

MAY 6 - 10, 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, May 6, 2019

All Commissioners are in today. A staff meeting was held. Present were Ron Swanson, Susan Metcalf, Vera Pederson, Char Fuller, Jessie Connolly, Cory Conner, Connie Weston, Marc King, Vicki Uehling, Pat Dringman, Kris Novotny and Page Dringman.

Undersheriff Swanson reported the numbers and informed us that Sheriff Ronneberg is at coroner training in Butte. Sheriff Ronneberg attended a MSPOA meeting last week and had a CJIN audit last week also.

Finance Officer Uehling said budget reports are due May 20th and the audit report is back with no findings this year.

Treasurer Fuller said she attended certification school, mailed out the mobile home tax statements and informed us that the 2nd half of the real estate taxes are due by the end of this month.

Weed Coordinator Weston said she attended a weed board meeting, MDT meeting and that she will be going to a presentation at Dailey Lake this month along with an adult education class regarding weeds.

Public Works Director Conner attended the MACRS in Great Falls last month with Monte Fjare and the Commissioners. The road department has been blading while they have some moisture. They had a meeting with Sibanye-Stillwater Mine on the East Boulder Road and that HB652 did pass and they expect to replace the Old Boulder Bridge next year.

County Attorney Dringman reported on legislative issues that will affect his office and said he has been busy with the ongoing wind litigation for the Crazy Mtn. Wind Farm.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson reported that 43% of the absentee ballots that were sent out for the school election have been returned so far and that her office has been enforcing the ballot collection reporting form that was passed last fall.

Planner Dringman has been busy with COS reviews, flood plains, Graham Creek subdivision, City/County Joint Planning board and the Forest Plan Revision.

Extension Agent King said the soil moisture looks good, he attended a Wool Growers meeting, Weed Board, Planning Board and Fair Board meetings.

Justice of Peace Connolly reported the numbers for the month. She attended judge school in Butte, cyber security training and Alternatives quarterly meeting.

Fire Chief Novotny said the new truck is here, 14 firefighters went to the school in Cody and he attended the Fire Wardens Conference last month.

Superintendent of Schools Metcalf said she has been very busy with end of school year, Dino Dig, Elections, board meetings and swearing in new members, rural track meet, graduations for Melville and McLeod, and that the legislative session was not that good for the school districts.

Commissioner Roe reported that she attended County Planning Board meeting on the Graham Creek subdivision and the Commissioners attended Mental Health meetings, MACRS in Great Falls, wind tax abatement hearing and decision, budget meetings with Vicki, Safety meeting, Forest Service Revision Plan will hold 4 meetings, Federal Land Use Seminar in Lewistown, met with the Senior Center regarding improvements and had several non-profits requesting funding for the upcoming year.

Commissioner Moody added that he attended an HRDC meeting and Fair Board meeting. They applied to the DOT for a double solid yellow line at the Viking Springs subdivision on Highway 191 and they signed up for the deferred compensation program with Empower.

Commissioner Wallace added that he attended a PMC board meeting and Mental Health board meeting in Billings.

Amber Blake called to talk about mental health strategies.

Pat Pearson and Randy Weimer with Sibanye-Stillwater Mining Company was in for the Forest Service revision plan meeting. Also present were, Matt Haggerty with Park Electric and Planner Dringman.

John Novotny stopped by to visit about the Forest Service revision plan.

Buzz Finn came in to discuss his duties at the fairgrounds.

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Commissioner Moody and Roe are in today. Commissioner Wallace was out in the morning. Buzz Finn was in again with questions about the supplies and vehicle lease options at the fairgrounds.

Public Works Director Conner presented an encroachment permit for McLeod Flying Bull Bison Ranch. Commissioner Moody made a motion to accept the encroachment with the provisions set forth by the Public Works Director including but not limited to culverts at new gates and relocating one gate to satisfy site distance concerns. Commissioner Roe seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Commissioner Moody and Roe are in today. Commissioner Wallace is out in the afternoon. The Commissioners went to the courthouse for a connect meeting with the Justice of the Peace office. Steve Simonson and Joel Bertolino with Beartooth RC & D were in to discuss economic development in the county. Julie Johnson with the Chamber of Commerce was also present at this meeting.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson was in to go over agenda items for the upcoming weeks.

Commissioner Roe attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Superintendent of Schools Metcalf stopped by to discuss school issues and the board elections.

Thursday, May 9, 2019

All Commissioners are in today. Sheriff Ronneberg was in to talk about the Forest Service patrols.

A meeting was held for the Graham Creek Subdivision. Present were Logan Todd, Cody Duggar, Pete and Carol Anderson, Travis West and County Planner Dringman. Commissioner Moody made a motion to accept the Graham Creek subdivision as presented. Commissioner Roe seconded the motion. The motion was opened to public discussion. No comments were given. The motion passed with 3 ayes.

Friday, May 10, 2019

All Commissioners are in today. Gary Whitney with Empower Retirement was in to sign up employees with the deferred compensation program. Shelley with MACo was here for vision and dental insurance enrollment. MACo representatives met with the insurance committee. Present were Pam Walling, Shelly Murphy, Taylor Cocoli and Jerry Spears with MACo and the insurance committee of Jami Moody, Catherine McKenzie, Kevin Schott, Stephanie Heineman, Kandi Schuman and Neil Inderland. After the MACo meeting Becky Todisco presented her insurance renewal information to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

William Wallace, Chairman

Date Approved: June 13, 2019

Attest:
Vera Pederson, Clerk