OCTOBER 2015

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.

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Commissioner Wallace and Mosness are in the office today. Claims were reviewed as well as PMC and County payrolls by Commissioner Wallace and Clerk and Recorder Pederson. Undersheriff Mahlum turned in his letter of resignation effective 1/1/2016.

Friday, October 2, 2015

Commissioner Wallace and Mosness are in today.

Monday, October 5, 2015

Commissioner Wallace and Mosness are in today. The monthly staff meeting was held. Present were Vera Pederson, Jane Stene, Deanna Novotny, Susan Metcalf, Marc King, Lindsey from the Big Timber Pioneer, Dan Tronrud, Jerry Mahlum, Brooke Osen, Cory Conner, Vicki Uehling, Evie Halverson and Pat Dringman. Treasurer Stene reported she attended convention in Helena last month and Char and Stephanie will be attending MV training this week. Clerk of District Court Novotny informed us that the case count was up this month and on the 23rd she will be at a district meeting. Superintendent of Schools Metcalf said the OPI reports were turned in, Melville school had a desk audit for the Title 1 program and she attended her convention last week. Extension Agent King informed us that it is national 4H week and there is a stockgrowers meeting tonight with the Fish and Game. Lindsey informed us that it is also national fire prevention week and on the 14th the fire department will have a burn trailer at their training. Sheriff Tronrud said the numbers were down for his department. He attended a MSPO board meeting in Ennis last week and will be attending a Tactical conference this week. The dispatchers attended a TAC conference last month and APCO next week. He also attended a pipeline meeting and Thor has been meeting with the schools on the ALICE training. Jerry attended a 24/7 summit in Big Sky last month also. DES Coordinator Osen informed us that they will meet with 3 vendors for the new 911 system. Public Works director Conner said they hired Kenneth (Neil) Indreland as a new operator, shaled out on Glasston Lake road, worked on Swamp Creek and Stephens Hill road. Finance Officer Uehling attended a fraud conference this month, turned in the budget reports, helped with the Farm Fair and will be attending an advance excel class this month. Weed Coordinator Halverson reported that they sprayed in the Stephens Hill road area, sold the old spray truck, helped out with the Farm Fair, attended a range tour in Ennis, the fall training in Lewiston this month, a grant class this week and also is helping with the Science Olympiad team. County Attorney Dringman informed us that he will be attending MT Medical Legal Panel next week. Clerk and Recorder Pederson reminded everyone that all county board minutes must be turned into her office for record keeping. Also that the municipal election ballots will be mailed out the 16th and she will be attending election training in Helena on October 21st and 22nd. Commissioner Mosness attended Area II on Aging in Roundup and MACO conference. They are still working on the PMC/Billings Clinic lease agreement. Commissioner Wallace attended weed board meeting and the commissioners approved 3 encroachment permits.

Commissioner Wallace spent the afternoon working on the sidewalk project at the annex.

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Commissioner Wallace and Mosness are in today. Commissioner Wallace was helping the public works department with the sidewalk project. Commissioner Mosness and Clerk and Recorder Pederson reviewed and stamped PMC claims.

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Commissioner Wallace is working on the sidewalk and Commissioner Mosness is out in the afternoon.

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Commissioner Wallace was in this morning and Commissioner Mosness was back in the office after lunch. John Beaudry with Stillwater Mining Company stopped in to update us on the mine happenings. A COS with a boundary relocation between Terry Amadon and Walt Snodell was approved. Commissioner Mosness moved to accept and Commissioner Wallace seconded this, it passed with 2 ayes. Clerk and Recorder Pederson came in to update the calendar. Commissioner Wallace attended a fair board meeting.

Friday, October 9, 2015

Commissioner Wallace and Mosness are both in today.

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

All Commissioners are in today. Commissioner Faw was updated on the happenings from the previous two weeks. Airport Master Plan from GDA Engineering was signed by Mayor Stephens and Commissioner Wallace and then sent to the FAA for approval. At 2:30 p.m. a meeting was held with Fish, Wildlife and Parks on the Boulder Forks fishing access. Present were Mike Volesky and Bardell Mangum with FWP, and MacKenzie Reis with the Big Timber Pioneer. Commissioner Mosness attended the Yellowstone River Conservation District Cumulative Effects meeting at the high school. This was a wrap up of 15 years of studying the Yellowstone River.

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

All Commissioners are in this morning. A conference call with Erin McCready was held to discuss refinancing the PMC loans, Vicki was also present at this meeting. Later in the day Commissioner Wallace attended the Custer/Gallatin working group meeting.

Thursday, October 15, 2015

Commissioner Wallace and Mosness are in this morning. The inmate medical insurance policy thru MACO was signed. An encroachment permit for Park Electric Co-op was approved. Commissioner Mosness moved and Commissioner Wallace seconded and it passed with 2 ayes. Claims for the week were approved and Commissioner Wallace and Clerk and Recorder Pederson stamped the county payroll.

Friday, October 16, 2015

Commissioner Faw and Mosness are in to finish out the week. Commissioner Wallace is out today.

Monday, October 19, 2015

All Commissioners are in the office today. A meeting was held with PMC to discuss how to transition payroll, etc. Present were Catherine McKenzie, Vera Pederson, Vicki Uehling, Miki Gregorich, Pat Dringman and Erik Wood. We will meet again in November to further discuss this. We reviewed the 3 applicants for the fair board positions (Bill Miller, Brad McGann and Cindy Selensky). Commissioner Mosness moved to accept Cindy Selensky and Commissioner Faw seconded it and it passed with 3 ayes. We will wait to appoint the other member later.

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

All Commissioners are in this morning. PMC came in with claims to review and stamp. Commissioner Wallace went to visit with the banks about refinancing the PMC bonds. Clerk and Recorder Pederson came in to read August 2015 minutes. Commissioner Mosness moved to approve the minutes with the changes and Commissioner Faw seconded this, it passed with 3 ayes.

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

All Commissioners are in today. PMC CEO Erik Wood came in with some documents to sign in regards to the 501C3 application. Erik also updated us on declining revenues. Alex Sienkiewicz the District Ranger with the Custer/Gallatin forest service came in with an update on Forest Service activities. Alex talked about the road project up the Main Boulder, the project for restoration after the Derby fire, the ATV trail at Placer Basin, there will be a detour put in place to get the trail out of creek. Alex worried about road closures, looking at support for access to public lands. Brain Lochner with Triangle Communications came in to discuss trenching fiber into Whispering Pines/Ken Dan Acres with us and the public works director Cory Conner. They are looking at a March/April time frame to do this job with completion in May 2016.

Thursday, October 22, 2015

All Commissioners are in today. Discussion was held on the Boulder Forks fishing access with Cory Conner and Brad Fredricks stopped by with issues regarding this. Discussion was postponed for a later date. A Board of Health meeting was held at noon. Dan and Jerry came in to visit about vehicles for the law enforcement.

Friday, October 23, 2015

All Commissioners are in today.

Monday, October 26, 2015

All Commissioners are in today.

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

All Commissioners are in today. Commissioner Mosness attended an HRDC meeting in Billings.

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Commissioner Mosness was in today and Commissioner Faw and Wallace are out. Commissioner Wallace helped the road department in the afternoon.

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Commissioner Mosness and Faw are in today and Commissioner Wallace is helping the road department. Claims for the week were approved and signed. Also, payroll checks were stamped. Commissioner Faw and Mosness attended a LEPC meeting. Pat Dringman came in to review the latest draft lease agreement with PMC/BC. John Grosfield came in to discuss pneumonia in calves he was weaning back in September due to dusty road conditions, the road department had been hauling up Swamp Creek at the time.

Friday, October 30, 2015

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today and Commissioner Mosness was in Billings at a Mental Health governing board meeting. PMC payroll was reviewed and stamped by Commissioner Wallace and Clerk and Recorder Pederson.

Claims for the month of October amounted to $271,210.34.

County and PMC October payrolls totaled $530,199.86.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Vera Pederson

 Board of County Commissioners

 William Wallace, Chairman

Attest:

Vera Pederson, Clerk