

SEPTEMBER 7 - 11, 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, September 7, 2020**

Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 8, 2020**

All Commissioners are in today.

A staff meeting was held. Present were Pat Dringman, Cliff Brophy, Vera Pederson, Cory Conner, Char Rasnick, Vicki Uehling, and Jessie Connolly.

Public Works Director Conner stated that his department has been busy with bridge issues (Old Boulder Bridge project and West Bridger Creek Road bridge)

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy said he has been working on grants and reports that are due this month.

Finance Officer Uehling informed us that the budgets were completed, she is working on the audit and annual report.

Treasurer Rasnick said she is working on end of month reports and the TAC training will be online this month.

County Attorney Dringman stated that his office is getting busy with trials every day last week.

Justice of the Peace Connolly reported the numbers for the month, said she attended an Alternatives quarterly meeting, MMA meeting by Zoom and had several judge trials.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson informed us that the General Election will be by a mail ballot election, several lawsuits regarding the upcoming election, held 4 sessions of election judge training with only 30 trained judges.

The Commissioners stated that they have been busy with budgets, the Forest Plan objections are due today, bridge projects, Covid-19 cases, capital improvement plan, and working on installing a camera and security system. The salary committee voted for a 1.8% raise, the fair board approved 10 weeks for the rodeo for next year and the PMC board is interviewing for a new CEO.

Planner Dringman presented a COS for McAdams for review. Commissioner Roe made a motion to approve the COS for Ronald McAdams and Susan McCune creating a tract over 160 acres along Big Timber Canyon Road. Commissioner Moody seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

Superintendent Metcalf was in to discuss finalizing the county school budgets.

**Wednesday, September 9, 2020**

All Commissioners are in today.

Mike and Ranna McCauley were in to serve lawsuit documents on all three county commissioners. The Commissioners did not sign the documents. They were held for the County Attorney to review. Both parties agreed to leaving the documents with the Commissioners.

Planner Dringman was in for the adopting of resolution #09-09-2020 to adopt subdivision regulations. Commissioner Roe made a motion to approve the adoption of the Sweet Grass County amended subdivision regulations. Commissioner Moody seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

Finance Officer Uehling was in to discuss the CARES Act funding.

**Thursday, September 10, 2020**

All Commissioners are in today.

Catherine McKenzie was in to go over agenda items for the week.

Claims for the week were reviewed and signed.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy was in to talk about the EMPG grant.

Amy Gamerman was in to inquire about the history of wind energy in Sweet Grass County.

Allyson Hagerman called to inform us that the Bainter Road bridge was starting to deteriorate.

Dale Vermillion also called regarding the Bainter Road bridge.

**Friday, September 11, 2020**

All Commissioners are in today.

Amy Gamerman was in to review comment letters on the previous wind projects.

Commissioner Moody went to the County Attorney's office to discuss the Microwave Tower Road/Dodge Road.

Khristine Muller with Liberty Mutual called to discuss the West Bridger Creek Road bridge.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

William Wallace, Chairman

Date Approved: October 15, 2020

Attest:  
Vera Pederson, Clerk