

OCTOBER 24 - 28 , 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, October 24, 2022

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

Dan Tronrud was in to talk about the food bank and food box preparation.

Bob Bryan was in to discuss pilot's handbook, fuel flow fees and airport manager position.

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

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

The Commissioners viewed the public testing of the election machines.

Great West Engineering called regarding the ARPA grant to the City of Big Timber.

A citizen called to complain about the Old Boulder Road.

Commissioner Moody went to the HRDC meeting in Billings.

A citizen called to complain about Otter Creek Road.

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

All Commissioners are in today.

Commissioner Wallace helped Darrel with the green lights at the courthouse.

A call was made to Chad with Pioneer Technical Engineering regarding the Tronrud bridge project.

Commissioner Wallace went to the Senior Center to fix the basement lift.

Thursday, October 27, 2022

All Commissioners are in today.

Claims for the week were reviewed and signed.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson was in to go over agenda items.

Justin Ferguson was in to inquire about the election and vote counting machines.

Mountain Alarm was in to install a camera in the Commissioners board room.

Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve Resolution #10-27-2022 authorizing distribution of county minimum allocation grants for water and sewer infrastructure projects (see attached) Commissioner Moody seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

A letter of commitment to the City of Big Timber was signed (see attached)/

The test fit fee letter for Collaborative Design for continued feasibility of a new building behind the courthouse was signed. The fee is \$6500.00.

Friday, October 28, 2022

Commissioner Moody and Roe are in today and Commissioner Wallace is in Billings for South-Central Mental Health Board meeting.

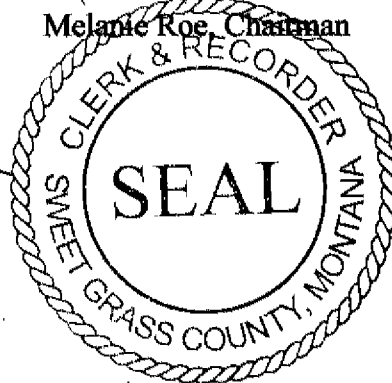
Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

Melanie Roe
Melanie Roe, Chairman

Date Approved: November 22, 2022

Vera Pederson
Attest: Vera Pederson, Clerk



RESOLUTION 10-27-2022

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF
COUNTY MINIMUM ALLOCATION GRANTS FOR WATER AND SEWER
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Chapter 401 of the Montana Session Laws of 2021 through House Bill 632 Section 4 allocated the amount of \$150 million of the coronavirus state fiscal recovery funds to be used to provide minimum allocation grants for water and sewer infrastructure projects eligible for funding under the American Rescue Plan;

WHEREAS, the amount a local government is eligible to receive in water and sewer infrastructure grants under this section is in the same proportion and using the same ratios provided for in 15-70-101 (2)(b), (2)(c), and (3) giving County a minimum allocation of \$434,934;

WHEREAS, HB 632 Section 4 requires that a local government, submit an application for a qualifying water or sewer infrastructure project that complies with the uses authorized for the coronavirus state and fiscal funds and pledge matching funds;

WHEREAS, Montana's counties do not generally own or operate water and sewer infrastructure;

WHEREAS, grant funds must be applied for by November 1, 2022 and awarded or in a pending status by January 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, because counties generally do not own water and sewer infrastructure, HB 632 Section 4 allocated grant funds for qualifying water or sewer infrastructure projects within the counties for which it was allocated, but that any local government eligible to receive minimum allocation funds under HB 632 Section 4 could apply for and pledge matching funds for the county's proportion;

WHEREAS, the City of Big Timber is a local government as defined in HB 632 Section 4 and has committed to request the funds by November 1, 2022, if the county's allocation made eligible to them and the county has determined this to be a priority use of the allocated funds.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. County has determined that the proposed Big Timber - Phase 2 Water System Improvements Project is eligible as a minimum allocation project and is a high priority within the county and;
2. By this resolution, Sweet Grass County requests the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation allow, through its developed application and distribution processes, the City of Big Timber \$434,934 of its share of the allocated Minimum Allocation funds for the Phase 2 Water System Improvements Project.

Adopted this 27th day of October, 2022.

Melanie Rose Chair

William Walker Commissioner

[Signature] Commissioner

ATTEST: Vera Pederson Clerk & Recorder





Office of the County Commissioners

**William Wallace
J.V. Moody
Melanie Roe**

October 24, 2022

DNRC - ARPA

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 1301E.

6th Avenue

Helena, MT 59601

**RE: Sweet Grass County Revised Commitment Letter - ARPA MAG City of Big Timber Phase 2
Water Project**

Dear ARPA Team,

**The purpose of this letter is to Transfer and Commit Sweet Grass County's ARPA Minimum
Allocation Grant funds to the City of Big Timber's water system project.**

**The County's original Commitment of Funds, and Resolution, submitted with the City of Big Timber's -
Phase 2 Water Systems Improvements project, has been re-committed to the new, City of Big
Timber Phase 2 Water System Improvements project. The City's original Competitive grant
application was unsuccessful, causing the original ARPA Minimum Allocation Grant to be declined.
However, the project has been modified and the City is submitting a new ARPA Minimum
Allocation Grant. The County has agreed to transfer the previously committed funds to the new
project.**

**Sweet Grass County has committed all of its Minimum Allocation Grant funds (\$434,934.00)
created by Montana House Bill 632 and 25% of the Direct Allocation from the Department of
Treasury Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (\$181,467.00) for the pending water system improvements
project. The total fiscal commitment is \$616,401.00. This action was voted on and approved by the
Sweet Grass County Board of Commissioners.**

**This is approved under the condition that the City of Big Timber will use the committed funds
following the administration rules of the American Recovery Rescue Plan Act of 2021.**

Please do not hesitate to contact us at 406) 932-5152 or sgcommish@itstriangle.com if there are any

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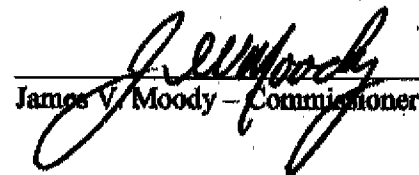
questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Sweet Grass County, Board of Commissioners


Melanie Roe - Chairman


William Wallace - Commissioner


James V. Moody - Commissioner