

Deer Lodge, Montana

February 3, 2020

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. and Doug Crachy

Jarita Neckels, Deputy Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Commissioner Crachy reported on Powell Rural Disposal District meeting. He stated they signed a new contract with Deer Lodge Disposal District for the year of 2020.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of February 2020, warrant # 63832 - # 64000 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

County Planner Carl Hamming gave an update on the status of projects current in his office.

Cindy Noland stopped in to discuss a timeline for moving into the Court House.

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

February 4, 2020

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. and Doug Crachy

Jarita Neckels, Deputy Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Commissioner Mannix attended Watershed Restoration Council meeting.

Ambrel McKetchnie was in with a document from US Department of Education verifying her employment with Powell County for Commissioner signature.

Lewis Smith and Ron Mjelde representing Deer Lodge Disposal District met with the Commissioners, Treasurer Reighard and Finance Officer Shaul to go over their budget for a better understanding. All their questions were answered.

County Planner Carl Hamming gave an update on the status of the planning department.

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

February 5, 2020

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. and Doug Crachy

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Commissioner Sager attended a meeting of the Beaverhead-Deer Lodge National Forest working group at the Anaconda Job Corp.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of January 2020, warrant # 63879 - # 63969 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Disaster & Emergency Services Coordinator Ruth Koehler presented the Commissioners with her EMPG Annual Time Certification form for the Commissioner's signature for concurrence.

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

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February 17, 2020

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. and Doug Crachy

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Safety Coordinator Ruth Koehler was honored during the Montana Association of Counties conference as Montana Safety Coordinator of the Year. She will be attending a national meeting in Tennessee.

County Attorney Kathryn McEnery brought in the settlement agreement between the US Treasury and Powell County. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded to sign the settlement agreement. Motion carried. Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Crachy seconded the motion to issue a press release and publicly thank Senator Daines and Tester along with Congressman Gianforte for their help in negotiating the settlement.

Commissioners signed Resolution 2020-11 accepting the return of National Guard Armory property to the City/ county for the use of airport expansion.

County Planner Hamming presented Change Order #3 on Old Yellowstone Trail for the Board's review. It is still with the changes it is still below budget and the Board approved.

Phil Murphy, Alex Frazer, Kayo Frazen, Marilyn Mueller and Lori Yount had questions for the Board about CUP's and enforcement of conditions attached to the granting of the CUP. The Board answered all of their questions.

The Montana Association of Counties (MACo) has decided to quit providing Worker's Compensation Insurance and to go with the State

Worker's Compensation Program. The Board has requested a quote for the cost of Worker's Compensation Insurance coverage from Payne West Ins. for Powell County.

County Planner Carl Hamming presented the Board with the Sommers Minor Subdivision that was approved in the past, but the land surveyor had not gotten the correct forms filed and therefore had not been officially recorded.

Election Administrator Jody Walker discussed the purchase of a new ballot counter using 2019 HAVA money. The Commissioners asked her to check the features and costs of different models and see if they will fit into her budget.

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

February 19, 2020

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. and Doug Crachy

Commissioner Sager attended the Western Montana Mental Health Board meeting in Butte.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

County Weed Supervisor Karen Laitala discussed using the Blue Ribbon Pavilion when hosting the Montana Weed Control Association meeting April 22 & 23. The Board thought it would be a good place and give exposure of the facilities to people from around the state who may be looking for a venue for events. They asked her to work out the details with Ruth.

County Superintendent of Schools Lewis Cozby has had a group of students from Montana State University and the University of Montana majoring in education whom he has been answering questions and arranging visits to the High School and Rural Schools.

Ruth Koehler discussed the need to remodel restrooms in the Exhibit Building at the Fair Grounds to make them handicap accessible. Asked her to obtain a bid.

Bob Rase asked about using the Community Center to play pickle ball. They will not need heat, will not interfere with any other events, and will clean up. The Board agreed on a trial basis.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of February 2020, warrant # 64001 - # 64058 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Mike Johns and Pat Burt from Newland and Co. were in to present the draft audit report for 2018. The County will prepare their response to be included in the final report. Present also was Finance Officer Charlene Shaul and County Attorney Kathryn McEnery.

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

February 24, 2020

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Member Doug Crachy

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Colleen McCarthy, US Census Bureau, discussed how and who to talk to about getting the word out on the importance of being counted.

Diana Solle, Deer Lodge Mayor, and Kimberly Hughes, City Clerk, were in to get City of Deer Lodge Resolution 2020-R-5 signed, which is a joint agreement with the county to accept 30.1 acres of Armory back from the Department of Corrections (DOC) for airport expansion. The land was originally part of the airport but was given to the State for National Guard Armory with condition that it would be returned to City/County Airport when the State didn't need it anymore. After the Armory closed, the DOC had been using it. It is now being returned and will be torn down for airport expansion.

County Planner Carl Hamming was in to inform the Commissioners that we did not get the grant for CIP funds this cycle. Authorized Carl to reapply for the Renewable Resource Grant for the upcoming cycle. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Sager seconded the motion to reapply. Motion carried.

Commissioner Crachy participated in the Southwest Montana Regional Detention Board's conference call meeting on February 2, 2020. Main item discussed was budgeting allocations for counties. He also attended the Parks Board meeting on February 19, 2020. Bill Lombardi was at the meeting to discuss new fishing access and public activity increase due to Old Yellowstone Trail not allowing vehicle traffic on the old rail road bed to the state land.

Received renewal rates for Dental and Vision plans for August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021.

Amanda Boher, Kim Hilder, prevention specialist, and Sheriff Gavin Roselles were in to discuss DUI Task Force By-Laws and ability to change wording on the document. County Attorney McEnery also attended.

Commissioner Sager attended the Council on Aging Board meeting.

Bo Walker, the new County Extension Agent, was in to discuss his plans for operating the office and asked for ideas and suggestions the Commissioners think the county needs. He also wants to set up an update meeting for the future either monthly or quarterly.

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

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February 25, 2020

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. and Doug Crachy

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

The drawing of salary warrants #22801 - #22810 for Officers, Deputies, Foremen, Clerks and Appointees from various accounts for the month of February 2020, were approved and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Rody Holman, Payne-West Insurance, in to discuss our Workers Compensation situation with MACo closing its Workers Compensation office. Rody will prepare a quote for Powell County for us to compare with Seitz Insurance, who is handling the package transfer to State Fund from MACo.

Rick Hirsch was in to discuss some county road issues.

Commissioner Sager attended the City Planning Board meeting.

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

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February 26, 2020

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Member Doug Crachy

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Jonathan Weaver, Great West Engineering, called to discuss the Willow Bridge in Elliston and the Chokecherry Bridge between Avon and Garrison. He and Dan McCauley are scheduled to meet with us in the Commissioner's office next Wednesday with information to decide if we should repair, replace, or leave the bridge as is, apply for TSEP grants, and set up public meetings as needed.

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk