

Deer Lodge, Montana

June 1, 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 the Powell Rural Disposal District (PRDD) meeting. Commissioner Mannix reported on the DUI Task Force meeting.

Ann O'Toole and Sheriff Gavin Roselles presented a request to update the GIS addressing for the Reforestation Area in the Helmville zip code. Presently they have four different community names. The board agreed that all should be a Helmville GIS address for 911 response clarity.

Kyla Johnson brought in an application for signatures for \$20,000 Cares Grant that the Airport is requesting.

The commissioners read and approved the DUI Task Force Plan & Mission Statement for 2020-2021.

Ruth Koehler reported on the Fairgrounds.

Sarah Ward and Kathryn McEnergy from the County Attorney's Office were in to discuss who decides the length of term and the number of hours required to do the job for elected officials.

County Attorney McEnergy presented the Quit Claim Deed for the board's signature turning small parcels of land along Cottonwood Creek over to the City of Deer Lodge.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

June 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.

County Extension Agent Bo Walker informed the board of ideas for 4-H & FFA projects, depending on the Fair operating or being cancelled due to COVID-19.

Sheriff Roselles updated the board on prison escape and had questions on insurance inspection of the tower site.

Dan McCauley of Great West Engineering presented Willow Road Bridge project. Mr. McCauley opened the public hearing on the proposed replacement of the Willow Road Bridge in Elliston, Montana. The Willow Road Bridge is a structurally deficient load limited 50' single lane bridge. The replacement will be an 80' structure which will better align with the river to reduce scouring. Total project costs are estimated at \$731,800.00 with the TSEP Grant at 50% and county at 50%. There being no public comment Commissioner Sager closed the public comment to just the written comments already received. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to accept the submission of the Environmental Assessment and the Uniform Application form for Montana Public Facility Projects. Motion carried. Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Crachy seconded the motion to accept Resolution 2020-18, 2020-19, 2020-20, 2020-21. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 2020-18
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF THE
TSEP APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Powell County is applying to the Montana Department of Commerce for financial assistance from the Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) to replace the Willow Road Bridge;

WHEREAS, Powell County has the legal jurisdiction and authority to construct, finance, and maintain the proposed bridge improvements;

Powell County agrees to comply with all State laws and regulations and the requirements described in the TSEP Application Guidelines and those that will be described in the TSEP Project Administration Manual;

That Powell County commits to provide the amount of matching funds as proposed in the TSEP Application; and

That Dan Sager, Powell County Presiding Officer, is authorized to submit this application to the Montana Department of Commerce, on behalf of Powell County, to act on its behalf and to provide such additional information as may be required.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 2nd day of June, 2020.

BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

s/RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

s/DANIEL G. SAGER, Member

s/DOUG CRACHY, Member

ATTEST:

s/JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

RESOLUTION # 2020-19
RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE DETERMINATION THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE WILLOW ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, Powell County has completed an assessment to identify potential environmental impacts of the Willow Road Bridge Replacement;

WHEREAS, the draft Environmental Assessment was made available for public comment and the findings were presented and reviewed at a public meeting;

WHEREAS, no substantive public comment was received;

WHEREAS, Powell County has determined that the Willow Road Bridge Replacement project will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and accordingly, Powell County has determined an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary;

That Powell County adopts the final Environmental Assessment for the Willow Road Bridge Replacement project.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 2nd day of June, 2020.

BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

s/RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

s/DANIEL G. SAGER, Member

s/DOUG CRACHY, Member

ATTEST:

s/JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

RESOLUTION # 2020-20
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FINAL PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT TO COMPLETE
BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, Powell County, Montana has completed a Preliminary Engineering Report (hereafter referred to as PER) for the Willow Road Bridge Replacement;

WHEREAS, the PER identifies needs for this County bridge;

WHEREAS, the PER provides recommendations for improvements to this bridge;

WHEREAS, the PER provides recommendations for funding the recommended bridge improvements;

WHEREAS, Powell County, Montana has the legal jurisdiction and authority to construct, finance, operate and maintain the bridge system;

WHEREAS, Powell County, Montana conducted a commission meeting to review the PER's, review the recommended funding alternatives, and solicit public comment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, to adopt the Final PER and recommendations for the Willow Road Bridge Replacement;

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 2nd day of June, 2020.

BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

s/RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

s/DANIEL G. SAGER, Member

s/DOUG CRACHY, Member

ATTEST:

s/JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

RESOLUTION # 2020-21
A RESOLUTION OF THE POWELL COUNTY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Powell County Commission wishes to vary from the Powell County Bridge Standards adopted on March 16, 2004,

WHEREAS, during the preliminary design of the Willow Road Bridge (WR01) replacement project, it was determined that due to the relatively minimal traffic on this road, and that the existing structure is single-lane and has no known vehicular collisions, that a single-lane structure is sufficient at this location

WHEREAS, the replacement structure shall have a minimum useable width (rail-to-rail) of 16 feet (single 12-foot-lane with 2-foot shoulders) versus the County Standard of a minimum usable width of 24 feet.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that a variance from the Powell County Bridge Standards for a minimum useable width of 16 feet at the Willow Road Bridge is approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 2nd day of June, 2020.

BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

s/RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

s/DANIEL G. SAGER, Member

s/DOUG CRACHY, Member

ATTEST:

s/JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

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

APPROVED:

DANIEL G. SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

June 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 Treasurer Reighard and Finance officer Shaul reviewed the Powell County Management Discussion and Analysis for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019 with the board.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of May 2020, warrant # 64444 - # 64521 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Sheriff Roselles was in to discuss the failure of the Law Enforcement Levy and his options. He will rework his proposed budget to eliminate upgrades and replacement equipment.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

June 15, 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 reported on the RAC meeting and the grant award.

Sheriff Roselles presented a Interlocal Agreement between the Montana Highway Patrol and Powell County for discussion on the Cominco

Communication Tower. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to enter into the agreement. Motion carried. Sheriff Roselles also discussed personnel issues and the backup generator at the Law Enforcement building. He discussed the role of the Sheriff's department in enforcement of COVID-19 restrictions on local businesses.

Fair Board Co-Chair Ruth Koehler discussed Fair Board meeting. It was decided to proceed with the Fair to some degree depending on the COVID restrictions that are in place at that time.

Gary Hablutzel, representative for Joint Powers Trust, came in to explain the policy for the coming year. The county will renew the policy for the next three years. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to accept. Motion carried.

Election Administrator Jody Walker reported on the Primary Election. Powell County had a voter turnout of 63% as opposed to 55% statewide turnout.

Karen Laitala, Weed Supervisor and Jim Stone, Weed Board Chair, were in to discuss the proposed budget for FY 20-21. The office requires a new roof and other repairs and the shed needs repairs.

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

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

June 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.

Dave Moore asked if the Justice of the Peace's Anger Management classes could be held in the Community Center for ten weeks on Thursday night. The Commissioners authorized the use of the Community Center for Anger Management classes.

The Commissioners authorized Dave Moore to purchase items for the county from the State Surplus Property Program. Authorization was done through Resolution 2020-22. A copy of this resolution is on file in the Clerk & Records office.

Local business owners and citizens of Powell County were in to voice concerns about the COVID-19 restrictions which have been imposed on businesses. They state that businesses need to open to stay in business. The Commissioners will work with other counties to lobby the Governor to

relieve authority to the Commissioners to reopen and set reopening requirements. The Commissioners contacted Montana Association of Counties (MACo) and Executive Director Eric Bryson and will poll the member counties during district meeting next week. Community members in attendance were: Bruce Leibold, Robert Miller, Isaac Edikauskas, Christie Shelton, Carrie Lease, George Mann, Gavin Roselles, Kimberly Buck, Molly Kukal, Rick Buck, Dave Rowell, Gary Blue Earth-Highley, Diane Mavrinac, and Joe Mavrinac.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

June 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 Mannix reported on the Weed Board held on Tuesday night.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of June 2020, warrant # 64522 - # 64577 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 via Zoom.

The Fair Board Co-Chair Ruth Koehler presented applications for openings on the Fair Board. The Commissioners reviewed two applications for two openings. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to appoint Sam Hobley and Amanda Morley to fill the vacant positions. Motion carried. A letter of thank you was sent to Ricki Ketterling thanking her for her service on the board.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

June 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

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Steve Lorash Rural Disposal driver was in to report to the board. District #2 Road Foreman Steve Pocha also was in to report to the board.

The commissioners were on a telephone conference with Jonathan Weaver from Great West Engineering to request location of funds from 2021 Biennium RDG Project Grant for Powell County. County will request relocation of \$175,000 from Roundhouse Grant to the Deer Lodge Landfill. Ann O'Toole joined the call to discuss the Old Yellowstone Trail Phase 2. The Commissioners agreed to have Great West Engineering proceed with Phase 2.

County Treasurer Pam Reighard and Finance Officer Charlene Shaul were in with the Commissioners for a conference call with Denning, Downey & Associates for Audit Closeout. Audit was clean and procedural changes were discussed and many of them have already been put in place. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to accept the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019 Audit Report as presented. Motion carried.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

June 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.

Kip and Kenny Kimerly were in to obtain information from the Commissioners.

Ruth Koehler had questions on budget for the Fair Board and problems which may come up with revenues collected and the Fair being cancelled by the County Health Officer.

Rody Holman from Payne West Insurance presented the Commissioners with the renewal forms for Powell County and to go through them for State Worker's Compensation.

Tony Pfaff and Jaena Richards visited with the Commissioners on the new park playground being constructed which will be leased to the county. The Commissioners will talk to the County Attorney about reviewing the lease.

County Superintendent of Schools Lewis Cozby approached the Commissioners with concerns about his office space.

The commissioners talked to the county Attorney about reviewing lease documents.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

June 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, stated there was no correspondence.

City Mayor Diana Solle met with the Commissioners to discuss funding Julie Schroder's position as Marketing Director for the City-County Chamber office.

The drawing of salary warrants #22915 - #22946 for Officers, Deputies, Foremen, Clerks and Appointees from various accounts for the month of June 2020, were approved and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of June 2020, warrant # 64578 - # 64690 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