

SEPTEMBER 9 - 13, 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, September 9, 2019

All Commissioners are in today. Commissioner Roe made a motion to approve the Sweet Grass County Safety Manual. Commissioner Moody seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

A staff meeting was held. Present were Susan Metcalf, Vicki Uehling, Char Fuller, Connie Weston, Marc King, Alan Ronneberg, Barb Swanson, Cory Conner, Jessie Connolly and Vera Pederson.

Superintendent of Schools Metcalf said she received the mills and will get on the agenda to certify them. The mills are down a little and enrollment in most of the schools are down except high school which is up.

Finance Officer Uehling said she had a salary committee meeting, met with Commissioners to approve the budgets, reviewed the job descriptions and attended a fraud conference.

Treasurer Fuller said she filed liens on 30 taxpayers in August and she will be attending her convention in Whitefish this month.

Weed Coordinator Weston informed us that the spray crew has finished for the year, the State weed controller was here for a tour of grant areas, she attended the Farm Fair and she will go to Bozeman tomorrow for Level II Weed training.

Extension Agent King said he has been busy judging fairs, brucellosis meetings, Farm Fair and a Kentucky agriculture group was here to tour the wool mill.

Sheriff Ronneberg reported the numbers for the month and said they have been patrolling the Main Boulder Road with the reduced speed limit. He added that they have not found the drowning victim in the Boulder river yet.

Clerk of Court Swanson reported the numbers for the month and said new fans were installed in the courtroom and jury room. She added that they have several jury trials scheduled in October.

Public Works Director Conner said they have been busy since they have one employee out on leave. Culverts were replaced, met with DOT on work they are planning for Howie/Rapelje Road, met with Stillwater Mine on the East Boulder Road project, they will be replacing the bridge at Swamp Creek Road over Big Timber Creek and gave an update on the Old Boulder Bridge project.

Justice of Peace Connolly reported the numbers and said she attended an Alternatives meeting, judge's meeting, salary meeting and will be going to White Sulpher Springs to help train the new City Judge.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson said she attended her convention in August and was elected as third Vice President on the Executive Board. She and Catherine attended a Human Resource training and that she will send notice to the City of Big Timber to cancel the municipal general election.

Commissioner Roe said she will be attending the Reimagining Rural Conference, attended a Waste Task Force meeting and Carnegie Library recognition ceremony.

Commissioner Moody said he is on the new committee for the Civic Center, the reduced speed limit on the Main Boulder Road went into effect, they have been working on the DES and Community Rural Mental Health worker jobs, budgets, airport paving and fencing projects, toured the fairgrounds, Commissioner Roe has been working on a getting sound system for the extension conference room and the Commissioners met with Greg Gianforte.

Commissioner Wallace added they approved encroachment permits and renewed the extension agent contract.

Public Works Director Conner presented an encroachment permit for Troy Dumont. Commissioner Roe made a motion to approve the encroachment permit with conditions. Commissioner Moody seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

Commissioner Moody met with Mark Josephson regarding the Civic Center Committee.

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

All Commissioners are in today.

Commissioner Roe went to Harlowton for a "Reimagining Rural" seminar.

Commissioner Moody and Wallace went to Billings to pick up the county vehicle.

Amber Blake was in to have a grant application signed.

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

All Commissioners are in today.

Kandi Schuman was in to discuss airport issues.

Justin Ferguson was in to request to be added to the airport board agenda.

Commissioner Moody went to the County Attorney's office to review the AFLAC contract.

Bill from Granite Technology was in to discuss the contract and answer concerns related to the contract.

Jason Groff stopped by regarding potholes in Greycliff.

Marc King inquired about removing and burying concrete at the fairgrounds.

Betsy Donald asked about an abandoned mobile home that appears to be in the County right-of-way on Rupert Road.

Catherine McKenzie received a call that water was running over the Old Boulder Road near Indian Rings subdivision. Public Works Director Conner was notified.

Thursday, September 12, 2019

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

Superintendent of Schools Metcalf presented the school mills for certification. Commissioner Moody made a motion to approve and accept the budget report and mill certification for all five school districts in Sweet Grass County. Commissioner Wallace seconded this and the motion passed with 2 ayes.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson was in to go over agenda items and read minutes. Commissioner Moody made a motion to approve the minutes from August 26 -- 30, 2019 and September 2 -- 6, 2019 with corrections. Commissioner Wallace seconded this and the motion passed with 2 ayes.

Claims for the week were reviewed and signed.

Jim Niebur called to discuss the Civic Center.

Friday, September 13, 2019

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

Claims and payroll for the week were signed.

Monica from dispatch called to advise the Commissioners that JKL Industries cut a gas line behind the ambulance station. Public Works Director Conner was notified.

Glenn Berg stopped in to discuss the mental health issues in the County.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

William Wallace

William Wallace, Chairman

Date Approved: October 3, 2019

Vera Pederson

Attest:
Vera Pederson, Clerk

