

Deer Lodge, Montana

February 1, 2022

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 Doug Crachy. Presiding Officer Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. is zooming into the WRC meeting from home.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Robert Denning, auditor from Denning, Downey & Associates, P.C., certified public accountants, was in to discuss the county audit. He said they should be done with the 2021 audit by the end of March. Finance Officer Charlene Shaul and Treasurer Pam Reighard also attended the meeting.

Commissioner Sager attended the Landfill meeting at 5:00 pm.

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

APPROVED:

RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

February 2, 2022

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 January 2022, warrant #67347 - #67410 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Commissioner Sager participated in zoom meeting with Beaverhead-Deer Lodge Working Group at 3:00 pm.

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

APPROVED:

RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

February 14, 2022

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.

Kyla Johnson and County Attorney Kathryn McEnery in to sign Aeronautics Board contract in the amount of \$3,750.00 for weather cameras and \$21,150.00 for construction, extension, or improvement of runway safety. County Attorney McEnery is the only one who needs to sign the contract.

County Attorney McEnery signed Amendment to Montana Distributors and Janssen Opioids Settlement MOU.

Dick Bauman was in to discuss preliminary plans on a huge US flag in Deer Lodge.

Sheriff Roselles was in to inform the Commissioners of changes in the department. Contracted with Reliance Systems for them to provide texting for the inmates. There is no cost to the county. The system has been up and running for about week, and is working well.

Planner Amanda Cooley was in office and Jonathan Weaver from Great West Engineering attended by phone to discuss the four bids for Phase II of the Old Yellowstone Trail. Have one contractor that is low bidder on the base bid and another contractor that is low bidder with the alternatives included. Will award contract tomorrow at scheduled 1:00 pm meeting.

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

APPROVED:

RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

February 15, 2022

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.

Received Final Project Closeout letter from Montana Department of Commerce for the Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) Bridge Improvement Project, contract # Mt-TSEP-CG-21-990, which is the Conley Avenue Bridge replacement project. The \$750,000 TSEP funds have been received and can be paid to the Department of Transportation as final payment.

Cindy Perdue-Dolan, Senator Daines area representative was in office to present updates on the Senator's activities and planned legislation. Sean Steinbach, Sun Mountain interagency liaison also attended along with County Attorney Kathryn McEney.

Jonathan Weaver, Great West Engineering, and Planner Amanda Cooley were in office to award the contract for Phase II of the Old Yellowstone Trail (OYT) construction. Low bid minus alternatives no 1 was submitted by Princeton Planning & Project Management, PLLC (P3M) in the amount of \$309,169.00. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Sager seconded the motion to accept their bid with the award contingent upon the bidder making a good faith effort to work with the owner toward value engineering resulting in an equitable reduction in contract price. Motion Carried.

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

APPROVED:

RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

February 16, 2022

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.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of February 2022, warrant #67411 - #67469 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Commissioner Mannix attended Weed Board meeting on February 15th at 7:00 pm by zoom.

Jordan Green, City of Deer Lodge, was in to discuss the city's stance on recreational marijuana retail business.

Commissioner Crachy attended the Parks Board meeting at 5:00 pm.

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

APPROVED:

RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

February 22, 2022

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

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Treasurer Pam Reighard was in with an update on DMV reimbursement that they want to put on the county. Letter from Joann Loehr VSB Bureau Chief stated that they would give the county annually a check to offset paper and toner costs. The amount is unknown.

Commissioner Sager attended the Airport meeting via phone on Monday February 21st. Commissioner Sager attended City Planning Board meeting at noon.

Did board appointments of all existing members that want to remain on their boards.

Planner Amanda Cooley and Ann O'Toole were in with two Amended Plats for Rock Creek Cattle Company. To aggregate Lots 44, 45, and 46A into one lot 45A. It was moved by Commissioner Sager and seconded by Commissioner Mannix to approve as recommended by the County Planning Board. Motion carried. Planning office is to adjust boundary of Lot 74 to Lot 74A. It was moved by Commissioner Mannix and seconded by Commissioner Sager to adjust Lot 74 as recommended by Planning Board. Motion carried.

Jonathan Weaver from Great West Engineering called in about Amendment #2 for Task Order 18, Old Yellowstone Trail. It was moved by Commissioner Sager and seconded by Commissioner Mannix to approve Amendment #2. Motion carried.

Received Mileage Certification form and maps for Gas Tax. Signed and returned.

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

APPROVED:

RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

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February 23, 2022

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

Signed letter of support for operating grant from Montana Department of Transportation for Powell County's Public Transit bus system. Grant amount is around \$40,000 for FY 2023.

The drawing of salary warrants #23529 - #23599 for Officers, Deputies, Foremen, Clerks and Appointees from various accounts for the month of February 2022, were approved and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Mike Herzog with Western States Cat was in the office with updated lease agreements for our three graders to lock in interest rate and lease payments. Signed and dated new forms.

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

APPROVED:

RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk