

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**December 7, 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. County Coroner Gregory reported that the high school is under quarantine.

The Commissioners held a Department Head meeting. Clerk of Court, Jill Paull, reported that court is being held virtually. Her office is requiring masks for entry. Safety Director, Ruth Koehler, handed out accident report forms. County Attorney, Kathryn McEnery reported they had a positive Covid-19 case in their office and they had to quarantine but have not had any other problems. She is using Zoom for court and may have civil court and a coroner's inquiry with a six-member jury. Dave Moore reported on maintenance. County Treasurer, Pam Reighard stated the driver's license service will be working again this week after being down three weeks for system upgrades. Superintendent of Schools, Lewis Cozby, reported that he has been designated truant officer for the rural schools in the county. He is also the homeless student liaison. Finance Officer, Charlene Shaul, reported we are doing the FY-20 audit and will have a Federal Audit this year also. New County Planner Scott Hazelton was introduced. Weed Coordinator, Karen Laitala is busy with grant writing and reporting. County Sheriff Roselles had two officers out with Covid-19. Jail numbers are still down. Clerk & Recorder Walker reported a 82% voter turnout for the Federal General election and that everything went very well.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of November 2020, warrant # 65328 - # 65399 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

The Commissioners reviewed Action Inc's Block Grant Amendment for Covid-19 Response. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to approve and sign. Motion carried.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

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**December 8, 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 pickup ordered by Powell Weed Department was delivered.

The Commissioners attended a conference call with Great West Engineering and the Department of Commerce concerning ranking of Willow Road Bridge in Elliston for TESEP Funding. The bridge is a priority 1. Powell County ranked high in need for financial help. Strong efforts from planning documents priority 5 one-to-one dollar match. Priority 6 low score in majority of applications. Priority 7 good dialogue with land owners and tax payers. Will have a new budget with new Governor and Legislative hearing that we will need to testify at.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

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**December 9, 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 reviewed a letter from the County Attorney on concerns of having hunters on the Powell County High School FFA Chapter farm.

Commissioner Sager attended the Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development meeting by Zoom.

Cindy Noland was in to give an update on the Literacy Program resource for job training, she is working with Victim Assistance, Justice Court, and the Military. They are working on website link to Butte carrier site for more training. They can now test for Hi-Set Exams. Five new computers are coming.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

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**December 21, 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, Scott Hazelton and Assistant GIS, Ann O'Toole were in to present an amended plat application for Rock Creek Cattle Company. The amendment is for Phase 3 and Phase 4. All requirements are met and the Planning Board reviewed and saw no problem. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to accept the amendments to Phase 3 and Phase 4. Motion carried.

Ruth Koehler reported on safety issues at the Avon shop. The County received a state safety inspection and they still need more electrical work to be compliant. Ruth has contacted an electrician who has inspected but has not submitted an estimate yet.

County Attorney, Kathryn McEnery updated the Commissioners on court still being held virtually.

County Treasurer, Pam Reighard brought in a letter from All Day \$49 Montana Registered Agent, LLC. They are wanting to move the operation from Kalispell to Deer Lodge. The Commissioners response was we will be happy to process their registrations if they do not overload our system. If they do, we would also have to force them to use MVD Express.

Ken Hosford, Road District #1 Road Foreman was in to talk to Commissioner Sager.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**December 22, 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.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of December 2020, warrant # 65400 - # 65469 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

County Coroner, Heather Gregory was in to report that the Deputy Coroner, Lynette Renfro has received all of her certification and is qualified and available for back-up. They also discussed a vehicle and supplies.

District #3 Foreman, Gene Wallace discussed snow plowing.

Kip Kimerly gave the Commissioners an update on his progress with the old hospital.

Gary Chilcott, Diana Solle, and Scott Hazelton were in to discuss the CDBG Loans which are available for county business loans. Dan will contact Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development to arrange a meeting after the first of the year between Headwaters, Powell County Lending Institutions, Elected Officials, and interested citizens.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**December 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 Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. and Doug Crachy

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

County Planner, Scott Hazelton was in to discuss several issues including Landfill, Roundhouse, flood plain grants, Headwaters Resource Conservation & Development, Office of Emergency Management, safety and new homes on Rock Creek Cattle Company needing certificates and addressing. Kathy Bair had questions for the planner.

Sheriff Roselles brought in estimates of trade in value of 2016 sheriff's car if the county wants to use it for another office.

Dan McCaully from Great West Engineering met with the Commissioners to discuss ongoing project work.

Kyla Johnson representing the Airport Board presented a request for reimbursement for RFR #6 AIP013 project. Conduct environmental assessment to bring airport to C-11 standards and for land acquisition. The Airport Board has recommended approval. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried.

County Planner Hazelton discussed Phase 2 Old Yellowstone Trail progress.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

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**December 28, 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.

The drawing of salary warrants #23115 - #23143 for Officers, Deputies, Foremen, Clerks and Appointees from various accounts for the month of December 2020, were approved and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Sara Ward introduced the new legal intern Jesse Erickson to the Commissioners.

Dick Perkins visited with the Commissioners to express that he wished to stay on the Rural Disposal District Board, but is resigning from the Fair Board.

Scott Hazelton and Ann O'Toole volunteered to take over the Office of Emergency Management and Safety with Ruth Koehler retiring.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

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**December 29, 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.

Council on Aging Director Dodie Rennfield discussed applying for a handicap van free to the county from COVID-19 funding. The Commissioners encouraged her to check eligibility.

County Planner was in to discuss Office of Emergency Management and Safety position.

Sheriff Roselles discussed the transfer of a 2016 Jeep Cherokee retired out of his fleet which the county will have available for the County Coroner. It is priced at \$18,000. This was approved by the Commissioners.

Maintenance Supervisor, David Moore, reported on the hot water system at the old hospital.

Pressurized water is good and is working on gas for heater.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**December 30, 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.

Justice of the Peace, Melissa Gallagher administered the Oath of Office to newly elected official Jill Paull, Clerk of Court, and Dan Sager, County Commissioner.

Had a small retirement party for Ruth Koehler, Disaster and Emergency Coordinator.

Scott Hazelton, County Planner, and the Commissioners met with Jonathan Weaver and Bob Church of Great West Engineering over telephone conference to discuss the Round House and Landfill along with possibilities for work at the Round House.

The Board of Commissioners attended a funeral service.

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk