

## February 2024 Commissioner Minutes

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**February 5, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Ruth E. Koehler and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. and Daniel G. Sager Jarita Neckels, Deputy Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Mike Doyle stopped by to give an update on the track and football field project.

Commissioner Koehler attended the Southwest Mt. Juvenile Detention meeting on Feb. 1, 2024 by zoom.

Hiring discussion and decision for Natural Resource position. Luke Ulatowski, Heather Quigley and Scott Perkins were present. Commissioner Sager moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to offer position to Dave Torell. Motion carried.

Powell EMS update with Jennifer Spring, Tony Pfaff and Rand Dickson. Heather Quigley, Scott Perkins, and Sheriff Gavin Roselles were also present. Dr Johnson is the medical advisor for Helmville EMTs and they had 871 runs last year. They discussed contract funding for rural areas, board meetings, prison usage and reimbursement.

Kathryn McEnery, County Attorney, and Gary Zadic (attended by phone), attorney for case for MACo were in to discuss a case. Commissioner Sager moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to deny all charges. Motion carried.

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

RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer  
ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**February 6, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Ruth E. Koehler and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. and Daniel G. Sager Kelley Knight, Deputy Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Ann O'Toole was in to discuss updating the 9-1-1 Ordinance that was adopted in 2002. Ann will modify the ordinance and change it to a resolution to make it more up-to-date.

Amanda Cooley, County Planner, presented the Milwaukee Roundhouse Lease with Carbon Based Solutions for review. Present was Patrick Browne, Carbon Based Solutions, Jordan Green, City of Deer Lodge, and Kathryn McEnery, County Attorney. There will be another meeting in two weeks.

Jonathan Weaver and Karl Yakawich from Great West Engineering were in with possible repairs of Chokecherry Lane Bridge. It was moved by Commissioner Sager and seconded by Commissioner Koehler to allow Great West Engineering to contract with Smith River Contracting for under \$80,000 to get the bridge repaired so it can be reopened. Motion carried. Will look for funding for long term replacement of repair.

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

APPROVED:

RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**February 7, 2024**

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

Commissioner Sager attended Deer Lodge Disposal District board meeting Feb. 6, 2024.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of January 2024, warrant #71218 - #71288 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Department Head meeting was held with each office giving updates.

Fair Board discussion was held. County Attorney Kathryn McEnery discussed resolution from 2003 which talked about how to get more separation between the Tri County Fair Board and the Grounds Board. Discussed adding sub-committees like rodeo. Luke Ulatowski from the Silver State Post was also present.

Commissioner Sager attended the Beaverhead-Deer Lodge Working Group in Butte.

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

APPROVED:

RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**February 20, 2024**

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

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Commissioner Sager attended the Airport Board meeting on Feb. 19, 2024.

The Commissioners attended the ground breaking with Headwaters RC&D Brownsfield Project at the Roundhouse site. They then attended a tour of the track and football field project with Representative Zinke.

Sheriff Roselles was in with a MOU with Southwest Mt. Task Force for annual renewal.

Received Department of Natural Resource & Conservation (DNRC) Grant for Upper Little Blackfoot Mining Complex for engineering design administered by Trout Unlimited # RITP-24-0203 in the amount of \$75,000.00.

Amanda Bohrer was in to discuss Heart & Opioid dollars. Also present were ReAct members Natalie Bohrer and Lily Simkins. They are requesting funding from the county from the opioid settlement money and marijuana tax dollars to use for their prevention projects and programs.

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

APPROVED:

RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**February 21, 2024**

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

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 February 2024, warrant #71289 - #71340 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Connie Ternes-Daniels from Action Inc. was in with the bi-annual plan of action. Also present was Dodie Rennfield. It was moved by Commissioner Sager and seconded by Commissioner Koehler to sign action plan. Motion carried.

Ann O'Toole was in to discuss the 9-1-1 addressing policy update. Jordan Green from the City of Deer Lodge was also present and would like the county to continue addressing. They will work on a new policy update.

Emily Wood was in with finance questions and discussion. Road Crew starting salaries are \$23.00 for the first 6 months. Departments need to turn in invoices, signed off designating who is paying and what line item to take payment from. Will meet with road crew supervisors after next month's safety meeting to make sure this policy is followed.

Carbon Bases Solutions contract was reviewed. In attendance was Patrick Brown, Jordan Green, Amanda Cooley, Dave Torell, and Luke Ulatowski.

Notice to proceed with Emerine Construction to start Roundhouse cleanup.

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

APPROVED:

RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

**Deer Lodge, Montana**

**February 26, 2024**

The commissioners attended the Montana Association of Counties (MACO) conference in Great Falls.

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**February 27, 2024**

The commissioners attended the Montana Association of Counties (MACO) conference in Great Falls.

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**February 28, 2024**

The commissioners attended the Montana Association of Counties (MACO) conference in Great Falls.