

January 2024 Commissioners' Minutes

Deer Lodge, Montana

December 4, 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 Member Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Commissioner Koehler is attending New Elected Official Training in Helena.

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

Commissioner Sager attended Area 5 Council on Aging meeting in Butte Nov. 30, 2023, and the Planning Board meeting at 10:00 am today.

The Commissioners attended the Health Board meeting from 11:30am to 1:00 pm.

Dan Lucas from MSU Extension stopped in to give an update on hiring a person for new Community Development agent. MSU is screening applicants now and hope to be interviewing soon. Dan will setup monthly updates starting in January until the position is filled.

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

APPROVED:

Dan Sager, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Jody Walker, Clerk & Recorder

Deer Lodge, Montana

December 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 and Member Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Commissioner Koehler is attending New Elected Official Training in Helena.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Cindy Perdue-Dolan from Senator Daines' office stopped in for a visit.

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

APPROVED:

Dan Sager, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Jody Walker, Clerk & Recorder

Deer Lodge, Montana

December 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 and Member Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Commissioner Koehler is attending New Elected Official Training in Helena.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Commissioner Sager attended the DLDD Board meeting Tuesday night and the Deer Lodge - Beaverhead Working Group meeting in Butte. Commissioner Mannix attended the safety meeting.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of November 2023, warrant #70923 - #70987 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

Deer Lodge, Montana

December 18, 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.

Bo Walker in with a letter to Senator Daines of support to Montana Sportsmen Conservation Act to release Hoodoo Mountain and Wales Creek Wilderness Study Area (WSA). We recommend adding language to this bill that dictates future management of Hoodoo Mt. and Wales Creek WSA's beyond the current RMP which allows local constituents to collaborate with the BLM in managing these lands. Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Koehler seconded the motion to accept the letter as presented. Motion carried. The letter is on file in the Clerk & Records office.

County Attorney McEnery was in to discuss litigation. Session was closed.

Planner Amanda Cooley was in to discuss potential lease with Carbon Based Solutions on the Milwaukee Roundhouse site. A great deal more information will need to be obtained.

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

APPROVED:

Dan Sager, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Jody Walker, Clerk & Recorder

Deer Lodge, Montana

December 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 Member Ruth E. Koehler

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of December 2023, warrant #70988 - #71035 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

Deer Lodge, Montana

December 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.

Commissioner Mannix attended Weed Board meeting on Dec. 19, 2023.

Planner Amanda Cooley was in with contracts from Hydrometrics on Teams Meeting. Four bids were received for Roundhouse cleanup. Lowest bid was \$260,559.00 from Emirene Contracting. This will be paid for with Headwaters grants and Brownfields funding. Established timeline allows for construction to begin mid-January. Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Koehler seconded the motion to accept the bid proposal. Motion carried.

Corrine with WeStaff was in to do a review of the county policy manual.

Christmas party was held in the Courthouse.

Resolution 2023-27(A) and 2023-27(B) for Airports Lease with Will Hogan and Circle Cross Equine were presented. Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Koehler seconded the motion to lease Lot 3 to Hogan for \$1,200 and Lot 2 to Circle Cross Equine for \$1,100. Motion carried.

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

APPROVED:

Dan Sager, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Jody Walker, Clerk & Recorder

Deer Lodge, Montana

December 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

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

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

APPROVED:

Dan Sager, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Jody Walker, Clerk & Recorder

Deer Lodge, Montana

December 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 #24141 - #24156 for Officers, Deputies, Foremen, Clerks and Appointees from various accounts for the month of December 2023, were approved and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

On-Call Engineering agreement with Great West Engineering was reviewed. Commissioner Koehler moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to accept the professional services agreement for On-Call Engineering with Great West Engineering. Motion carried.

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

APPROVED:

Dan Sager, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Jody Walker, Clerk & Recorder