

APRIL 4 - 8, 2022
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)).

Monday, April 4, 2022

Commissioner Roe and Wallace are in today and Commissioner Moody is out.

A staff meeting was held with Susan Metcalf, Connie Weston, Vicki Uehling, Cliff Brophy, Cory Conner, Vera Pederson, Pat Dringman, Jessie Connolly, Alan Ronneberg and Page Dringman present.

Commissioner Roe discussed the panic buttons and Kenco Security and provided information on the .gov email addresses.

Superintendent of Schools Metcalf informed us that the schools are needing to spend the Covid 19 money or return the money. She said that Melville and SGHS will have election next month.

County Attorney Dringman said the Walla trial finished up last week with a guilty verdict.

Justice of the Peace Connolly reported the numbers for the month, said she will be attending judge school the end of April and her clerks will be attending their school the week before and she has been attending several judge meetings around the state.

Weed Coordinator Weston informed us that the weed summit will be the 28th of this month.

Finance Officer Uehling said she has been working on the salary survey, presented a training for the community members of the salary compensation board and working with Commissioners and Public Works Director Conner on the special gas tax.

Sheriff Ronneberg reported the numbers for the month, said he had extra security present for the Walla trial, talked about Archive Social and what they could offer other departments, working with Coretical on wellness program for the employees and he will be teaching at the coroner basic training next week.

Planner Dringman informed us on the upcoming review for Deerfield subdivision, said she has been working on the growth policy, flood plain reviews for Carbon County, conditional use permits and a meeting with the board of adjustments.

Clerk of District Court Swanson reported the numbers for the month, gave an overview of the Walla trial, said she will be having another jury trial in June and will be attending her clerk convention the 2nd week of May in Hardin.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy said he helped with the Red Cross to update the supplies at the Civic Center.

Public Works Director Conner said he attended MACRS last week in Great Falls, 2 employees will be retiring, Howie Road and Lower Sweet Grass Road were graveled and opened bids for the new grader.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson said she has been busy with elections. School election is May 3rd and the primary is June 7th. She attended a district meeting, election judge trainings and will be at the job fair at the high school tomorrow.

The Commissioners updated everyone on some of the things they have been doing. Commissioner Wallace attended the South-Central Mental Health Board and PMC Board meetings. Commissioner Roe said they had meeting with Sibanye Stillwater Mine regarding the East Boulder bridges, met with the Conservation District on the Tronrud bridge, approved encroachment permits, accepted bids for the repeater on Tin Can Hill, meeting with Page on subdivisions and meeting with the Senior Center.

Monte Fjare stopped in to give notice of his pending retirement on June 30, 2022.

Public Works Director Conner was in to discuss his draft job descriptions.

Loretta Hurley stopped by to inquire about the cleaning contract at the courthouse. It is on the agenda for next week.

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

All Commissioners are in today.

Public Works Director Conner and Finance Officer Uehling were in to discuss the special gas tax plan. It was agreed upon that the \$98,224.00 in the gas tax fund will be used to gravel approximately 6 miles on the Otter Creek Road. A resolution will be drawn up.

Commissioner Wallace made a motion to accept the motor grader bid from T & E in the amount of \$367,309.00 less \$74,500 for trade in on our used 2005 CAT 160H (VIN- ASD00439) for a new 2023 or newer CAT 150. Commissioner Moody seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

All Commissioners are in today.

Commissioner Moody and Roe went to the high school for the job fair.

All the Commissioners attended the Conservation District meeting.

Planner Dringman presented a COS family transfer for Lyle Stenberg to Jason and Kyle Stenberg. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve a family transfer survey creating 3 tracts. Commissioner Moody second this and the motion passed with 3 ayes. Also present for this meeting was John Esp.

Thursday, April 7, 2022

All Commissioners are in today.

Clerk of Court Swanson was in with issues regarding the courtroom. Commissioner Moody and Wallace went to the courthouse to look at the issue.

Randy Weimer, Bill Kloth, Jason Palin and Marty Talley with Sibanye Stillwater Mine were in to talk about the bridges on the East Boulder road with the Commissioners and Public Works Director Conner.

The courthouse cleaning contract bid was opened. The only bid was from Sweet Grass Property Management (Loretta Hurley – owner). The bid submitted was for \$2200.00 per month. The applicable documents were included in the bid. Commissioner Moody

made a motion to approve the bid and Commissioner Wallace seconded this. The motion passed with 2 ayes. Loretta was notified via phone and the formal contract is forthcoming.

Jane Bailey and Amber Blake were in to talk about Catalyst for Change.

Commissioner Wallace attended the PMC Board meeting and Commissioner Moody attended the Fair Board meeting that evening.

Friday, April 8, 2022

Commissioner Moody was in today and Commissioner Wallace and Roe are out.

Sheriff Ronneberg was in to discuss the courtroom railing situation.

Kevin Schott dropped off a letter of resignation.

Joe Hanson stopped in to talk about the Old Boulder Road.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

Melanie Roe, Chairman

Date Approved: July 7, 2022

Attest: Vera Pederson, Clerk