

MARCH 4 - 8, 2019
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, March 4, 2019

All Commissioners are in today. A staff meeting was held at 9:30 a.m. Present were Cory Conner, Pat Dringman, Connie Weston, Barb Swanson, Alan Ronneberg, Vera Pederson, Marc King and Page Dringman.

Public Works Director Conner said they have been busy plowing and he will be attending his annual convention in April.

Sheriff Ronneberg reported the numbers for February and said they have been busy with this weather.

Extension Agent King said he traveled to Miles City and Dickenson, ND with the judging teams, he attended the weed summit, annual wool growers and stock growers' meetings. He informed us that both organizations will be submitting letters to the Commissioners to support private property rights regarding the wind farms.

Clerk of District Court Swanson reported that she had 10 new cases this month.

Weed Coordinator Weston informed us that the weed summit went really well with about 80 in attendance. She attended a conservation district board meeting, exhibited with the weed display trailer at the MATE show and she will be going to Helena tomorrow for a grant presentation.

Planner Dringman said they have been busy with a subdivision that was submitted to her office, and joint planning board meetings regarding the wind farm issues. A tax abatement request was received that she is reviewing to make sure it is complete, she has made a binder of the tax abatement and that if anyone wants copies they will have to pay for a hard copy or on a USB drive with the Clerk and Recorder's office. The city/county planning board had a conditional use application that was approved after a couple meetings and she is doing some research for the City regarding the Hard Rock Mining Impact Plan.

County Attorney Dringman said he has a couple trials this month and that most of his associations legislative bills are already dead.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson gave an update on a few of the legislative bills they are presenting, informed us that the school elections are fast approaching and she attended the mid-winter meetings in Helena.

Commissioner Roe said they attended the MACo mid-winter meetings in Helena, a safety meeting, cash meetings, road use agreement on the Crazy Mtn. Wind farm, had a meeting with the Forest Service for an update, meetings with Mental Health and Senior Center and approved funding for the executive director position with the Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Moody added that they requested a traffic study on Hwy 191 by Viking Springs subdivision and he attended a fair board meeting where they approved the maintenance contract with Buzz Finn.

Commissioner Wallace said while they were in Helena for the mid-winter meetings they also went to the capitol and testified on 3 different bills. He attended a PMC board meeting and Mental Health board meeting.

After the staff meeting Finance Officer Uehling and Clerk and Recorder Pederson were in for a cash meeting. Clerk and Recorder Pederson read the minutes for February 4th thru February 22nd, 2019. Commissioner Roe made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Commissioner Moody seconded this, it passed with 3 ayes. Commissioner Moody went to the courthouse for an awards ceremony for Deputy Criner.

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Commissioner Wallace and Moody are in today and Commissioner Roe is out sick. Finance Officer Uehling was in to discuss the fuel tax resolution. Undersheriff Swanson was in to talk about a regional jail. A mental health board meeting was held at noon. Frannie Anderson, Darrel Elgen, Vicki Uehling and Vera Pederson were in to talk about the annex building issues. They would like to see new paint in conference room, hallways, remove a wall in Clerk and Recorder's office, camera system in records room, sound system in extension conference room, shelving in basement, fix cracks in Finance office, remove maps, light fixture out front, asphalt at main entrance and doorway by extension office. At 5:00 p.m. an airport board meeting was held. Present were Bob Bryan, Randy Rembold, Ken Wendland, Kandi Schuman, Bill Kiel, Justin Ferguson, Bill Wallace and JV Moody. A joint city/county and county planning board meeting was held at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

All Commissioners are in today. Justin Ferguson stopped in to oppose the county going into competition selling fuel at airport. A cash meeting was held with Finance Officer Uehling and Clerk and Recorder Pederson. The Commissioners went to the courthouse for a connect with DES/911 Coordinator Brooke Johnson. County Attorney Dringman and Planner Dringman stopped in to discuss public hearing dates for the tax abatement hearing.

Thursday, March 7, 2019

All Commissioners are in today. Claims for the week were reviewed. Heather Hasbrook with Sky Federal Credit Union was in to talk about services and rates they have to offer. Treasurer Fuller and Finance Officer Uehling were also present for this meeting. DES Coordinator Johnson was in to present and request signatures on the EMPG grant. Clerk and Recorder Pederson was in to go over the agenda and read the minutes from February 25, 2019 thru March 1, 2019. Commissioner Roe made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Commissioner Moody seconded this and it passed with 3 ayes. Commissioner Wallace attended a PMC board meeting that afternoon.

Friday, March 8, 2019

Commissioner Wallace and Roe are in today and Commissioner Moody is out. Lisa Olmstead and Joel Feneis with DOWL stopped in to visit about Montana DOT ADA project to improve drainage, build curb ramps, alley approaches and new sidewalks. Riverside Contracting will be the contractor doing this project. A public meeting will be held March 19, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the library.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

William Wallace, Chairman

Date Approved: March 21, 2019

Attest:

Vera Pederson, Clerk