

DECEMBER 2 - 6, 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)).**

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**Monday, December 2, 2019**

All Commissioners are in today.

The TSEP management plan for the Old Boulder Bridge project was signed.

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

Superintendent of Schools Metcalf said she hosted the MSSA workshop last month, a grievance against the SGHS board was filed with her and the rural schools are working on their Christmas programs.

Clerk of Court Swanson reported the numbers for November and that she had 2 jury trials last month.

Extension Agent King said they had the Estate Planning workshop, Stockgrowers and Woolgrowers banquet, and will be headed to Phoenix for a judging contest on New Year's Eve.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy said the reports were all completed and in to the State and he is working on updating the dispatch computers.

Treasurer Fuller said she collected 5.4 million in taxes last month.

Weed Coordinator Weston informed us that the 2019 grant reports are turned in and 2020 grant applications are due January 6, 2020. She also said that her district was nominated weed district of the year.

Finance Officer Uehling reported that the auditor only had verbal findings which he discussed with each department and there will be no findings in the report. She also finished the annual report and will file it after the Commissioners review it.

County Attorney Dringman said his office is staying busy with new cases.

Justice of Peace Connolly reported the numbers for the month and said she attended a Mental Health Board meeting, Alternatives, Courts of Limited Jurisdiction and a legislative panel committee meeting in Helena.

Sheriff Ronneberg reported the numbers for the month and said they are looking into a GPS monitoring system instead of jail for individuals.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson informed us that filings for the 2020 Election start January 9, 2020 and the 2020 School Election filings open on December 12, 2019, she will be attending MACo Elected Officials training next week and they are almost done with the new personnel policy.

Commissioner Moody said the Commissioners had meetings with the auditor and will implement some changes with the timesheets, had a meeting regarding the TSEP Old Boulder Bridge project, personnel policy committee meeting, and helped with the replacement of Swamp Creek Road bridge.

After the staff meeting Superintendent of Schools Metcalf met with the Commissioners regarding litigation at the high school.

Real Audio Concepts was here to work on the new audio/video system.

Matt and Bonita Cremer were in to talk about the Melville post office.

Alice Buckley with Profitable Ideas Exchange called to set up a meeting.

### **Tuesday, December 3, 2019**

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

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy stopped in to give an update on the computer replacements at the Sheriff's office.

### **Wednesday, December 4, 2019**

All Commissioners are in today.

Casey Collins, with Greg Gianforte's office was in to update us on the campaign.

Joel Bertolino and Steve Simonson with Beartooth RC & D met with the Commissioners to have the MOU signed and give an update. Commissioner Roe made a motion to approve and sign the annual MOU with Beartooth RC & D. Commissioner Moody seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

### **Thursday, December 5, 2019**

All Commissioners are in today.

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

Claims and payroll for the week were reviewed and signed.  
Commissioner Moody went to Red Lodge for a meeting regarding the regional jail.

Commissioner Wallace and Roe attended the Shepherder Square meeting.

Commissioner Wallace attended a PMC board meeting that evening.

**Friday, December 6, 2019**

All Commissioners are in today.

October credit card purchases were reviewed and signed.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

William Wallace, Chairman

Date Approved: December 19, 2019

Attest:

Vera Pederson, Clerk