

JANUARY 28 – FEBRUARY 1, 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, January 28, 2019**

All Commissioners are in today. The Commissioners and Public Works Director Conner traveled to Helena to testify for the Old Boulder Bridge TSEP project. Peggy Campbell with the Department of Revenue stopped in to discuss a permitting system to keep track of building improvements. The Shirley Breck stopped in to give her opinion on the road use agreement and tax abatement with Crazy Mtn. Wind farm project.

**Tuesday, January 29, 2019**

All Commissioners are in today. We conducted inventory on the Commissioner assigned equipment. Planner Dringman and Catherine McKenzie were in to discuss the deferred compensation plan. The decision was tabled until a few questions regarding the fees were answered. Commissioner Moody applied for the US Forest Service Southern Montana Resource Advisory Council. Karen Tuscano with the US Forest Service was in to give an explanation of the RAC program. County Attorney Dringman was in to go over revisions of the road agreement. The city/county and county planning boards held a joint meeting that evening to listen to wind farm presentation.

**Wednesday, January 30, 2019**

All Commissioners are in today. At 9:00 a.m. the Commissioners attended a meeting at the Senior Center to look at the damage to the front of the building. Cory Claussen was in to talk about True North bridges. A meeting was held at 10:00 to open bids for two 2003 Ford Crown Vics and a 1993 GMC Truck. There were 2 bids on the 2003 Ford Crown Vic with 106,452 miles. Barry Kovatch with a bid of \$675.00 and Crazy Mtn. Cattle/Harv Van Wagoner with \$500.00. Barry Kovatch was the winning bid. The 2003 Ford Crown Vic with 116,816 miles had one bid from Crazy Mtn. Cattle/Harv Van Wagoner for \$500.00. The 1993 GMC 1500 had one bid from Karl Conner for \$251.00. Bill Lloyd from Great West Engineering was in to discuss HB-14, TSEP, CIP's, etc. Claims for the week were reviewed and signed. The Missouri River Drug Task Force agreement was reviewed and signed. The Commissioners met with the planning department for their weekly connect.

**Thursday, January 31, 2019**

All Commissioners are in today. Clerk and Recorder Pederson was in to discuss agenda items. Commissioners went to a Fraud Prevention class in Billings. Commissioner Wallace attended a Mental Health meeting at the library.

**Friday, February 1, 2019**

All Commissioners are in today. At 9:00 a.m. a meeting was held for the Crazy Mtn. Wind Road Use Agreement. Present were: Commissioners, County Attorney Dringman, Clerk and Recorder Pederson, Planner Dringman, Julie Johnson, Cindy Selensky, Harv Van Wagoner, Rick Jarrett, Lois Huffman, Bob Dyer, Dick Christ, Roxie Hogemark, Jan Engwis, Steve Woodruff and Robyn Roberts. Commissioner Roe moved to adopt the Crazy Mtn. Wind Road Use Agreement as presented, Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. Commissioner Wallace opened it up to public comment. Steve Woodruff and Cindy Selensky spoke. Commissioner Wallace called for the vote on the motion. Motion passed with 3 ayes Roxie Hogemark, Cindy Selensky and Robyn Roberts stayed and expressed their concerns regarding the road agreement and possible zoning. Clerk and Recorder Pederson came in and read the minutes from January 1-4, 2019. Commissioner Roe made motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Commissioner Moody seconded this and it passed with 3 ayes. The minutes from January 7-11, 2019 were read. Commissioner Roe made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Commissioner Moody seconded this and it passed with 3 ayes. Suzanne Wilson was in to give her opinion on the Crazy Mtn. Wind farm, zoning and Republic Services. Laurie Parrent stopped by and informed us that the mental health counselor will no longer be coming to Big Timber and stressed the need for a full-time counselor that is imbedded in the community. A meeting with KLLJ and the FAA was held regarding the airport. Present were: Bob Bryan, Jason Hill, Kandi Schuman, Bill Keil, Nathan Schroht with KLLJ and Joe Nye by conference call. This was a pre-design discussion for fixing the fence, pavement maintenance and markings. We also discussed the "Pilots for Montana Airports" campaign increasing the airplane fuel tax to \$.10 a gallon and other fuel issues. Rhonda Johnston stopped in to talk about the wind farm projects.

Claims for the month of January totaled \$620,763.97

County payroll for the month of January totaled \$141,351.34

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

*William Wallace*

William Wallace, Chairman

Date Approved: February 7, 2019

*Vera Pederson*

Attest:  
Vera Pederson, Clerk

