

OCTOBER 3 - 7, 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)).**

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**Monday, October 3, 2022**

All Commissioners are in today.

A department head meeting was held with Ron, Connie, Vera, Cliff, Vicki, Jessie, Barb, Marc and Cory present.

Undersheriff Swanson reported the numbers for the month and discussed the Triangle email issues.

Clerk of District Court Swanson reported the numbers for the months of August and September and said she is working on 4 appeals to the Supreme Court and will be visiting the water court in Bozeman this month.

Weed Coordinator Weston said she held a weed board meeting and is winterizing the equipment.

Finance Officer Uehling said she submitted the state budget report and attended a fraud training online.

Extension Agent King said he attended fair board and weed board meetings and will hold a noxious weed class this week.

Public Works Director Conner discussed the issues with the Tronrud bridge replacement project, met with FEMA and has been training new employees.

Justice of the Peace Connolly reported the numbers for the month and attended Commission of Courts meeting. She said her certification school is in November.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy discussed the pipeline leak, email scams, and cyber security training.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson said she attended the MACo executive board meeting and MACo Conference. She will be mailing out the absentee ballots on October 14<sup>th</sup> and the court overturned voter laws again regarding voter ID and late registrations. The new ElectMT voter program will go live in January and her office will be doing training in December for this. She also discussed issues with the central committee regarding elections.

The Commissioners informed everyone that they attended the MACo Conference, a meeting with the City of Big Timber, met with a company regarding an elevator at the courthouse and working on the CIP with Great West Engineering. Commissioner Moody added that he attended the DUI task force and fair board meetings. Commissioner Roe also attended the Senior Center board and Area II on Aging meetings.

A citizen stopped in to complain about the sanitarian not returning phone call.

Sue Martin was in to complain about the sheriff's office not responding to dog complaints.

Frannie Anderson was in to go over the cleaning contract for the Annex. Commissioner Moody made a motion to sign the contract for S&F Cleaning for the Annex. Commissioner Wallace seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

Nick Pancheau with Collaborative Design met with the Commissioners at the courthouse to look at elevator possibilities.

Commissioner Moody went to BTGS for a pre-design addition meeting.

#### **Tuesday, October 4, 2022**

All Commissioners are in today.

Commissioner Moody made a motion to appoint County Attorney Dringman as interim public administrator effective October 4, 2022 to replace Elaine Allestad who resigned. Commissioner Wallace seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

Commissioner Moody and Roe went out to Wheeler Creek, Anderson, Melville and Otter Creek roads to inspect. They also looked at the Tronrud bridge replacement project.

Sally Indreland was in to express interest in the public administrator position.

#### **Wednesday, October 5, 2022**

All Commissioners are in today.

Commissioner Moody went to the fairgrounds to help Marc and Connie set up for the noxious weed training.

#### **Thursday, October 6, 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.

Commissioner Moody made a motion to approve Beartooth Electric's encroachment permit 1.3 miles north of Cowface Hill Road to install a powerline for Mike Colpo. Commissioner Wallace seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve 2 encroachment permits for North Western Energy for 150' of underground cable on Otter Creek Road and 300 ft. of underground cable on Cremer Road with Public Works Director Conner's conditions. Commissioner Moody seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

Abbey Plaggemeyer requested an encroachment permit on a corner off of Wormser Loop Road. The request was tabled until clarification on the exact location and signage were agreed upon.

Elaine Allestad called to inquire about the public administrator position.

Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve Resolution #10-06-2022 a resolution to appoint Pat Dringman as interim public administrator as the result of the resignation of current public administrator, Elaine Allestad, on September 30, 2022. Commissioner Moody seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

A phone call was made to Park County Sanitarian regarding issues with responding to residents in Sweet Grass County.

A citizen called to complain about Big Timber Canyon road.

Commissioner Wallace attended a PMC board meeting and Commissioner Moody attended a fair board meeting that evening.

**Friday, October 7, 2022**

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

Commissioner Wallace listened to a Zoom meeting with MTNRC group on the 10(J) rule change.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners



Melanie Roe, Chairman

Date Approved: November 22, 2022



Attest: Vera Pederson, Clerk



**RESOLUTION 10-06-2022**

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT AN INTERIM FOR THE POSITION OF COUNTY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR, AS A RESULT OF THE RESIGNATION OF CURRENT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR, ELAINE ALLESTAD, ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.**

WHEREAS, Sweet Grass County Public Administrator, Elaine Allestad resigned September 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated 7-4-2206(2)(a) states that vacancies in all county offices, except that of county commissioner, must be filled by appointment by the board of county commissioners. Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4), the appointee holds the office, if elective, until the person elected at the next general election is certified pursuant to 13-15-406, MCA, and

WHEREAS, the current term of Elaine Allestad does not expire until December 31, 2022, therefore the Board of County Commissioners must appoint an interim until the newly elected Sweet Grass County Public Administrator is sworn in and

WHEREAS, County Attorney Pat Dringman has agreed to serve as the appointed interim Public Administrator.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sweet Grass County appoint Pat Dringman to act as the Sweet Grass County Public Administrator for the interim from October 7, 2022 until December 31, 2022.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022

Board of County Commissioners

Melanie Roe

Melanie Roe, Chair

William Wallace

William Wallace, Commissioner

James Moody

James Moody, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Vera Pederson

Vera Pederson, Clerk & Recorder

