NOVEMBER 13 – NOVEMBER 17, 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, November 13, 2023

Commissioners Moody, Wallace and Roe are in.

A concerned citizen called regarding the Commissioners' decision to levy only the 77.9 mills instead of the 95 mills for school equalization.

Time sheets were reviewed and signed.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy was in to make a recommendation on the radio consoles for the Sheriff's Office Dispatchers. The recommendation was for the Zetron Radio Console option at \$107,000.00 and a new recording system for \$20,000.00, if finances allow. The system should be complete by the end of June, 2024. Commissioner Roe moved to accept the DES/911 recommendation for the new radio consoles. The DES/911 Coordinator will do more research regarding the optional recording system. Commissioner Wallace seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes.

Commissioner Roe attended the Soil Conservation monthly board meeting.

Commissioner Wallace attended the Pioneer Medical Center Financial Board meeting.

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Commissioners Wallace and Moody are in. Commissioner Roe came in later.

Commissioner Moody attended a Sweet Grass Solutions meeting at the Senior Center.

Commissioners Wallace and Moody went to the Grey Bear Fishing Access Bridge Scour project with Public Works Director Conner. The final walkthrough was done with Brandon Duffey of Great West Engineering. The project looked good, however there is an issue with the lack of a barrier between the roadway and the Fishing Access on the southwest side. This is not part of the contract.

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Commissioners Moody, Roe and Wallace are in.

Commissioner Wallace went to Lewistown for the MTNRCC meeting.

Commissioners Moody and Roe had their quarterly meeting with the City regarding updates to common concerns. The Mayor expressed a desire to revisit the Interlocal Agreement, possibly combining shared areas of other agreements and to spend time clarifying the enforcement of ordinances, animals within the county and other common interests.

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Commissioners Moody, Roe and Wallace are in.

Claims were reviewed and signed. The Clerk and Recorder came in to prepare next week's agenda items.

There was discussion over the municipal election and the upcoming Canvass.

Beartooth Resource, Conservation and Development director and staff came in to update the Commission on everything they have been doing the past year and to present the Memorandum of Understanding between the county and BRC&D for 2024. The MOU was signed.

All Commissioners attended the LEPC meeting at the Ambulance station.

Commissioner Roe attended the Beartooth Resource, Conservation and Development bimonthly board meeting at the Sibanye Stillwater Mining Company's Palladium Office.

Commissioner Chairman Moody called the Board of County Canvassers to order. The purpose of the meeting was to certify the vote totals are correct. Jane Bailey, of the Big Timber Grade School Board, attended as their representative to the board of Canvassers. Clerk and Recorder Vera Pederson, along with Dawn Curry, presented the sealed tally sheets for review. The tally sheets were counted and confirmed. City Councilman Justin Ferguson was also present.

Friday, November 17, 2023

Commissioners Roe, Moody and Wallace are in.

Commissioner Wallace moved to accept the final pay estimate for the Grey Bear Bridge Scour Abatement project as presented by Brandon Duffey with Great West Engineering. Commissioner Roe seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes. The finished paperwork will be given to the DES/911 Coordinator for submittal to FEMA.

Commissioner Moody signed the checks for the claims.

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

Date Approved:

Attest: Vera Pederson, Clerk