

JULY 6 - 10, 2020  
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, July 6, 2020**

All Commissioners are in today.

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

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy discussed the EMPG grant and gave an update on the masks that he received.

Finance Officer Uehling said she has been busy with budgets and end of year items.

Justice of the Peace Connolly reported the numbers for the month, said she attended an Alternatives quarterly meeting, Commission on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction, and Mental Health Board meeting.

Superintendent of Schools Metcalf said she has been working with the schools on the reopening plans and will be having a transportation board meeting to discuss the bus routes for the year.

Sheriff Ronneberg reported the numbers for the month and stated his new deputy started in June, Forrest Service patrol started in June, there were 8 unattended deaths in June, a few Search and Rescue calls, busy with the rodeo, training on AEDs for every patrol car, and his deputies are cross deputized with Park County to issue citations up the Boulder.

Clerk of District Court Swanson reported the numbers, said they have 2 jury trials scheduled for August, attended an Education Committee meeting online and received 400 of the jury questionnaires.

Extension Agent King said he had a virtual judging for a fair, wool samples were shipped to New Zealand, held a pig workshop, the state 4H judging is this week and he is working on the fair plan.

Weed Coordinator Weston said they are busy and she is working on the RAC grant.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson said the primary election went well and the judges were done counting by 9:30 pm and she was done about 11:00 pm. There was a 73% turnout of the active voters in Sweet Grass County. She informed us that her association's convention was canceled due to Covid restrictions. She also gave an update on the E-Recording that she started in May.

The Commissioners informed us that they have been working on budgets, attended Mental Health board, HRDC, Fire, Unified Public Command and LEPC meetings, working on grants for the Mental Health, several meetings regarding the Old Boulder Bridge project and Commissioner Wallace added that he attended the PMC board

meeting. Commissioner Moody assisted with the dispatcher interviews, and Commissioner Roe attended the Senior Center meetings regarding reopening.

A school transportation meeting with Superintendent of Schools Metcalf and the transportation board.

A virtual meeting regarding the Custer/Gallatin Forest revision plan was held.

**Tuesday, July 7, 2020**

All Commissioners are in today.

Phil Hathaway, the SGHS bus coordinator, was in to discuss the Old Boulder Bridge replacement project.

A Forest Counties summit meeting was held via Zoom.

**Wednesday, July 8, 2020**

All Commissioners are in today.

Finance Officer Uehling was in to discuss MACo insurance rates.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy was in to give an update on his projects.

Jihan Khalaf with the US Census Bureau stopped in to ask for assistance to increase the reporting.

Commissioner Moody attended the SGHS reopening committee meeting.

**Thursday, July 9, 2020**

All Commissioners are in today.

Claims for the week were reviewed and signed.

Commissioner Roe made a motion to approve Resolution #07-09-2020 an agreement for service per capita contribution for chemical dependency and mental health services. Commissioner Moody seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

Catherine McKenzie was in to go over agenda items.

**Friday, July 10, 2020**

All Commissioners are in today.

A MACo town hall meeting was held via Webex.

Finance Officer Uehling was in to discuss the CARES Act guidelines.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

William Wallace, Chairman

Date Approved: August 20, 2020

Attest:  
Vera Pederson, Clerk