

MARCH 7 - 11, 2022
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 7, 2022

All Commissioners are in today.

A staff meeting was held with Vera Pederson, Cory Conner, Marc King, Barb Swanson, Alan Ronneberg, Jessie Connolly, Vicki Uehling, Connie Weston, Susan Metcalf, Cliff Brophy, Dan Tronrud and Page Dringman present.

Commissioner Roe gave updates on the cyber security, personnel policy, CIP and notified everyone of the upcoming job fair at SGHS.

Public Works Director Conner said they have Lower Deer Creek road finished up, working on Howie Road, replacing Bridger Creek bridge and going out for bid on another grader.

Extension Agent King said he has been busy with 4H, traveled to Miles City with the judging team, rancher roundtables and hay/soil testing.

Weed Coordinator Weston informed us that she attended MWCA training, 2021 grant money finished up, working on the weed summit for the last week of April.

Finance Officer Uehling said she is working on the salary sheets and starting with the budgets.

Planner Dringman said they are staying busy with subdivisions both in the city and county and marijuana ordinance for the City of Big Timber.

Sheriff Ronneberg reported the numbers for the month, said the body cameras have shipped, attended first responder, fire, EMS training and working on getting a new vehicle and side by side.

Justice of the Peace Connolly reported the numbers for the month, talked about the increase in mental health issues, she will be attending judge school the end of April and met with the Commissioners on the CIP regarding the stairs and elevator.

Clerk of District Court Swanson said they had a jury trial last month with 76 jurors in the jury pool. She also reported the numbers for the month and said the judge will be here 3 times this month.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy said he has been working on updating the disaster mitigation plan, attended the DES conference and applied for a grant for a message board sign.

Superintendent of Schools Metcalf informed us that Callie Rech filed for her position, the high school will have a levy election, the spelling bee went well and that it is Dr. Suess week.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson reminded everyone of the deadline to file for office is March 14th and for the school trustee it is March 24th. She attended the mid-winter MACR meetings, MACo executive board meeting, Secretary of State certification and LEPC meeting. She talked about the job fair in April and the cyber security and need for .gov emails.

Commissioner Moody said they have been dealing with fair board issues, attended MACo mid-winter meeting, meetings and phone calls regarding the bus drivers and getting CDL's, approved encroachment permits and Chamber of Commerce, HRDC, LEPC and Mental Health meetings.

Commissioner Roe added that they have been working on the salaries, insurance committee, CIP and bridge notification process from DOT.

Dan Tronrud was in to talk about the Community Mental Health program.

Dan Rostad, Mark Thompson and Sandi LaVoy with the Conservation District were in to discuss the Tronrud bridge.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy was in to discuss the generator at the Civic Center.

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

All Commissioners are in today.

Jane Esp was in to talk about a support letter for the Senior Center bus grant application.

Jenn Chappell and Lauren Morris with Public Health were in for a Commissioner Connect meeting.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy was in to discuss the generator at the Civic Center.

Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement between Sweet Grass County and the Sweet Grass County Chamber of Commerce for \$45,000 for fiscal year 2022-2023. Commission Moody seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

All Commissioners are in today.

Finance Officer Uehling was in to discuss the sheriff's office fuel budget.

Bret Tebow was in to inquire about the hot springs development at Springdale that Rock Creek Ranch proposed.

An airport board meeting was held that evening.

Thursday, March 10, 2022

All Commissioners are in today.

Claims for the week were reviewed and signed.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy was in for bid openings on the radio repeater replacement for emergency services on Tin Can Hill. There was one bid for \$52,520.00 from Industrial Communications. The bid packet was complete and a bond check in the amount of \$5,300.00 was attached.

Finance Officer Uehling was in to talk about salaries and wages.

Friday, March 11, 2022

All Commissioners are in today.

DES/911 Coordinator was in to give an update.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

Melanie Roe, Chairman

Date Approved: April 28, 2022

Attest: Vera Pederson, Clerk