

Deer Lodge, Montana

August 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.

Commissioner Crachy reported on the Powell Rural Disposal District meeting held July 30, 2020. The Board voted to put in a burn site in Helmville, trial opening of Garrison site, and reduction of fee charge.

Department Head meeting was held. Clerk and Recorder, Jody Walker, reported that the Governor will decide by the 10th if the State will be allowed to conduct an all-mail election for the Federal General Election. County Attorney, Kathryn McEnery, reported advertising for a part-time clerk. Clerk of Court, Jill Paull, reported on Zoom Court. Weed Coordinator, Karen Laitala, reported on city spraying and biocontrol. David Wells has a family emergency in California that he has to leave for undetermined time. County Superintendent of schools, Lewis Cozby, stated that all schools are planning on opening in the fall.

The Commissioners accepted the Emergency Management Performing Grant of \$16,901.00. Powell County is required to match for a total project of \$33,802.00.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

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August 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

Commissioner Mannix attended the Watershed Restoration Council meeting.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Cabin owners from Rock Creek Lake meet with the Board to discuss road maintenance on service boundary. Commissioner Sager explained that the Job Corps is committed to work on the road but with Covid-19 and having no students, they are not working. Dan hopes to take a dozer up this fall and hit some

of the worst places. Community members in attendance were Joan Beckham, Bonnie Spear, David Tyrell, Jim Cearley, Bob Tobin, and Rich Labbe.

Dodie Rennfield, Council on Aging, was given permission to use the old extension office car for visits around town.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

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August 5, 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 Watershed Restoration Council meeting. Commissioner Sager reported on the Deer Lodge Disposal District Board meeting.

Powell County Sheriff, Gavin Roselles, reported on the new department hire to replace Officer Piilola.

David Moore, Courthouse maintenance presented estimates on replacement of florescent bulbs with T8 LED's. Estimated to pay back in energy savings in 2-3 years.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of July 2020, warrant # 64745 - # 64813 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Commissioner Sager joined the Beaverhead-Deer Lodge Working Forest Group meeting by Zoom.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

August 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 Member Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Election Administrator, Jody Walker, proposed to conduct the Federal General Election as an All-Mail Election. There was a group of community members present to comment. The voters present were unanimously against conducting the election by mail. Election Administrator Walker explained that due to Covid-19, she would need approximately 20 more election judges to conduct a poll election. Those present volunteered to work the election and signed up to be trained as judges. Election Administrator Walker decided to conduct the election by polling place.

County Treasurer presented request for refund of Powell Rural Disposal District (PRDD) payment. The Board changed from PRDD to Rural Disposal District (RDD) but denied refund.

County Attorney McEnergy presented Resolution 2020-24 to the Commissioners to amend family conveyance exemptions to sub-division requirements. Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Sager seconded the motion to accept. Motion carried. A copy of the resolution is on file in the Clerk & Records office.

Amanda Bohrer discussed Red Ribbon Week. They will use bracelets instead of ribbons. She is working on to establish a Community That Cares board at this time.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

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August 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 Member Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

The Commissioners agreed to let the EMT's use the Community Center free of charge, for testing. Superintendent of Schools had school budgets for Commissioner Sager's signature.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

August 19, 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 meeting.

Commissioner Sager attended the Western Montana Mental Health meeting virtually.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of August 2020, warrant # 64814 - # 64857 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Rick Hersh discussed planning board matters with the Commissioners.

The Department of Natural Resource & Conservation (DNRC) Grant agreement #RITP-20-0162 for \$6,000.00 was terminated. \$5,974.25 was spent and \$25.75 will be returned to the Natural Resources Project.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

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August 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 Commissioners voted to close TSEP Contract #MT-TSEP-P@-21-207 for the County Bridge Engineering report. The grant of \$15,000 spent \$14,964.82 with a balance of \$35.18.

Received notice from Department of Public Health & Human Services (DPHHS) that the alcohol tax distribution will be \$15,150.00 for Powell County this year.

District #3 Road Foreman, Eugene Wallace, was in to answer questions on the gravel pits in his district.

Commissioners attended the Public Health Board meeting.

Commissioner Sager reported on the Area 5 Council on Aging meeting that he attended via telephone conference.

The Compensation Board met to recommend the base salary of the Elected Officials. Compensation board members present were; Commissioners, Melissa Gallagher, Lewis Cozby, Pam Reighard, and Kathryn McEnery. Also in attendance was Gavin Roselles. The Board recommended a flat \$2,500 increase for the Elected Official's salary to make it more equitable to similar counties in the state.

County Treasurer, Pam Reighard, reported on real property tax delinquencies.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

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

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

The drawing of salary warrants #22975 - #23005 for Officers, Deputies, Foremen, Clerks and Appointees from various accounts for the month of August 2020, were approved and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Jennifer Robinson, Tobacco Prevention Specialist for Granite, Powell and Deer lodge counties was in. She would like to rewrite the Tobacco Ordinance for Powell County to make it more restrictive. She will bring it to our next meeting for consideration.

County Attorney McEnery was in to discuss the Yellowstone Trail.

Ruth Koehler met with the Commissioners to report on the fair. Discussed what would be needed for the four-horse hitch and wagon that will be used to transport Bernard Barton, long-time county employee and volunteer, to the grave site.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

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August 26, 2020

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

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

The Commissioners advertised a list of surplus equipment located at the District #3 shop for silent auction.

Commissioners worked on preliminary budget. Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Crachy seconded the motion to approve the preliminary budget. Motion carried.

Commissioner Crachy, Commissioner Mannix, Lewis Cozby and Scott Perkins met with Representative Gianforte and his Area Representative Sonny Capece to discuss the good and the bad situations in the county, Deer Lodge, and the schools.

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

APPROVED:

DAN SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk