

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 2, 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 Commissioners examined and approved claim #21151 and #21160 to Great West Engineering.

County Planner Hamming presented the board with the final five sections of road that were built after statehood over state lands and are now being required to purchase easements for them. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to buy the easements. Motion carried.

The Commissioners attended the Public Health Board meeting at noon.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 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.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

County Planner Hamming presented a job description for the County Planner position for the board to review.

Clerk & Recorder Walker brought in a list of board members for approval. The board approved members and Clerk will send them a letter of appointment.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 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.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Jeremy Norby, Seitz Insurance Agency from Sidney was in to talk about Worker's Comp Insurance plan they are putting together for the counties to present to State Fund with the closing of MACo's Worker's Comp program. After discussion, we decided to stay with Payne West, as we worked with them with Worker's Comp in the past, and they handle our other insurance needs.

Held Budget Amendment Hearing for the amendment of the Fair budget. Attendees for the hearing were Ruth Koehler and the Commissioners.

Dan McCauley and Jonathon Weaver, Great West Engineering, were in to discuss proposed bridge replacement. Two bridges at the top of the list are Willow in Elliston and the Chokecherry at Tim Beck's. Willow is top priority. Will plan public meeting at Elliston Gym March 16 at 6:30 pm and Avon Community Center on March 17 at 6:30 pm to obtain public input.

The Commissioners signed Task Order No 17, planning grant application. Landfill/Roundhouse Soil Repository. Grant is up to \$50,000 to assist in planning of a landfill expansion for use as a repository for contaminated soil from the Roundhouse. County pays \$1,500. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Sager seconded the motion to sign task order. Motion carried.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of February 2020, warrant # 64079 - # 64159 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 16, 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.

Acting Police Chief Bender, Matt Boden, Public Health Nurse Saylor, Ruth Koehler, Gavin Roselles, Michael Stafford, Kathryn McEnery were in for an update on the Mitchell Building. Will be posted as uninhabitable and if not corrected by the 1st of April the building will be condemned and business license revoked.

COVID-19 update reported closure of schools. The Sheriff updated on the jail and the County Attorney updated on the court. Ruth Koehler updated on succession of Elected Officials if all three (3) County Commissioners were unable to function.

Sheriff Roselles presented Resolution 2020-12 to ask the voters to approve an eleven (11) Mill, five (5) year levy, to replace the existing seven (7) Mill, five (5) year levy which will expire this year. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2020-12 to put the Law Enforcement Levy on the Federal Primary Ballot. Motion carried.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
POWELL COUNTY, MONTANA

RESOLUTION TO PLACE A BALLOT ISSUE ON THE JUNE 3, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION
TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY AND EXCEED THE MILL LEVY LIMIT FOR THE
POWELL COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY LAW ENFORCEMENT

RESOLUTION No. 2020-12

WHEREAS, the Powell County Board of County Commissioners has the duty to preserve public safety in Powell County; and

WHEREAS, an additional Public Safety Law Enforcement levy of eleven (11) mills per year will be required to fund the Powell County Law Enforcement fund; and

WHEREAS, previously the voters of Powell County had approved a seven (7) mill levy, the additional four (4) mills will fund the addition of one (1) Deputy position for the Powell County Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, the Powell County Public Safety Law Enforcement levy is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Powell County, and will further the social and economic progress of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the County Commissioners of Powell County, Montana, as follows:

1. That pursuant to Sections 7-6-2513, 15-10-420 and 15-10-425 MCA, the Board of County Commissioners for Powell County, Montana directs hereby that the question of imposing a total of eleven (11) mills to fund the Powell County Public Safety Law Enforcement Fund shall be placed before the voters at the primary election to be held June 2, 2020; and
2. That the question to be submitted to the voters shall be in substantially the following form:

Shall the Powell County Board of County Commissioners be authorized to levy eleven (11) mills, being approximately \$202,576 for a period of five (5) years to fund the Powell County Public Safety (Law Enforcement) Fund. The fiscal impact on a home having a market value of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$14.85 each year of the levy and \$29.70 on a home having a market value of \$200,000.

_____ For the additional levy

_____ Against the additional levy

3. The Powell County Clerk and Recorder shall give notice of this Resolution and the ballot question as required by law.

Dated this 16th day of March 2020
BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer
s/RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member
s/DOUG CRACHY, Member

ATTEST:

s/JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

The Commissioners sent a letter of support to the MT Department of Natural Resource & Conservation (DNRC) to update Flood Plain studies and mapping.

The Commissioners signed an Authorizing Statement for the DNRC for planning grant request for Landfill/Roundhouse soil repository.

Brian Bender discussed measures the County might take on COVID-19 that would affect the City.

County Attorney Kathryn McEnery met with the Commissioners to discuss procedure for declaring a public health emergency.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 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.

Commissioner Crachy reported on meeting Monday night on the bridge replacement in Elliston.

The Powell County Board of Commissioners, after consulting with Ruth Koehler, Disaster & Emergency Services, and Marianne Saylor, Public Health Nurse, voted to declare an emergency & Disaster of Powell County regarding the onset and spread of the COVID-19. Approved through

Resolution 2020-13.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

POWELL COUNTY, MONTANA

RESOLUTION FOR POWELL COUNTY DISASTER DECLARATION - 2020

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WHEREAS, the Powell County Commissioners are empowered by Section 7-5-2101 MCA, under such limitations and restrictions as are prescribed by law, to manage the business and concerns of Powell County, Montana, in such a manner and to such an extent as the Commission determines to be in the County's best interest;

WHEREAS, the Powell County Commission, pursuant to Section 10-3-402, MCA, may issue a disaster declaration by resolution whenever the Board of Commissioners determine a disaster is occurring or has occurred. A disaster declaration may be terminated when the Board of Commissioners determine that the disaster conditions no longer exist.

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Montana has declared a state of emergency in Montana regarding the onset and spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Secretary has declared a public health emergency for the United States. The Powell County Board of

Commissioners as per the recommendation of the Powell County Public Health Officer, has determined that it is of the utmost importance to protect our citizens within the entire County of Powell, Montana from the spread of this disease by following the guidance of the Centers of Disease Control;

WHEREAS, by declaring a disaster declaration, the Powell County Board of Commissioners shall activate applicable parts of the local or interjurisdictional disaster and emergency plan and program and authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance in accordance with such plans and programs. When more information is available, the governing body shall estimate expenditures and levy additional emergency millage necessary to cover the expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Powell County Board of Commissioners hereby declares a Disaster, as defined in Section 10-3-103 MCA, until further resolution of the Powell County Board of Commissioners. All provisions of the Powell County Emergency Operations Plan are in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be disseminated promptly by means calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public and shall be filed promptly with the division and the agency charged with recording the official records of the political subdivision pursuant to Section 10-3-404(2), MCA.

Dated this 17th day of March 2020.

BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

s/ DANIEL G. SAGER, Presiding Officer
s/RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member
s/DOUG CRACHY, Member

ATTEST:

s/JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 18, 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 Crachy reported on meeting in Avon to discuss the replacement of the Chokecherry Lane going to Tim Beck's Ranch. Mr. Beck

stated that the present bridge is adequate for the amount of traffic which used it.

The Commissioners agreed to place those employees who are health compromised or have spouses with immune system problems an administrative leave with pay until the COVID-19 Pandemic is controlled. The Board also agreed to offer Senior Center lunches for those who normally go out for lunch.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of March 2020, warrant # 64160 - # 64203 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 23, 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 Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. Commissioner Doug Crachy called in sick.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Department Head meeting was held to discuss the COVID-19 Pandemic. Listening to all concerns the board decided to lock the Courthouse doors starting March 24, 2020. All doors will be posted with phone numbers of all offices and will conduct business on-line, by telephone, or appointment.

Council on Aging Director, Dodie Rennfield, requested an extension on when she has to use her vacation time. Board granted her request.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 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 Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. and Doug Crachy.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

The drawing of salary warrants #22827 - #22858 for Officers, Deputies, Foremen, Clerks and Appointees from various accounts for the month of March 2020, were approved and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

The Commissioners went to the Armory to inspect the building prior to demolition.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 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 Member Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Planner Hamming brought in the survey for Sommers Minor Subdivision for the Commissioner's signature. Planning Board and the Commissioners had approved it in 2017 but the surveyor had failed to file it. Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Sager seconded the motion to sign the survey. Motion carried.

The Commissioners conducted phone interviews with the top three candidates for the County Planner position. All candidates interviewed very well. Will offer the position to the top candidate and see if it is accepted.

The Commissioners voted to accept Resolution 2020-14 Budget Amendment for fiscal year 19-20. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded to accept Resolution 2020-14.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

POWELL COUNTY, MONTANA

RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENT
OF FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET

Resolution No. 2020-14

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Powell County, Montana has determined that the budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 requires amendment; and

WHEREAS, per Section 7-6-4006(4) MCA, a governing body may amend the budget during the fiscal year by conducting public hearings at regularly scheduled meetings; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 7-1-2121 MCA, the Powell County Board of Commissioners has given proper notice of its intent to amend the 2019-2020 budget at a regular scheduled meeting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of County Commissioners that the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget for Powell County Montana shall be, and is, hereby amended as follows:

Transfer Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from DES Out Lay Account number 2260000000420600.900 to the Fair Board Out Lay Account number 2160000000460200900
Done this 25th day of March, 2020.

BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
s/DANIEL G. SAGER, Presiding Officer
s/RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member
s/DOUG CRACHY, Member

ATTEST:

s/JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

Due to COVID-19, Governor Bullock announced the allowability of an all-mail ballot for the Federal Primary election to be held June 2, 2020, in order to protect the health of the citizens and elected officials. The Commissioners asked Clerk & Recorder Walker to prepare a resolution to conduct an all-mail ballot election which will be approved when the Commissioners are in session again.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk