

JULY 17 - 21, 2023
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, July 17, 2023

All Commissioners are in.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy stopped in to visit about the upcoming Community Wildfire Protection Plan on-site catalog visit.

A concerned resident/taxpayer stopped in to ask questions regarding the recent property assessments and concerns over an increase in property taxes. She was advised to make an appointment with the Sweet Grass County Assessor.

County Clerk and Recorder discussed some of the problems she was having uploading the audio recordings of action item minutes. A brief discussion was held about increasing the amount of storage on the County website. Following a discussion with Granite Technology, we were advised to contact our web master and see what the best resolution would be.

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

All Commissioners are in.

Commissioner Roe attended the Senior Center/ Hospitality House monthly board meeting.

Commissioners Wallace and Moody attended the Superintendent of School's County transportation meeting where the bus routes for the 23/24 school year were presented.

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

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

The upcoming bid packet for the Voges Bridge Scour repair project (FEMA) was e-mailed from Great West Engineering. Engineer Brandon Duffey requested we review the information and let him know if changes were needed. The proposed bid opening date is August 14th, 2023.

Commissioner Chairman Moody called the meeting to order with Planner Dringman and Commissioner Roe present. The planner presented a Certificate of Survey/ Boundary Adjustment between Callahans. Approximately 12 acres was being transferred from adjacent Tract A to Tract B. All fees and taxes are current. Commissioner Roe moved to accept the COS as prepared. Commissioner Moody seconded. There was no public comment and the motion carried with 2 ayes.

Commissioner Roe attended the weed board meeting.

Commissioner Moody re-convened the Commission. Commissioner Roe moved to proceed with the contract from Waste Management for \$136,000.00 to clean the MC-250

oil from rail tanker car behind the court house. Commissioner Moody seconded and the motion carried with two ayes. There was no public present or comments.

Commissioner Moody went to the Court House to visit with Justice of the Peace Connolly about the process for changing job descriptions, issuing pay raises and adding new job duties with regard to the Victim Witness Advocate. He then went to the Ambulance Station for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan meeting. Commissioner Moody also attended the evening portion of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan public comment.

Thursday, July 20, 2023

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

Claims were reviewed and signed.

Commissioner Moody signed the Service Agreement with Industrial Waste Disposal for the removal of the oil in the tanker car.

Friday, July 21, 2023

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

Brandon Duffey with Great West Engineering called in to discuss the Voges Bridge Scour project bid letting. The project will be advertised on July 27th and August 3rd. The opening will be in the Sweet Grass Commissioners' conference room on August 14th at 10:00 AM. Discussion ensued regarding clarification on the existing riprap and whether or not it would have to be removed. This will be addressed through an addendum if necessary.

The Commissioners sent out several requests to various affiliates to comment on the East Boulder EIS 004 Amendment.

The Commissioners discussed the current county website and the difficulties with trying to post large file audio recordings as required by current law. A request for options was sent to Granite Technology to help come up with ideas on how to accomplish this without starting a You-Tube channel as suggested by our current Webmaster Atomic Interactive.

The reporter from the Big Timber Pioneer returned Commissioner Moody's call. Commissioner Moody expressed how unhappy the Commission was with the one-sided article regarding the cancellation of the weekly rodeo by JS Rodeo. Commissioner Moody went on to state that the Pioneer didn't even call to get the Fair Board's side of the issue.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners

JV Moody, Chairman

Date Approved: October 31, 2023

Attest: Vera Pederson, Clerk

