

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**December 5, 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

Commissioner Koehler attended Elected Official training in Helena.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

The Commissioners received notification from the Combined Republican Sub-committee of three candidates for consideration and potential appointment of vacant Senate District 40 seat, due to the resignation of Senator Terry Gauthier. Powell County is working with Lewis & Clark County to set up a meeting of the two boards. Candidates are Becky Beard, Conrad Evarts, and Matt Olson.

Commissioners attended Health Board meeting at the Community Center.

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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**December 6, 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

Commissioner Koehler attended Elected Official training in Helena.

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 November 2022, warrant #68954 - #69014 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:

RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

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**December 7, 2022**

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

Commissioner Koehler attended Elected Official training in Helena.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

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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**December 8, 2022**

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, held a special phone meeting to appoint a Commissioner to represent Powell County in the SD40 replacement vote at the Joint Meeting with Lewis & Clark County. Present Commissioner Mannix, Commissioner Koehler, and Commissioner Sager. It was moved by Commissioner Koehler and seconded by Commissioner Mannix to have Commissioner Sager represent Commissioner Koehler at the Joint Meeting. Motion carried.

On motion, the special meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

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**December 12, 2022**

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, and the Board of Commissioners for Lewis & Clark County met in Lewis & Clark County in special session to fill the vacancy in Senate District 40. Commissioner Sager attended in person and Commissioner Mannix attended via zoom. Becky Beard was selected to be the new Senator for District 40. The other candidates were Conrad Evarts and Matt Olson.

APPROVED:

RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

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**December 19, 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 Ruth E. Koehler, Available by phone and zoom: Presiding Officer Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Closed session with County Attorney Kathryn McEnery.

Jonathan Weaver and Dan McCauley from Great West Engineering were in to discuss Willow Bridge in Elliston. Amanda Cooley attended. Will look into steel vs concrete.

Karen Laitala was in to discuss adding Cheat Grass to the County Noxious Weed list. She found that it is on the state list so may not necessarily need to be added to the county list. She will check.

Commissioner Sager attended Headwaters RC&D meeting in Butte on Dec. 14, 2022. He also attended the Area 5 Council on Aging meeting Dec. 15, 2022 in Butte.

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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**December 20, 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 Ruth E. Koehler, Available by zoom: Presiding Officer Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Kelley Knight, 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 December 2022, warrant #69015 - #69076 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Signed MSU Extension Services Agreement FY23.

Signed Great American Trails Grant for \$10,000 awarded to the Yellowstone Trail.

Signed AIA document B105 with A&E Design to do preliminary engineering report for courthouse ADA assessment.

Signed task order with Great West Engineering. Amendment #1 Task Order #22 for Milwaukee Round House.

Held zoom meeting with Granite County Commissioners on potential trail through multiple counties. Amanda Cooley presented for Powell County. Cost of writing feasibility grant is \$15,000. Granite County will contribute \$2,500.

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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**December 21, 2022**

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Ruth E. Koehler. The weather was bad, travel not advised.

Attended Courthouse Christmas luncheon.

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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**December 27, 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 Ruth E. Koehler, Available by phone: Presiding Officer Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Heather Gregory, DES Coordinator was in to go over Emergency Operations Plan. Commissioner Koehler moved and Commissioner Sager seconded the motion to approve Emergency Operation Plan for the county as presented. Motion carried. Also present was Amanda Cooley.

Held a conference call with Lewis & Clark County Commissioner Tom Rolfe and Administrator Roger Blatz to discuss times for joint meeting to appoint replacement for House District 80.

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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**December 28, 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 Ruth E. Koehler, Available by phone: Presiding Officer Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Newley Elected Officials were sworn in in the courtroom.

The drawing of salary warrants #23847 - #23869 for Officers, Deputies, Foremen, Clerks and Appointees from various accounts for the month of December 2022, were approved and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Commissioners were contacted by Rand Dickson from Powell EMS about using the Old Hospital on January 8, 2023 from 11 am to 4 pm for a mass casualty training event. Commissioners and County Attorney approved the use.

Bob Rabel from Gold Creek was in to request a silent Rail Road Crossing in Gold Creek. Commissioner Koehler will contact Rail Link.

The Commissioners contacted Lewis & Clark County to see if they would host Joint Meeting to appoint HD 80 representative. Powell County will chair the meeting. Lewis & Clark County is set up to handle larger meetings and has better zoom capabilities. We don't have that other than in the courtroom and it is in use on Tuesday.

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

APPROVED:

RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**October 25, 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.

County Planner Amanda Cooley and Ann O'Toole were in to discuss which budget items to pay the \$67,476.28 final payment to P3M on the Old Yellowstone trail contract. The decision is to take it from Parks Outlay and Planning Outlay.

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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**October 26, 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

Kelley Knight, Deputy Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

The drawing of salary warrants #23798 - #23823 for Officers, Deputies, Foremen, Clerks and Appointees from various accounts for the month of October 2022, were approved and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Ryan Zinke and Sonny Capeck were in to discuss issues concerning Powell County that Ryan is interested in and what he may be able to assist us with if he is reelected to the House of Representatives.

Rody Holman and Brody Loushin were in the office to update on insurance.

Barney Hedges, Chad Walker, and Elmer McGhee with Racetrack Volunteer Fire Department were in to inquire into financing for a new fire hall. Planner Amanda Cooley also attended and will be inquiring about grants. Financing may be available through the Board of Investments.

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

APPROVED:

RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk