

MARCH 6 -10, 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, March 6, 2023

All Commissioners are in today.

A staff meeting was held with Callie Rech, Connie Weston, Vicki Uehling, Barb Swanson, Jessie Connolly, Cory Conner, Cliff Brophy, Alan Ronneberg and Vera Pederson present.

Superintendent of Schools Rech said she attended the new superintendent training in Helena last week, spelling bee was last month and state teacher evaluations.

Weed Coordinator Weston said she attended the NWCI meeting by zoom, conservation district meeting, weed board meeting and working on the weed summit.

Finance Officer Uehling said they had a cash meeting last month and some credit card fraud has been happening.

Clerk of District Court Swanson said she hired Amy Krum, reported the numbers for the month and is working on four jury trials coming up.

Sheriff Ronneberg reported the numbers for the month, held a meeting regarding road closures, sent two deputies to Bozeman for narcotics training and one will be going to the National Narcotics Officers Association training, training deputies on warrants for Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson said she is preparing for the upcoming school elections, attending a lot of legislative sessions mainly regarding elections. She attended the MACo Mid-Winter meeting and the MACR meeting while there. Also, is planning the annual convention since our district will be hosting and she is the current president.

Justice of the Peace Connolly reported the numbers for the month, several trials in February and watching the legislative session.

Public Works Director Conner said they have been busy with lots of snow in February and MACRS will be the end of the month in Great Falls.

DES/911 Coordinator Brophy said that they will not be able to fix the radio consoles and they will need to replace them and he attended a tabletop discussion on fire evacuation up the Boulder.

Commissioner Roe reported that she has been attending the Sage Grouse meetings and Area II on Aging, Conservation District meeting. The appraised values increased significantly, and the property insurance increased because of this. The Commissioners attended meetings with Arcasearch regarding digitizing records, a cash meeting, MACo mid-winter and are working on the Capital Improvement Plan.

Commissioner Moody added that he attended the HRDC meetings, Mental Health board meetings, LEPC, fairgrounds meeting, senior center, health forum and the after-action meeting regarding road closures. Commissioner Moody mentioned the courthouse and need for elevator and those plans.

The Commissioners reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan and set dates. Bill Lloyd with Great West Engineering called regarding the RFP on the airport and the timeline.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson came in with maps of the new state legislative districts, county precincts and commissioner districts for discussion.

The Commissioners reviewed the BLM cooperating agency request on utility scale solar planning, whereby Montana would be added to the Western Solar Plan.

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Commissioner Moody and Roe are in, and Commissioner Wallace was out.

Senator Esp stopped in to discuss concerns on some things the Department of Revenue is trying to do with the newly taxable and gross proceeds.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson and County Planner Dringman came in to discuss new legislative districts per Montana law.

Claims were reviewed and signed.

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Commissioner Wallace attended the DNRC meeting by zoom.

The Commissioners returned the EMPG annual certification to the Montana DES.

Commissioner Wallace made a motion to sign a letter of support for a DES application for radio consoles to the MT/DES senior advisory committee. Commissioner Moody seconded this, and the motion passed with 2 ayes.

Samantha was in to talk about Leads Training for the deputies.

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

Commissioner Moody attended the LEPC meeting at the ambulance station and the DES briefing for mitigation application DR4655 presentation on project qualification and process.

A resident called to complain about neighbor's cows on Dry Creek Road.

Thursday, March 9, 2023

All Commissioners are in today.

Clerk and Recorder Pederson was in to go over agenda items.

Commissioner Wallace attended the fire training class for operators.

Commissioner Moody went to the DES office to participate in a conference call on the cost of the Sweet Grass Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

Commissioner Moody called several people at Clean Harbors regarding removing the oil from the railroad tanker.

Commissioner Roe requested that BLM consider the county as a cooperating agency in the Western Solar Plan update.

Friday, March 10, 2023

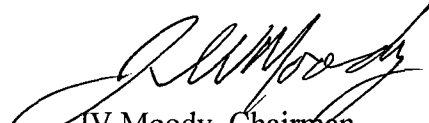
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Discussion and review of the Beaver Creek I and II road agreements sent by Nick Lofing on behalf of Caithness Energy.

Review of the updated county growth policy.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Vera Pederson

Board of County Commissioners



JV Moody, Chairman

Date Approved: June 29, 2023



Attest: Vera Pederson, Clerk

