SEPTEMBER 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.

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

All Commissioners are in this morning. Commissioner Mosness was gone in the afternoon.

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today and Commissioner Mosness is in Billings.

Thursday, September 3, 2015

All Commissioners are in the office today. Commissioner Mosness moved to approve the fair board policy, Commissioner Faw seconded it and it passed with 3 ayes. Claims for the week were approved and signed. Commissioner Wallace and Clerk and Recorder Pederson reviewed and signed payroll. At 4:00 p.m. the budget for the FY2016 was presented. Present were Finance officer Uehling and Clerk and Recorder Pederson. Commissioner Wallace read resolution 09-03-2015A to approve the budget in the amount of $22,318,062.00 and Commissioner Mosness made the motion to pass this resolution, Commissioner Faw seconded it, this passed with 3 ayes. Resolution 09-03-2015B for fixing the tax levy for FY2015/16 was read, Commissioner Faw moved to accept this and Commissioner Mosness seconded it and it passed with 3 ayes. Sheriff Tronrud and Undersheriff Mahlum also attended the budget hearing meeting.

Friday, September 4, 2015

All Commissioners are in today. Commissioner Wallace and Clerk and Recorder Pederson stamped claims and also reviewed and stamped claims for the PMC.

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

All Commissioners are in today. A staff meeting was held at 9:30, present were Pat Dringman, Deanna Novotny, Susan Metcalf, Jane Stene, Vicki Uehling, Vera Pederson, Cory Conner, Brooke Osen, Lindsey from the Pioneer, Jessie Connolly, Dan Tronrud and Page Dringman. Clerk of Court Novotny reported the cases were down and marriage licenses were up and 3 felonies were filed. Superintendent of Schools Metcalf informed us that all the schools are back in session with enrollment up this year. The mills for all the schools, except Melville, are down. She also stated that the farm fair was this Thursday. Extension Agent King said he has wrapped up on the fair stuff this last month and that there was about 70,000 lbs. of wool in the warehouse waiting to be sold. DES Coordinator Osen said they were still working on getting the 911 updated, Lori and Brooke will be attending APCO this month and still working on the policy and procedures for the dispatchers. Sheriff Tronrud informed us that Jerry went to a Governor’s summit 24/7 program, two dispatchers are at TAC and Thor has been meeting with the schools on the ALICE program. Planner Dringman informed us that the subdivision regulations need updated and is working on a process for COS reviews. Public Works Director Conner said they have been busy working on the roads and putting shale on Otter Creek. Also, that he hired Neil Indreland as an operator. Justice of Peace Connolly said citations should be going up since we have a new highway patrol assigned to this area and the speed limit increase on the interstate takes effect October 1st. She will be attending school at the end of the month in Helena. Finance Officer Uehling has been busy with cash meeting, the IRS auditor, adopting the budgets and the retro pay. Treasurer Stene informed us that the delinquent tax notices were sent out and that she will be attending her convention next week. County Attorney Dringman also mentioned that his office is busy with the new highway patrol in the area and stated that most legislative laws go into effect October 1st. Clerk and Recorder Pederson informed us that the IRS auditor has been here for the 2013 tax year audit. Commissioner Mosness reported that they have been busy working on budgets and she had attended PMC Board meeting and Mental Health Board meeting. Commissioner Faw said they had a meeting with the Greycliff Wind Farm and the Commissioners will be attending MACO conference September 21 – 24th, 2015. Commissioner Wallace informed us that the commissioners decided to donate to the Chamber of Commerce to pursue an executive director position. Also, they wrapped up the Wormser Loop project and signed an interlocal agreement with the City of Big Timber for the county attorney.

After the staff meeting Kevin and Jeanne with First West Insurance and State Fund came in to discuss workman’s compensation insurance. Present were; Vera Pederson, Vicki Uehling, Deanna Novotny, Jessie Connolly, Catherine McKenzie, Brooke Osen, Jane Stene, Pat Dringman, Dan Tronrud and Jerry Mahlum.

County attorney Dringman and the Commissioners had a conference call with Erin McCready of Dorsey Whitney about the PMC/BC lease agreement.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson came in to read the July 2015 minutes. Commissioner Faw moved to approve with corrections and Commissioner Mosness seconded this and it passed with 3 ayes.

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

All Commissioners are in today.

Thursday, September 10, 2015

All Commissioners are in today. Commissioner Mosness went to Billing for an HRDC meeting in the afternoon and Commissioner Wallace and Faw approved claims for the week.

Friday, September 11, 2015

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in the office today and Commissioner Mosness is in Roundup for Area II on Aging executive board meeting.

Monday, September 14, 2015

All Commissioners are in today. Public Works Director Conner came in to update us on the public works department. The rest of the day was spent catching up on correspondence.

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

All Commissioners are in today. Public Works Director Conner was in for 3 encroachment permits (Triangle Telephone, Tom Tollefson and David Kuhns); we will not do anything on Kuhns until we check on the easement to the Reed Point Cemetery. Commissioner Faw moved to approve Triangle Communications and Tom Tollefson encroachments with the provision that Tom brings in a check and Commissioner Mosness seconded this, it passed with 3 ayes. Commissioner Faw went to check survey pins at the Reed Point Cemetery, Commissioner Wallace found the paperwork conveying the road to the county and will attach it to the permit. Commissioner Mosness moved to approve the Kuhn’s permit, Commissioner Faw seconded this and it passed with 3 ayes. Claims for the week were signed since Vicki will be gone the rest of the week.

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

All Commissioners are in today. Superintendent of Schools Metcalf came in with the levies for the county schools. Commissioner Mosness made a motion to approve all levies for the Sweet Grass County Schools, Commissioner Faw seconded this and it passed with 3 ayes.

Thursday, September 17, 2015

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

Friday, September 18, 2015

All Commissioners are in today. Area II on Aging is having an Advisory Board meeting here at the Ag Pavilion building. Commissioner Mosness was at the morning meeting and all the commissioners helped the Hospitality House serve lunch.

Monday, September 21, 2015

All Commissioners are in Missoula this week for MACO Conference.

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Commissioner Wallace was back in the office today and reviewed claims. Commissioner Mosness was finishing up at MACO Board meetings.

Friday, September 25, 2015

Commissioner Wallace and Mosness are in the office today. Commissioner Faw is out for a couple weeks with health issues.

Monday, September 28, 2015

Commissioner Wallace and Mosness are in today. Planner Dringman came in with a COS for a boundary relocation between D&A Ranch and Bruce and Louise Richert. Commissioner Mosness moved to approve and Commissioner Wallace seconded this and it passed with 2 ayes. Page later said this is on hold until issues with a conservation easement can be agreed on.

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Commissioner Wallace and Mosness are in today. Commissioner Wallace attended a weed board meeting.

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Commissioner Wallace and Mosness are in today.

Claims for the month of September amounted to $113,186.73.

County and PMC September payrolls totaled $625,698.28.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

William Wallace, Chairman

Attest:

Vera Pederson, Clerk