JULY 2018

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 2, 2018

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today. A staff meeting was held, present were Deanna Novotny, Cory Conner, Vera Pederson, Susan Metcalf, Vicki Uehling, Jane Stene, Marc King, Dan Tronrud, Jessie Connolly and Page Dringman. Clerk of Court Novotny reported the totals for the month of June and stated that they have 25 jurors that will need to be served out of the 500 that they mailed out. Treasurer Stene said she attended a district meeting with Char Fuller and that Char is full-time in her office as of today. She also sent out the personal property tax statements last month. Finance Officer Uehling has been working on preliminary budgets and end of year stuff. Justice of Peace reported the totals for the month and said she attended a school board meeting and signed a MOU for Kay McDonnell to intern again. Planner Dringman said her office had a subdivision pre application meeting, a few Certificate of Surveys, flood permits on some emergency work and a public hearing on subdivision regulations. Sheriff Tronrud reported the numbers for the month, informed us that 2 new deputies were hired, attended the school board meeting and search and rescue had a rescue at Natural Bridge. Extension Agent King said there are 21 days until fair and they lost a 4H lamb and 2 pigs this last week. Superintendent of Schools Metcalf attended a county transportation meeting in June and was also nominated to be the National Rural Educators Association representative in Denver. Public Works Director Conner said there has been flooding on Sweet Grass Creek and two places on Otter Creek. They stabilized Swamp Creek bridge, fixed Howie Road bridge and added rip rap and trying diversion on Feather Bed Road. Commissioner Wallace said they have been busy on budgets and we declared emergency for the flooding but did not mill the 2 mills. We signed the Hard Rock Mining agreement with Sibayne/Stillwater Mine and partnering with the mine for improvements on East Boulder road projects. We also approved encroachment permits for Triangle Telephone. He attended PMC Board, Mental Health Board, HRDC and Custer/Gallatin Working Group meetings. Commissioner Faw said they signed resolutions for the new gas tax and GASB54, canvassed the primary election, held a meeting for worker’s compensation, toured the smelter/recycling facility in Columbus with Beartooth RC&D and he attended a fair board meeting

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today. A Mental Health Advisory Board meeting was held at noon.

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

Fourth of July

Thursday, July 5, 2018

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today. Claims for the week were reviewed and signed. Payroll checks were reviewed and signed.

Friday, July 6, 2018

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today. Checks for claims were signed.

Monday, July 9, 2018

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today. Cory was in with an encroachment permit for Park Electric on Susie Creek Road. Commissioner Wallace moved to approve and Commissioner Faw seconded this, it passed with 2 ayes. A salary compensation board meeting was held at 1:00 PM.

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today. The Commissioners travelled to Melville to look at the Sweet Grass Creek bridge with Matt Cremer. Kris Novotny was in after lunch to present us with an overview of a new pumper truck. The price is around $560,000.

Wednesday, July 11 ,2018

Commissioner Faw was in today. Commissioner Wallace was out in the morning.

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today. Claims for the week were reviewed and signed.

Friday, July 13, 2018

Commissioner Wallace was in today and Commissioner Faw is out.

Monday, July 16, 2018

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today. Commissioner Wallace moved to accept the salary compensation board’s recommendation for elected official’s salary of 1% and $500 for cost of living raise. Commissioner Faw seconded this and it passed with 2 ayes. A meeting was held to discuss the new fire truck and approve the pricing from Pierce Fire Equipment. Present were Kris Novotny, Pat Leary and Vicki Uehling. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to accept the bid of $560,377.00 from Pierce Fire Equipment. The County share is $380,377, the City of Big Timber share is $100,000 and the fire department will contribute $80,000. Commissioner Faw seconded this and it passed with 2 ayes. We reviewed the Inter-Local Agreement between the City and the County for Pat Dringman to be the City Attorney. The City will pay the County $17,966.70 for the 2018/2019 fiscal year. Commissioner Wallace moved to accept and Commissioner Faw seconded this, it passed with 2 ayes.

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today. American Fidelity was in to go over some employer benefit solutions for the county. At 1:00 PM the old high school committee was in to visit about the on-going clean-up options for the old high school. Present were Jami Moody, Mimi Cremer, Susan St. Germain, Mark Josephson, Page and Pat Dringman and Chris Akin from the Big Timber Pioneer.

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Commissioner Faw was in today and Commissioner Wallace was in Washington D.C. for a NACO event.

Thursday, July 19, 2018

Commissioner Faw was in today and Commissioner Wallace was in Washington D.C. Dave Galt with Browning, Kaleczyc, Berry and Hoven Attorneys at Law and Heather McDowell, Vice President Legal for Sibanye Stillwater Mine stopped by with information on I-186.

Friday, July 20, 2018

Commissioner Faw was in today and Commissioner Wallace was in Washington D.C.

Monday, July 23, 2018

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today. Julie Johnson and Christine Bakke from the Chamber of Commerce came in to go over the 2017 Annual Report.

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today.

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today. Planner Dringman was in with a COS review for Dave Groff. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to accept the boundary relocation and Commissioner Faw seconded this, it passed with 2 ayes.

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today. Jenna McKinney and Tori Kolkhorst with Senator Daines’ office stopped in for a visit.

Friday, July 27, 2018

Commissioner Wallace was in and Commissioner Faw is out.

Monday, July 30, 2018

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today. Clerk and Recorder Pederson was in to read June 2018 minutes. Commissioner Faw made motion to accept and Commissioner Wallace seconded this and it passed with 2 ayes.

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

Commissioner Wallace and Faw are in today. Public Works Director Conner was in to visit about alternatives for the Old Boulder Road bridge if we are not successful with the TSEP program. A public meeting was held at 7:00 PM to hear comments on the old high school committee request for $50,000 in funds to start the process of asbestos removal. Commissioner Wallace moved to take $25,000 from Metal Mine License tax and $25,000 from the wind impact fund, Commissioner Faw seconded this and it passed with 2 ayes.

Claims for the month of July amounted to $637,231.93.

County July payroll totaled $235,544.59.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Vera Pederson

 Board of County Commissioners

 Bob Faw, Chairman

Attest:

Vera Pederson, Clerk