

Deer Lodge, Montana

December 2, 2019

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

Commissioner Sager attended Jury Duty in the morning, and Commissioner Mannix and Sager attended the Public Health Board meeting at the hospital.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

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

APPROVED:

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RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

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JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

December 3, 2019

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

The Commissioners participated in the interview process for a new County Extension Agent.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Signed thank you letter to Quilters Corner and Jill McIntosh for their donation to the MACo American Hero Quilt program.

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

APPROVED:

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RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

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JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

December 4, 2019

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

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Commissioner Sager attended the Beaverhead-Deer Lodge working group meeting in Boulder.

County Planner Carl Hamming was in to discuss updating County Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) which, along with our Wildlife Urban Interface (WUI) is needed by forest service to assist them in planning tree harvest sales. The WUI was updated last year, but the CWPP was last done in 2004 or 2005 and needs updating. Carl will research businesses that can do the work, and look for grants to fund it.

Planner Hamming is applying for TSEP funding for bridge improvement and will try to include funding to update our Capital Improvement Plan. Great West can do this update.

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

APPROVED:

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RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

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JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

December 16, 2019

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

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Clerk & Recorder Jody Walker and Treasurer Pam Reighard were in to discuss Newland and the 2018 Audit. Contract states having it done by 12/31/2019, now Pat Burt says can't get it done until well into January. Pat stated he needs information that Todd Watkins and Charlene Shaul have provided weeks ago. The state will impose monthly late fees starting January 1, 2019.

The Commissioners attended City/County Law Enforcement Consolidation meeting Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Mark Muir reviewed his feasibility study with the City/County officials and the public.

Sheriff Gavin discussed his office going in with Deer Lodge Police to purchase Leads Online which allows Law Enforcement access to computer program listing all purchases at pawn shops.

Commissioner Sager moved and Commissioner Crachy seconded the motion to approve MOU between Deer Lodge and Powell County establishing terms and conditions under which the parties will provide mutual Law Enforcement assistance. Motion Carried.

County Attorney Kathryn McEnergy was in to discuss that the treasury wants an offer to settle Roundhouse debt, not including land. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Sager seconded the motion to offer \$200,000.00 since the prior County Attorney offered that amount previously to the treasury. Motion carried.

County Attorney Kathryn McEnergy discussed special deputy. She advised us she has a conflict of interest on one case, and has appointed Blain Bradshaw, Granite County Attorney to handle it.

Gravel Pit on Greenhouse Road was given to the county in 1982 on condition that the county would return it to owner when gravel is removed. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Sager seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2019-21 to return 4.66 acres in NW4SE4, Section 5, T7N, R9W to original owner, designees, assigns or heirs, Elsie C. Phillips and Ralph Wayne Phillips. Motion carried. Quit Claim Deed will be prepared by the County Attorney.

Scott Owen Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Johnathan Weaver Great West Engineering, and County Planner Carl Hamming were in to discuss long-range clean-up plan for Roundhouse.

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

APPROVED:

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RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

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JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

December 17, 2019

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

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

County Planner Carl Hamming brought in application for payment #3 for Mungus Company for \$113,490.55. Payment has been approved by Great West Engineering. Balance to finish Old Yellowstone Trail contract is \$190,078.30.

County Planner Hamming discussed Century Link's fiber optic line that runs down center of old rail bed from Kohrs Crossing to the state section. Century Link states line should be 36" deep but do not guarantee depth. Carl will discuss with Pathfinder from Butte to see if they can verify depth to provide information for grading and trail preparation.

Cindy Noland was in to inquire about office space in the courthouse. Presently her program is in the Library basement and doesn't have enough space. She is interested in the old extension office, room 101. She deals with drop-outs from High School and works with them to get a GED and also works with adults to obtain life skills.

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

Commissioner Sager attended the Landfill Board meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

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JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

December 18, 2019

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

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 December 2019, warrant # 63555 - # 63692 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Steve Pocha, Dist. #2 Road Foreman was in to discuss ordering oil and chip seal for about 5.5 miles around Ovando next summer. Have to get name on the list early to ensure getting adequate amount when needed.

Ron Mjelde and Lewis Smith, Deer Lodge Disposal District board members, were in to discuss budgeting possibilities for needed major equipment purchases.

County Planner Carl Hamming was in to discuss grant application for the new Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Will apply for grant for \$8,000 to do first step of new CIP, which could cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000. We have a solid Wildlife Urban Interface (WUI) completed last year, which has to be included in the new County Wildlife Protection Plan (CWPP). Updated CWPP should assist the Forest Service on future planning of logging operations mitigating possible litigation. Have a couple options to do CWPP. One is Jerry Grebense, Great West Engineering, and the other is an individual doing CWPP for Jefferson County and two others and may include Powell and all share the cost.

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

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RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

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JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

December 23, 2019

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

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

The Commissioners signed Certificate of Substantial Competition for Mungus Company, Inc., contract on Old Yellowstone Trail, Phase 1 project #1-16264-T09. Included punch list of items to completed within the next 30 days except for signs, which will be installed after trail resurfacing.

Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2019-22 to have special deputy County Attorney appointed by Department of Justice to prosecute re-trial of State vs Bruce Anderson. Motion carried. Commissioner Sager recused himself from this action.

The Commissioners signed the Powell County DUI Task Force mission statement for fiscal year 2020, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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

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RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

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JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

December 24, 2019

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

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

The drawing of salary warrants #22756 - #22770 for Officers, Deputies, Foremen, Clerks and Appointees from various accounts for the month of December 2019, were approved and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

APPROVED:

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RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

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JODY WALKER, Clerk