

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**August 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 Members Daniel G. Sager and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

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

Sheila Finco was in to discuss need for Courthouse surge protection for power. We are having lots of spikes in power and burning up equipment. Sheila will work with Dave in Maintenance to see if Northwestern Energy can monitor our power to determine if its on our end or theirs.

Board appointments, Janice Neubauer was appointed to the Council on Aging Board. Troy and Dan McQueary were appointed to the Deer Lodge Rural Fire District. Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Sager seconded the motion to appoint. Motion carried.

The Commissioners renewed Memorandum of Understanding with Gallatin County for Regional Juvenile Detention through the Montana Board of Crime Control.

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

APPROVED:

DOUG CRACHY, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**August 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 Members Daniel G. Sager and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Commissioner Mannix attended Watershed Restoration Council meeting.

Kyla Johnson, Airport Board Secretary, was in with sponsor certification form for the FAA. Commissioner Crachy signed.

Commissioner Sager attended a special Zoom meeting for Western Montana Mental Health.

Mike Thompson and Randy Arnold from Montana Department of Fish Wildlife & Parks were in for a visit on Spotted Dog. Also present was Extension Agent Bo Walker. They are looking into the land purchase of Department of Natural Resource & Conservation (DNRC) Lands again. Wanted to visit with the Commissioners to see where they stood. Commissioners are still not supportive of the deal at this time.

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

APPROVED:

DOUG CRACHY, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**August 4, 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 (present afternoon only) and Members Daniel G. Sager and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. were present all day.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Jonathan Weaver from Great West Engineering was in with Task Order #23 for Roundhouse water and sewer extensions. Project # 1-16264 not to exceed \$7,500.00. Signed by Commissioner Mannix.

Commissioner Sager attended Deer Lodge Disposal District Landfill Board meeting the previous evening.

Patrick Moody from the Department of Justice for the State of Montana called in to discuss renewing our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) allowing him to prosecute Montana State Prison cases. A two-year term was agreed to. Patrick will send MOU for review and signature.

Extension agent Bo Walker was in to give an update on Road Impact Study for Spotted Dog WMA. Bo has talked to Fish Wildlife & Parks, they may have some funding for this project and to Montana State University for a graduate student. Bo and Planner Hazelton are going to apply for a \$25,000 Land Access Grant to install cattle guards. Commissioner Sager moved and Commissioner Crachy seconded the motion to proceed with doing the study. Motion carried with a 2 to 1 vote with Commissioner Mannix voting against.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of September 2021, warrant # 66418 - # 66480 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:

DOUG CRACHY, Presiding

Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**August 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.

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

County Planner Hazelton was in for an update. Planner Hazelton presented a letter of resignation, his last day will be August 30, 2021.

Commissioner Crachy attended a Conference Call with Southwest Mt Regional Juvenile Detention on August 5, 2021.

Commissioner Sager attended City Planning Board meeting.

Ann O'Toole, Charlene Shaul, and Pam Reighard were in to discuss ARPA budget.

County Extension agent Bo Walker was in to discuss job opening in his office.

Con Coughlin and Ed Scharf were in to discuss Spotted Dog Road opening. They are not in favor of doing a study of elk impacted by the road.

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

APPROVED:

DOUG CRACHY, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**August 17, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: 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 August 2021, warrant #66481 - #66539 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Ann O'Toole, Charlene Shaul, Pam Reighard, and Kathryn McEnery were in to discuss ARPA funds. It was discussed to give employees \$1,000 each, Rural Fire Districts \$5,000 excluding Rock Creek Fire District, and \$10,000 to Lincoln Fire-Ambulance. Infrastructure plan, building,

economic development, tourism and match for infrastructure will be discussed next week.

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

APPROVED:

DOUG CRACHY, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**August 18, 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 the Western Montana Mental Health Zoom meeting.

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

APPROVED:

DOUG CRACHY, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**August 23, 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.

Commissioner Sager attended a meeting at Rock Creek Cattle Company with Headwaters Resource Conservation & Development and the City of Deer Lodge on affordable housing in Deer Lodge.

The drawing of salary warrants #23342 - #23368 for Officers, Deputies, Foremen, Clerks and Appointees from various accounts for the month of August 2021, were approved 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:

DOUG CRACHY, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**August 24, 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.

Pam Reighard and Ann O'Toole were in to discuss ARPA Allocation and what was required for the first report. Treasurer Reighard and Clerk & Recorder Walker will submit the report.

Ann O'Toole and Jonathan Weaver (Great West Engineering) were in to discuss the Old Yellowstone Trail Contract Amendments to cover answering questions on Fish Riparian Area Management. The Commissioners will review and sign when presented.

Commissioner Crachy signed the grant close-out for the Milwaukee Roundhouse.

The Commissioners interviewed Samantha Lott for the Public Health Nurse position.

Commissioner Sager was out to Gold Creek area doing road inspections.

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

APPROVED:

DOUG CRACHY, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**August 25, 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.

Powell County is going to lift the Stage II Fire Restrictions as of Thursday August 26, 2021, at 8:00 am. This was determined after discussions with Fire Warden Andy Scharf and other agencies.

Jefferson County Commissioner Wortman stopped in.

Ann O'Toole and Charlene Shaul were in with the Preliminary Budget, also present was Treasurer Pam Reighard. It was moved by Commissioner

Sager and seconded by Commissioner Mannix to approve the Preliminary Budget. Motion carried.

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

APPROVED:

DOUG CRACHY, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk