

MAY 2 - 6, 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, May 2, 2022

All Commissioners are in today.

Timesheets were reviewed and signed.

A staff meeting was held with Cory Conner, Vera Pederson, Jessie Connolly, Barb Swanson, Cliff Brophy, Connie Weston, Char Rasnick and Page Dringman present.

Justice of the Peace Connolly reported the numbers for the month and said she had been at judge school last week and the clerks were in training the week before. She has used the phone interpreter again last month and it works well. She attended a couple Montana Magistrates Association meetings and has been working with Samantha Keiffer.

Planner Dringman stated that the city/county planning board approved and made recommendations to the city and county for another subdivision and that she has been busy with other COS reviews.

Weed Coordinator Weston said she finished the BLM grant and applied for another one, the weed summit was last week and very well attended and that she has her spray crew hired.

Treasurer Rasnick reported the numbers for the month and said she will be sending out the mobile home taxes and collecting the 2nd half of real estate taxes by the end of May.

Extension Agent King informed us that he received the potatoes the first of April and distributed them, unloaded wool, is on the search committee for a new extension agent in Teton County, attended planning board, weed board, fair board and 4H council meetings and took the judging team to Missoula for a competition.

Clerk of District Court Swanson reported the numbers for the month, said the judge will be here 3 times this month, convention is next week in Hardin and that she received the reimbursement for the jury trial from the State of Montana.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy informed us that Triangle Telephone will be installing fiber optics up the Main Boulder this summer and that he received the reimbursement for the civic center generator.

Public Works Director Conner said his crew has been busy getting roads graveled and has a couple employees retiring so he will be hiring soon.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson said she has been preparing for the upcoming elections. She held four election judge trainings with about 35 judges trained and updated us on some of the new election laws that are being held up in the courts.

Commissioner Wallace said he attended a PMC and Mental Health Board meeting.

Commissioner Roe stated that they have been working on budgets, salaries, cyber security and they had a cash meeting last month.

Commissioner Moody added that the Salary Compensation Board approved a 4.7% COLA for the elected officials and that they will be giving the same to the employees. He also attended LEPC, HRDC, South Central Detention Board and the job fair at the high school.

Clerk of Court Swanson was in to talk about hiring additional staff for district court.

Planner Dringman presented a final plat review for Hope Minor Subdivision Phase II. Commissioner Moody made a motion to approve the Hope Minor Subdivision final plat phase II. Commissioner Wallace seconded this and the motion passed with 3 ayes.

A citizen called with concerns about Big Timber Canyon Road.

Shannon and Julie with MACo PCT were in for a renewal meeting.

A citizen was in to talk about the Lower Deer Creek Road.

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

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

A bus driver called Commissioner Moody to inform him that they were unable to make the route on Lower Sweet Grass Road because of all the rain. Commissioner Moody informed the road supervisor.

Mountain Alarm (Kenco) was here to work on the panic buttons, repeater and alarm system.

Logan Todd stopped in to inquire about the location of the county road on East Fork of the Sweet Grass Creek.

Public Works Director Conner was in to discuss road issues.

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

Commissioner Moody and Roe are in today.

Finance Officer Uehling was in to discuss budgets and salaries.

Commissioners went to inspect roads.

Thursday, May 5, 2022

Commissioner Roe is in today and Commissioner Moody was out and Commissioner Wallace was in after lunch.

Jason Palin from Sibanye Stillwater Mine called to inquire about progress on the East Boulder bridges.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson was in to go over agenda items. Claims for the week were reviewed and signed.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson also discussed the city wanting to have a board education training from MSU Extension.

Commissioner Wallace attended the PMC board meeting.

Public Works Director Conner was in to discuss East Boulder bridge schedule and Bridger Creek bridge.

Friday, May 6, 2022

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

Commissioner Roe attended a MSU Extension webinar on electric vehicles.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

Melanie Roe, Chairman

Date Approved: July 7, 2022

Attest: Vera Pederson, Clerk