

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 1, 2021

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M.

Present: Presiding Officer Doug Crachy and Member Daniel G. Sager

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Department Head meeting was held in the Commissioners office with updates from each department. Staff present were: Clerk & Recorder Jody Walker, DES Coordinator Britni Evans, Planner Scott Hazelton, Weed Coordinator Karen Laitala, Clerk of Court Jill Paull, Finance Carlene Shaul, Extension Agent Bo Walker, Sheriff Gavin Roselles, Justice Court Judge Melissa Gallagher, Maintenance Dave Moore, Superintendent of Schools Lewis Cozby, Council on Aging Dodie Rennfield, Treasurer Pam Reighard, and County Attorney Kathryn McEnergy.

The Commissioners attended the Public Health Board meeting.

Received the yearly Fuel Tax Certification of Roadway Mileage SFY 2022. It was signed by Commissioner Crachy. Total miles for Fuel Tax 658.459 miles.

Diane Ramirez was in to talk about delinquent taxes on her parent's property that has not been used. She would like the Commissioners to forgive penalty and interest. We will put it on the agenda mid-March to discuss.

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

APPROVED:

DOUG CRACHY, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 2, 2021

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M.

Present: Presiding Officer Doug Crachy and Member Daniel G. Sager

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

County Planner Hazelton was in with an application to USDA RDCFTAT Grant to do a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the Deer Lodge Landfill-Roundhouse cleanup with Great West Engineering. It was moved by Commissioner Sager and seconded by Commissioner Crachy to sign the grant application. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Sager attended Deer Lodge Disposal District Landfill Board meeting at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

DOUG CRACHY, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 3, 2021

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M.

Present: Presiding Officer Doug Crachy and Member Daniel G. Sager

Jody Walker, 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 February 2021, warrant # 65677 - # 67548 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Commissioners were presented with Resolution 2021-11 to amend the FY2020 Budget. It was moved by Commissioner Crachy and seconded by Commissioner Sager to approve. Motion carried.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
POWELL COUNTY, MONTANA

RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENT
OF FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET

Resolution No. 2021-11

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Powell County, Montana have 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:

See Exhibit A A copy is on file in the Clerk & Recorder's office

Done this 3rd day of March, 2021.

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

ATTEST:
s/ JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

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

APPROVED:

DOUG CRACHY, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:
JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 15, 2021

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M.

Present: Presiding Officer Doug Crachy and Members Daniel G. Sager and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Commissioners signed Cooperative Agreement between Montana DPHHS and Powell County Board of Health for inspections of public establishments.

Treasurer Reighard was in to discuss delinquent tax on trailer in Garrison. Diane Ramirez asked to waive penalty and interest of \$1,870.41. She has been making monthly payments. Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Sager seconded the motion to waive penalty and interest. Motion carried.

County Attorney McEnery and Ruth Koehler were in to discuss the Fair Board bylaws for the Tri-County Fair Board and Powell County Fair Grounds. There needs to be a separation of the two boards.

Commissioner Sager attended the Airport Board meeting.

The Commissioners meet with Planner Hazelton on the Old Yellowstone Trail alternative. Present were Scott Hazelton, Bob Rase, Gary Swant, Ann O'Toole, Andy Fisher, and City Planner Jordan Green. Commissioners and Parks Board agreed to Alternative C.

Declaration of Agricultural Covenant to create two parcels Tract A and Tract B for an Agricultural Exemption. Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Sager seconded the motion for the exemption. Motion carried. Also present was Land Owners, Tim & Janet Olsen, Scott Hazelton & Ann O'Toole.

Commissioners signed the Maintenance Agreement with Montana Interactive for Burn Permits and the County.

Commissioners signed the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Community Facilities Technical Assistance in Training Grant Application for Landfill to do Preliminary Engineering Report. Planner Scott Hazelton was present.

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

APPROVED:

DOUG CRACHY, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 16, 2021

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M.

Present: Presiding Officer Doug Crachy and Members Daniel G. Sager and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Held a special Public Health Board meeting to review bylaws. Present were the Commissioners, Ida Miller, Jennifer Spring, Jordan Friend (attended by telephone) and Peggy Kerr from the Silver State Post. The board voted not to support the Public Health Officers Mask Mandate and to support the Governor's Directive.

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

APPROVED:

DOUG CRACHY, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 17, 2021

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

Jody Walker, 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 March 2021, warrant # 65749 - # 65800 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Commissioner Sager attended the Western Montana Mental Health meeting by zoom.

County Planner Scott Hazelton was in to discuss the County Community Wildfire Protection Plan that was done 2005. We need to do an update at some point the next grant cycle is fall of 2021.

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

APPROVED:

DOUG CRACHY, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 29, 2021

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

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

Commissioner Sager attended City Planning Board meeting March 23, and reported on it.

Commissioners appointed a Fire Warden for Powell County. It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Crachy to appoint Andy Scharf as Fire Warden for Powell County. Motion carried. Commissioner Sager abstained himself from the vote. It was moved by Commissioner Sager and seconded by Commissioner Mannix to approve Rick Kramer to 9-1-1 Committee. Motion carried.

The drawing of salary warrants #23197 - #23222 for Officers, Deputies, Foremen, Clerks and Appointees from various accounts for the month of March 2021, were approved and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Kyla Johnson was in with FAA Cares Act Grant application for \$13,000.00. Application was signed by Commissioner Crachy by consensus.

It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Sager to sign the Dispatch and Detention Services agreement with the City of Deer Lodge. Motion carried.

County Planner Hazelton was in to discuss the possibility of the City painting lines for parking around the courthouse.

Planner Hazelton was in to talk about potential trail system south of Deer Lodge with possible TA Funding.

Planner Hazelton was also in to discuss the Lewis Gravel Pit at Seeley Lake.

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

APPROVED:

DOUG CRACHY, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 30, 2021

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M.

Present: Presiding Officer Doug Crachy and Members Daniel G. Sager and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Planner Scott Hazelton was in to discuss our Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) that he is updating until the next grant cycle to do a total rewrite approximately 2022.

Planner Hazelton was in to discuss road migration on Spotted Dog and his conversations with Fish Wildlife and Parks.

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

APPROVED:

DOUG CRACHY, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 31, 2021

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M.

Present: Presiding Officer Doug Crachy and Members Daniel G. Sager and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Michael Rothenberg, representative for Pipe Reline Solutions Snap Tile was in to discuss products available. Scott Hazelton was also present.

PRDD Board members Tom Steber, Tom Applegate, Jack Price, and Justin Williams were in to discuss the vocal resignation of a member. They discussed by-laws and there needs to be a written resignation. They will review their bylaws. Also present was County Attorney McEnergy.

Commissioner Mannix attended a Community meeting in Ovando on March 30, 2021. Commissioner Mannix attended the DUI Task Force meeting at noon.

The Commissioners received notice that Anaconda-Deer Lodge Co. is withdrawing from the Tri-County Fair.

Commissioners held a Zoom meeting with Rock Creek Cattle Company and DNRC on the Old Yellowstone Trail. Participants on the meeting were Mark Linehan RCCC, Jacque Papez RCCC, Brian Robbins DNRC, Jonathan Weaver Great West Engineering, Jerry Gerbence Great West Engineering, Andy Fisher Parks Board, Gary Swant Parks Board, Scott Hazelton County Planner, and Ann O'Toole Planning Office, and Kathryn McEnergy County Attorney. Rock Creek Cattle Company is questioning if it is a county road. County Attorney McEnergy stated that it is a county road and recorded in Anaconda when it was Deer Lodge County and adopted by Powell County as Road #9. It has never been abandoned. Rock Creek stated that we cannot use a road easement for a trail. Commissioner Mannix stated that we will open it up as a road then. Then it was questioned about temporary closures. County Attorney McEnergy stated that roads can have closures on them and anything short of permanent is temporary. Brian Robbins of DNRC stated that the State Attorney's and Road Right of Way people determine that the Counties claim of a road is correct. Rock Creek then offered an easement to build a trail. The Commissioners responded that we do not need an easement from Rock Creek Cattle Company to build a trail on our own Right-of-Way. Discussion then went to the branding area of Rock Creek. They would like to route the trail off the road along the fence of Grant Kohrs and Rock Creek. Rock Creek would give an easement for the relocation if that is where the County decides to run it. The Commissioners would like to keep it on the road and close the trail when there are ranching operations that would impact the trail such as branding. Meeting ended. The County will work with all parties to make the trail happen but will not give up the County Road easement. We will restrict use and use temporary closures as needed. The road will not be abandoned.

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

APPROVED:

DOUG CRACHY, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk