Susie Mosness, Chairman

Attest:

Vera Pederson, Clerk