

APRIL 10 - 14, 2023
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 10, 2023

All Commissioner are in today.

The Commissioners met with Susan Swimley, Tara DePuy and County Attorney Dringman at 9:55 a.m. regarding the Shay litigation case. No public was present. Ms. Swimley informed the Commission she and Ms. DePuy wanted to discuss the facts and law applicable to Shay etal vs. McGann, Sweet Grass County, etal. Ms. Swimley explained that discussion in public of the facts, as known to date, and the law may be detrimental to the County's position in the litigation and requested the Commission move to close the meeting to discuss litigation strategy.

Commissioner Wallace moved and Commissioner Roe seconded to close the meeting with attorneys Swimley and DePuy of MACo regarding the Shay litigation case. The motion passed unanimously. All notes from the meeting are retained in the attorney file of Susan Swimley.

Angie Moen came in to review and sign the cleaning contract for the courthouse.

A call was made to KLJ regarding the scope of service for the Airport Apron Project and need for an independent fee estimate per FAA rules. Morrison Maierle agreed to do the fee estimate.

Commissioner Moody went to West Boulder to help divert water and put out signs for flooding.

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

All Commissioners are in today.

Heather McDowell with Sibanye-Stillwater Mine called to inquire about the flooding and inform us of a regional federal reserve meeting on April 12, 2023.

Commissioner Wallace went up the West Boulder to help with the flooding.

Gail Neal stopped in to visit about the Hospitality House/Senior Center budget.

Multiple roads are washing out or flooding. Melville Road above Tronruds is closed and Cremer Road @ Cayuse Creek is washed out.

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Commissioner Roe and Moody are out today and Commissioner Wallace is helping the road department with flooding.

Public Works Director Conner presented encroachment permits for review.

Commissioner Roe moved to accept the 7 permits from Triangle Communications for the fiber optic upgrade project with the conditions provided by the public works director (see encroachment permits for comments). Commissioner Moody seconded this and the motion carried with 2 ayes.

Thursday, April 13, 2023

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

Claims were reviewed and signed.

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

Public Works Director Conner stopped in to update the Commissioners on the road conditions.

Friday, April 14, 2023

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

Dan Rostad dropped off two letters from the Conservation District regarding stream bank issues on the Boulder Bridge east of town on old Highway 10 and the Voges Bridge near the Grey Bear Fishing Access.

Received the independent fee estimate from Nick Enblom at Morrison Maierle for the upcoming airport apron project.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners


J.W. Moody, Chairman

Date Approved: September 1, 2023


Attest: Vera Pederson, Clerk

