

FEBRUARY 3 - 7, 2020  
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. 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.

**NOTICE: These minutes reflect the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners. The official minutes are on file with the Clerk and Recorder (MCA 7-4-2611(2)(b)).**

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**Monday, February 3, 2020**

All Commissioners are in today. A staff meeting was held and present were Pat Dringman, Cory Conner, Page Dringman, Connie Weston, Barb Swanson, Marc King, Cliff Brophy, Kris Novotny, Susan Metcalf, Alan Ronneberg and Jessie Connolly.

Superintendent of Schools Metcalf informed us that there are 9 school board positions around the county that are up this year, the hearing against the high school board is wrapping up, there is the clerk position and superintendent position at the high school that are open and the county spelling be will be February 26, 2020.

Fire Chief Novotny reported that the DNRC is staffing local offices for wind events and will continue this policy thru the summer and the fire department will be offering a heavy equipment operator training on February 13, 2020.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy said he is busy applying for grants.

Extension Agent King has been busy with the judging teams and on the hiring committee for the Park County Extension Agent position.

Sheriff Ronneberg reported the numbers for January and said he attended a Red Lodge jail meeting.

Clerk of District Court Swanson reported the numbers for January and said her office is busy.

Weed Coordinator Weston said she is finishing up the RAC grant and that Sweet Grass County won weed district of the year.

Planner Dringman said she is working on 911 and census information, updating the West End plan, subdivision road issues and reviewing the Custer/Gallatin Forest Service plan.

Public Works Director Conner said they have been busy fixing roads and now plowing and that the Old Boulder Bridge replacement project is still in the plans for this year.

Justice of Peace Connolly reported the numbers for the month and said she attended Commission of Courts of Limited Jurisdiction, Mental Health Board and Alternatives meetings and is training 2 new judges in White Sulphur Springs.

County Attorney Dringman said his office is really busy with a couple new felonies, road issues, school board and hospital issues.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson informed us that the filings for county offices opened and will close on March 9, 2020, she will be attending election certification training in Great Falls next week, her office received 2 new express votes to replace the automark machines, the personnel policy is almost complete and Gary with Empower will be here tomorrow.

Commissioner Roe said the commissioners have been working on the West End planning, subdivision issues, personnel policy, senior citizen meetings, Forest Service plan, Beartooth RC & D housing meeting and a DNRC meeting.

Commissioner Moody added that they updated the Fire/Co Op agreement, attended a Red Lodge jail meeting, Fish Wildlife and Parks meeting and still looking for alternate routes for the Old Boulder Bridge project.

Commissioner Wallace said the PMC CEO resigned last week and that the Chamber of Commerce was in to give their yearly update.

After the staff meeting Clerk and Recorder Pederson was in to go over the MACo insurance renewal for the new year.

#### **Tuesday, February 4, 2020**

All Commissioners are in today. The postage journal entry was reviewed and signed.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy was in to talk about road closure procedures on I90.

#### **Wednesday, February 5, 2020**

All Commissioners are in today. Commissioner Moody and Roe attended an EOP public health update meeting.

Claims for the week were reviewed and signed and the credit card bill was also reviewed and signed.

Riza Gilpin with Tumblewood Teas was in to talk about a grant application.

#### **Thursday, February 6, 2020**

All Commissioners are in today. Commissioner Roe made a motion to approve a Triangle Telephone construction easement at the Overland Golf Course. Commissioner Moody seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

All the Commissioners attended a Conservation District meeting.

#### **Friday, February 7, 2020**

All Commissioners are in today. Randy Rembold was in to give an update on the boiler project.

Planner Dringman was in to discuss the Forest Service plan.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy was in to talk about grant applications and support letters.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

William Wallace, Chairman

Date Approved: March 3, 2020

Attest:  
Vera Pederson, Clerk