

Deer Lodge, Montana

June 5, 2023

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 by phone and Members Ruth E. Koehler and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Karen Laitala was in to discuss weeds.

County Attorney Kathryn McEnery was in with Jim Salmonson, Jim Anderson, and Brian Gookin, Director of Department of Corrections, to give an update on Montana State Prison.

A Resolution was signed by the County Commissioners to appoint a member to the board of the Multi County Abatement Region 4. Interlocal agreement formation, authority, and administration of Abatement Region 4 for the opioid settlement. The resolution is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk & Recorder's office.

The Commissioners attended the Public Health Board meeting, Commissioner Sager attended by phone.

Melissa Gallegher, Katheryn McEnery, Gavin Roselles, and Pam Reighard were in to discuss how tax dollars are used. Ms. Starr from Missoula replied to the questions of how would the alcohol tax dollars be used, what services we can expect to receive, and what happens if the quarterly is all used? The Discussion was tabled until Wednesday when it is on the agenda.

Treasurer Reighard discussed the Department of Revenue meeting (DOR).

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

APPROVED:

Dan Sager, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Jody Walker, Clerk & Recorder

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June 6, 2023

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 by phone and Members Ruth E. Koehler and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Department Head meeting was held. A representative from NACo talked to the group about leadership training opportunities. Treasurer Reighard reported on DOR meeting and their progressing moving back into the courthouse. Planner Cooley talked about the new website and phone app, and gave an update on video recording Commissioner meetings. Justice Court Judge Gallagher stated she is back, catching up on compliance court, and doing well. Sheriff Roselles had some ground water flooding, hired a new deputy, is up thirty percent, and is starting a new Reserve class. Coroner/DES Gregory has completed spring inspections, CPR training, and hearing testing. She discussed flooding and culvert washout at Dempsey Creek, she has two indigent death investigations, and new indigent screening forms in use. Dodie Rennfield reported the Senior Center is reorganizing, they are using Search and Rescue building for commodities, and have 51 people in this program. David Moore reported the floors on the third floor have been upgraded. Superintendent of Schools Kerry Glisson gave an update on Rural Schools. Other elected officials and department heads gave updates on their offices.

Karen Laitala was in to discuss the use of Round Up.

Fred Valiton and Amanda Gavin were in to present a petition and resolution asking to reduce the speed limit in the downtown area of Ovando to 15 mph. Commissioner Sager attended by phone. They need new signs through the school zones and need electronic signs by the park and teepee. Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Koehler seconded the motion to adopt the resolution. The resolution is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk & Recorder's office.

Amanda Cooley was in to present the Powell County Capital Improvement Plan. Planner Cooley will inquire with the State Historical Preservation Office to see if the courthouse can be recognized as a historical structure without being on the historical society. The estimate to do the third-floor remodel is extremely expensive with all of the studies that are required. Planner Cooley will check on the reports and come back with a final report.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of June 2023, warrant #69785 - #69951 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 & Recorder

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June 7, 2023

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 by phone and Members Ruth E. Koehler and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Commissioners signed Resolution 2023-15. The resolution is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk & Recorder's office.

Request for FAA Approval of Agreement for transferring of entitlements will be signed today as it is urgent but will be ratified on June 19, 2023.

Jane Reclenwald gave a presentation on voting concerns.

Stephanie Thumma was in for Melissa Gallagher with an update on alcohol tax dollars.

County Attorney McEnery was in to explain the contract with Starr Addiction Services. Contract was approved and signed by Commissioner Koehler and Mannix. Commissioner Sager verbally agreed.

Ann Findler called about potholes, Road District #1 will look into it.

Lewis Smith called about a resignation on the Landfill Board.

Compensation Board met. Members present were Gavin Roselles, Kathryn McEnery, Pam Reighard, and Jody Walker. COLA is 8% which is \$4,220, based on elected salaries. The board asked to look at something comparable to that amount like a \$4,000 flat rate amount. The Commissioners advised they will wait until taxable values come in and see what the budget will allow.

Gary Habutzel was in to talk about renewing the health plan. Single person increase is up 7% from \$1,238.67 to \$1,324.14. Vision is staying the same.

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

APPROVED:

Dan Sager, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Jody Walker, Clerk & Recorder

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June 19, 2023

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 Ruth E. Koehler and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Resolution 2023-16 Burials on private Property was discussed. It was not signed and will be further discussed. Present County Attorney McEnery and Coroner Gregory from the County and Luke Ulatowski, Peggy Kerr, and Jesse Mullen from the Silver State Post. Audio and visual requirements for Commissioner meetings was also discussed.

Non-primary entitlements, airport funds, were transferred to another airport (Missoula) they will transfer it back to us later.

Ratified the decision made due to time constraints.

Phone interviews for Finance position. In attendance, Commissioners, Pam Reighard, Ann O'Toole, and Jody Walker.

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

APPROVED:

Dan Sager, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Jody Walker, Clerk & Recorder

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June 20, 2023

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 Ruth E. Koehler and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

John Micu and Gavin Roselles were in to negotiate the contract for deputies and dispatchers. Officer Micu will make some changes and get back with the Commissioners.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of June 2023, warrant #69952 - #70020 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 & Recorder

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June 21, 2023

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 Ruth E. Koehler and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. Heather Gregory was in to discuss District 2 safety issues.

Amanda Cooley was in to discuss the bridge load posting on Dry Gulch road over the North Fork Blackfoot. Jonathan Weaver, Karl Kyakawtch from Great West Engineering attended by phone. The discussion was about narrowing the bridge to reduce weight on the outside of the bridge. Tell Montana Department of Transportation we feel the load rating is sufficient. If they want to pay to put curbs on it we will entertain it. Current width of the bridge is 22' which carries most tandem loads. County has concerns about narrowing the bridge.

Planner Cooley presented a map of Ovando for the speed reduction resolution so it will be noted where the speed zones, school zone signs and electronic speed reduction signs will be placed. Planner Cooley brought in the final copy of the Ovando Speed limit resolution that was passed on June 6, 2023. It was signed. The resolution is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk & Recorder's office.

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

APPROVED:

Dan Sager, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Jody Walker, Clerk & Recorder

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June 26, 2023

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 Ruth E. Koehler and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Ambrel McKetchnie brought in grant awarding document from the Board of Crime Control total is \$155,738.00.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Clerk & Recorder Walker was in with resolution 23-17 for designation of the new House and Senate District, Precinct Boundaries, and Commissioner Districts. The Commissioners want the Commissioner boundaries to remain the same. Election Administrator Walker wants the precinct boundaries in the county to remain the same. A letter will be sent to District Court Judge Dayton requesting boundaries remain the same. Commissioner Koehler moved and Commissioner Sager seconded the motion to approve Resolution 23-17. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-17

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND DESIGNATING
THE OFFICIAL PRECINCT BOUNDARIES FOR POWELL COUNTY FOR STATE
LEGISLATIVE ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR 2024-2032**

WHEREAS, the Montana Districting and Apportionment Committee has redrawn legislative districts for the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have received a map and legal description of the same, a copy of each is attached hereto, and reflect that all of Powell County shall be within House District 76 and Senate District 38; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have reviewed the attached map and description of the same, and according to Section 13-3-102, Montana Code Annotated, the Board must adopt the said boundaries and then certify such boundaries to the Powell County Election Administrator;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all of Powell County shall be within House District 76 and Senate District 38, in accordance with the attached map and legal description.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of June, 2023.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Dan Sager

Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Ruth E. Koehler

ATTEST:

Jody Walker, Clerk & Recorder

Commissioner Sager attended the Council on Aging meeting at noon. Commissioner Koehler visited the fairgrounds.

County Attorney McEnery, Planner Cooley, Patrick Browne, Bruce from Carbon Based Solutions, and Jordan Green were in with a proposal for the Milwaukee Roundhouse.

Amanda Bohrer came in with the DUI Task Force Agreement. It was signed by Commissioner Sager and Commissioner Koehler.

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

APPROVED:

Dan Sager, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Jody Walker, Clerk & Recorder

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June 27, 2023

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 Ruth E. Koehler and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

The drawing of salary warrants #24001 - #24027 for Officers, Deputies, Foremen, Clerks and Appointees from various accounts for the month of June 2023, 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:

Dan Sager, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Jody Walker, Clerk & Recorder

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June 28, 2023

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 Ruth E. Koehler and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

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

APPROVED:

Dan Sager, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Jody Walker, Clerk & Recorder