

January 2024 Commissioner Minutes

Deer Lodge, Montana

January 2, 2024

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 Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. and Ruth E. Koehler Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Held public hearing to set Resolutions for 2024. Commissioner Sager nominated Commissioner Koehler as Presiding Officer. Commissioner Mannix seconded the nomination. Commissioner Koehler nominated Commissioner Mannix as temporary presiding officer. Commissioner Sager seconded the nomination. All voted yes in favor of 2024-01 for Commissioner Koehler as Presiding Officer and Commissioner Mannix as temporary presiding officer.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
POWELL COUNTY, MONTANA
RESOLUTION FOR COMMISSIONERS' PRESIDING OFFICER OF BOARD - 2024
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WHEREAS, Section 7-4-2109 MCA requires the Commissioners to elect one of its members' presiding officer. The presiding officer shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and in case of the presiding officer's absence or inability to act, the members present shall select one of their number to act temporarily as presiding officer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Powell County, Montana have elected Ruth Koehler as Presiding Officer, to preside over the County Commissioners' meetings for the calendar year 2024 and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. to act as the temporarily presiding officer in the presiding officer's absence or inability to act.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of County Commissioners that Ruth Koehler shall be and is hereby elected as presiding officer for calendar year 2024 and Ruth Koehler shall be and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. is hereby elected to act as the temporarily presiding officer in the presiding officer's absence or inability to act.

This Resolution is effective January 1, 2024.

Done this 2nd day of January 2024.

BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
s/ RUTH E. KOEHLER, Member
s/ RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member
s/ DANIEL G. SAGER, Member

ATTEST:

s/ JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

Resolution 2024-02 - Resolution for County Office Hours – 2024 was presented. Commissioner Mannix moved to adopt Resolution 2024-02 with Commissioner Sager seconding the motion. The motion carried after discussion.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
POWELL COUNTY, MONTANA
RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY OFFICE HOURS – 2024
2024-2

WHEREAS, Section 7-4-102 MCA requires the Board of County Commissioners to set the office hours for the various county offices; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Powell County, Montana, have determined that all county offices will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday except during legal holidays as established by the Montana Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, according to Section 7-4-102 MCA the County Treasurer may, in the interest of the safekeeping of funds, securities, and records under their control, close their offices during the period from noon to 1:00 P.M. every day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of County Commissioners that the Powell County Courthouse will be opened Monday through Friday except during legal holidays as set forth by the Montana Association of Counties and that the County Treasurer may close their office from noon to 1:00 P.M. every day. Dated this 2nd day of January 2024.

BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
s/ RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer
s/ DANIEL G. SAGER, Member
s/ RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

ATTEST:

s/ JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

Resolution 2024-03 – Resolution for Commissioners’ Meeting Dates and Office Hours-2024 was presented. Commissioner Sager moved to adopt Resolution 2024-03 with Commissioner Mannix seconding the motion. The motion carried after discussion.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
POWELL COUNTY, MONTANA
RESOLUTION FOR COMMISSIONERS’ MEETING DATES AND OFFICE HOURS – 2024
2024 - 3

WHEREAS, Section 7-5-2122 MCA requires the Commissioners to set the dates of their meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Powell County, Montana have determined that the following dates shall be set for meetings:

- The first Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the month;
- The third Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the month;
- The last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the month.

If a legal holiday falls on a Monday, the meeting days will only be Tuesday and Wednesday of the affected week.

Meeting dates for February will include Wednesday, March 1, 2024 as part of the last week of the month.

Meeting dates are subject to change.

WHEREAS, Section 7-4-102 MCA requires the Commissioners to set the office hours; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Powell County, Montana have determined that the following office hours shall be set for meetings:

Office hours will be 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and then 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of County Commissioners that the meeting dates and office hours for the Powell County Commissioners shall be and are hereby adopted as reflected above.

This Resolution is effective January 1, 2024.

Dated this 2nd day of January 2024.

BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
s/ RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer
s/ DANIEL G. SAGER, Member
s/ RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

ATTEST:

s/ JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

Resolution 2024-04 – Resolution for Per Diem/Travel Rates – 2024 was presented. Commissioner Sager moved to adopt Resolution 2024-04 with Commissioner Mannix seconding the motion. The motion carried after discussion.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
POWELL COUNTY, MONTANA
RESOLUTION FOR PER DIEM/TRAVEL RATES - 2024
2024 - 4

WHEREAS, it is recommended that counties adopt a Resolution establishing mileage and per diem rates for business travel; and

WHEREAS, the Powell County Board of Commissioners hereby set the following rates for mileage and per diem rates for business travel:

State rates will be adopted for travel expenses according to Sections 2-18-501, 2-18-502 and 2-18-503 MCA.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of County Commissioners that the above stated amounts shall be and are hereby adopted.

This Resolution is effective January 1, 2024.

Dated this 2nd day of January 2024.

BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
s/ RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer
s/ DANIEL G. SAGER, Member
s/ RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

ATTEST:

s/ JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

Resolution 2024-05 – Resolution Setting Treasurer’s Fees – 2024 was presented. Commissioner Mannix moved to adopt Resolution 2024-05 with Commissioner Sager seconding the motion. The motion carried after discussion.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
POWELL COUNTY, MONTANA
RESOLUTION SETTING TREASURER’S FEES - 2024
2024-5

WHEREAS, the Montana Legislature has provided in 7-6-4013 MCA that the County Commissioners shall set fees for costs for County Offices by resolution: and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer’s Office is permitted to charge fees for the costs defined in 15-17-121 MCA (2011); and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer has tracked the time it takes to do certain tasks defined in 15-17-121(2)(a) MCA and has made recommendations to the County Commissioners for the average time and costs to perform the following tasks on a routine basis:

- (i) Preparing the list of delinquent taxes;
- (ii) Preparing the notice of pending tax lien sale;
- (iii) Conducting the tax lien sale;
- (iv) Assigning the county’s interest in a tax lien to a third party;
- (v) Identifying interested persons entitled to notice of the pending issuance of a tax deed;
- (vi) Notifying interested persons;
- (vii) Issuing the tax deed; and
- (viii) Any other administrative task associated with accounting for or collecting delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Powell County, Montana have examined the fee proposals from the County Treasurer and their underlying basis and comparable fees from other counties and have determined that the following are fair fees for the services performed by the Treasurer’s Office in the preparation of documentation of delinquent taxes and the process of assigning the county’s interest in the property and in issuing the tax deed(s):

Assignment Fee	\$75.00	
Delinquent Tax Report	\$15.00	
Preparation and Filing of Tax Deed	\$25.00	
Redemption Fee	\$25.00	; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the County Commissioners of Powell County, Montana as follows:

The Office of the Powell County Treasurer shall charge the following fees to the public and taxpayers:

Assignment Fee	\$75.00
Delinquent Tax Report	\$15.00
Preparation and Filing of Tax Deed	\$25.00
Redemption Fee	\$25.00

Dated this 2nd day of January 2024.

BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
s/ RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer
s/ DANIEL G. SAGER, Member
s/ RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

ATTEST:
s/ JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

Resolution 2024-06 – Resolution for Rate of Credit for Incarceration – 2024 was presented. Commissioner Mannix moved to adopt Resolution 2024-06 with Commissioner Sager seconding the motion. The motion carried after discussion.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
POWELL COUNTY, MONTANA
RESOLUTION FOR RATE OF CREDIT FOR INCARCERATION - 2024
2024-6

WHEREAS, the Montana Legislature has directed all Counties to annually set the rate for credit for incarceration of inmates while awaiting trial or sentencing pursuant to 46-18-403 MCA; and

WHEREAS, if a judgment is for a fine and imprisonment until the fine is paid, the detainee shall be allowed a credit of \$69.00 for each day of incarceration; and that an inmate is responsible for the actual costs of medication, medical services, or hospitalization while detained in a detention center, based upon the individual's ability to pay and/or private provider health care coverage, or a bona fide and responsible third-party payer, and

WHEREAS, the amount to be credited should not exceed the amount of the fine.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the amount of credit for an inmate at the Powell County Jail shall be the sum of \$69.00 per day up to the amount of the fines levied for the offense upon which the inmate was incarcerated.

Done this 2nd day of January 2024.

BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
s/ RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer
s/ DANIEL G. SAGER, Member
s/ RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

ATTEST:

s/ JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

Resolution 2024-07-Resolution Setting Sheriff's Service of Process Fee-2024 was presented. Commissioner Sager moved to adopt Resolution 2024-07 with Commissioner Mannix seconding the motion. The motion carried after discussion.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
POWELL COUNTY, MONTANA
RESOLUTION SETTING SHERIFF'S SERVICE OF PROCESS FEE - 2024
2024-7

WHEREAS, the Montana Legislature has provided in 7-6-4013 MCA that the County Commissioners shall set fees for costs for County Offices by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the County Sheriff's Office is permitted to charge fees as approved by the governing body for the costs of civil service of process and other civil papers as defined in Section 7-3-2141 MCA (2011); and

WHEREAS, the County Sheriff's Office is permitted by law to charge fees for other services; and

WHEREAS, the Powell County Sheriff has made recommendations to the County Commissioners to set the fee for service of civil process at \$70.00 per service (includes mileage); and has established a schedule of fees for other services provided by the Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Powell County, Montana have examined the fee proposals from the Powell County Sheriff and their underlying basis and have determined that the flat fee of \$70.00 per civil service of process and other civil papers as defined in Section 7-32-2141(1)(a through n) MCA (2011) and the other fees is a fair fee for the services performed by the Sheriff's Office; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the County Commissioners of Powell County, Montana, as follows:

The Office of the Powell County Sheriff shall charge a flat fee of \$70.00 per civil service of process and other civil papers as defined in Section 7-32-2141 (1) (a through n) and that the Powell County Sheriff's Office shall charge the fees stated on the attached Fee Schedule.

Dated this 2nd day of January 2024.

BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
s/ RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer

s/ DANIEL G. SAGER, Member
s/ RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

ATTEST:

s/ JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

Resolution 2024-08 – A Resolution Establishing a Location for Posting Public Notice – 2024-8 was presented. Commissioner Mannix moved to adopt Resolution 2024-08 with Commissioner Sager seconding the motion. The motion carried after discussion.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
POWELL COUNTY, MONTANA
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A LOCATION FOR POSTING PUBLIC NOTICE
2024 - 8

Whereas, Section 7-1-2121 MCA establishes requirements when public notice is to be provided by publication; and,

Whereas, Section 7-1-2122 MCA establishes requirements when public notice is to be provided by mail; and

Whereas, House Bill 334 (2013) establishes requirements when public notice is to be provided by posting and is codified as 7-1-2124 MCA.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Powell County hereby designates the following location(s) as the location where public notice will be provided when public notice is to be done by posting:

The bulletin board near the west entrance on the basement floor of the courthouse.

The glass case located in the rotunda on the main floor, north wall.

This Resolution is effective January 1, 2024

Done this 2nd day of January 2024.

BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
s/ RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer
s/ DANIEL G. SAGER, Member
s/ RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

ATTEST:

s/ JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

Resolution 2024-09 – Resolution Setting Planner’s Fees - 2024 was presented. Commissioner Sager moved to adopt Resolution 2024-09 with Commissioner Mannix seconding the motion. The motion carried after discussion.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
POWELL COUNTY, MONTANA
RESOLUTION SETTING PLANNER’S FEES – 2024
2024-9

WHEREAS, the Montana Legislature has proved in 7-6-4013 MCA that the County Commissioners shall set fees for costs for County Offices by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the County Planner’s Office is permitted to charge fees; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Powell County, Montana, have examined the fee proposals from the County Planner; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the County Commissioners of Powell County, Montana, as follows:

The office of the County Planner shall charge the following fees to the public and taxpayers:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

Dated this 2nd day of January 2024.

BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
s/ RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer
s/ DANIEL G. SAGER, Member
s/ RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

ATTEST:

s/ JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

Doug Dewitt was in to introduce himself. Doug was hired as a temporary worker on District #2 Road Crew.

Bo Walker was in and turned in his resignation from Natural Resource Director for Powell County to accept a position with the BLM, effective January 12, 2024.

Commissioner Sager moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to sign Inter-Local Agreement. Motion carried.

Jonathan Weaver and Dan McCulley from Great West Engineering were in with the contractor for Willow Bridge. There are a few things that need to be finished later when the frost is gone.

Dan Lucas from MSU Extension was in for an update. Dan stated that they have a pool of candidates that they will be screening. Hope to do interviews in the middle of February. Luke Ulatowski, Heather Quigley, Scott Perkins, and Vanessa Johnson were also present.

Ann O'Toole from GIS was in with Right-Of-Way occupancy permit from Garrison to Deer Lodge county line for fiber optics. It was approved by the Supervisor for Road Dist. #1 and signed by Commissioner Sager.

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

APPROVED:

RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

January 3, 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
Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Kyla Johnson, Airport Secretary, was in for signature on documented CATEX for Expand General Aviation Apron.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of December 2023, warrant #71100 - #71151 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

County Planner Amanda Cooley was in with a contract for Professional Services with DJ&A, PC to write RAISE Grant for trail from the state line west to Butte. It is a multi-county project for \$10,515. Other counties will reimburse for their portion. Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Sager seconded the motion to sign professional services agreement. Motion carried.

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

January 16, 2024

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

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Commissioner Sager attended Headwaters open house in Deer Lodge on January 8 and the Airport Board meeting on January 15.

County Planner Amanda Cooley, Ann O'Toole and Mike Stenberg were in on behalf of Rock Creek Cattle Co. to create a 2.86-acre Lot in Phase 3B. Commissioner Sager moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried.

County Planner and Ann O'Toole presented Karr Minor Subdivision Lot 2 Tract 3 approved by the Planning Board in December. Commissioner Sager moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Sager seconded a motion to sign Interlocal Agreement for RAISE Grant for a multi-county trail system. Motion carried.

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

APPROVED:

RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

January 18, 2024

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

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 2024, warrant #71152 - #71217 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

County Attorney Kathryn McEnery gave an update on the opioid abatement agreement for the multi-county use of funds. Commissioner Sager moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to sign updated agreement. Motion carried. Luke Ulatowski and Sheriff Roselles were present.

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

APPROVED:

RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

January 29, 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

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Commissioner Sager attended the Council on Aging meeting on January 22.

The drawing of salary warrants #24159 - #24179 for Officers, Deputies, Foremen, Clerks and Appointees from various accounts for the month of January 2024, were approved and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Kyla Johnson, Airport Secretary, was in with a request for reimbursement for Environmental Assessment for Morrison-Maierle. Commissioner Sager moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to approve the request. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Sager seconded the motion to sign MSU Extension Services Agreement FY-2024. Motion carried.

Clerk & Recorder Jody Walker was in with a resolution calling for an election on the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission. Commissioner Sager moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2024-10. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF POWELL COUNTY MONTANA, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF CONDUCTING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW AND ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMISSION TO DO SO.

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 9, of the Constitution of the State of Montana requires that each unit of local government shall conduct an election once every ten years to determine whether the local government will undertake a local government review procedure; and

WHEREAS, 7-3-173(2) M.C.A. requires that the governing body shall call for an election, to be held on the primary election date, on the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission; and

WHEREAS, the Powell County Commission is the governing body of the County of Powell.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The County of Powell hereby calls for an election on the question of conducting a local government review and electing a study commission to be held at the primary election on June 4, 2024.
2. If the voters decide in favor of conducting a local government review, a study commission comprised of three members be elected at the general election of November 5, 2024.
3. Pursuant to 7-3-175, M.C.A. the question of conducting a local government review shall be submitted to the electors in substantially the following form:

Vote for one:

FOR the review of the government of Powell County and the establishment and funding, not to exceed 1 mill, of a local government study commission consisting of 3 members to examine the government of Powell County and submit recommendations on the government.

AGAINST the review of the government of Powell County and the establishment and funding, not to exceed 1 mill, of a local government study commission consisting of 3 members to examine the government of Powell County and submit recommendations on the government.

Passed and adopted by the County Commissioners of the County of Powell, Montana meeting at regular session held on the 29th day of January, 2024.

BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONER
s/ RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer
s/ DANIEL G. SAGER, Member
s/ RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

ATTEST:

s/ JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Sager seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2024-11 amending mill levies for FY23-24. Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Sager seconded the motion to adopt resolution 2024-11. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MILL LEVY FOR THE STATE EQUALIZATION, COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL EQUALIZATION AND COUNTY ELEMENTARY EQUALIZATION MILL LEVY AUTHORITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

WHEREAS, the Department of Revenue has indicated the number of mills that the board of county commissioners shall levy upon all property in the state and has determined that the ad valorem tax for Fiscal Year 2024 for the State Equalization Aid is 40.00 mills, the County Elementary Equalization Levy is 33.00 mills, and the High School Equalization Levy is 22.00 mills; and,

WHEREAS, Section 15-10-420(8), MCA states The department shall calculate, on a statewide basis, the number of mills to be imposed for purposes of 15-10-109, 20-9-331, 20-9-333, 20-9-360, and 20-25-439. However, the number of mills calculated by the department may not exceed the mill levy limits established in those sections. The mill calculation must be established in tenths of mills. If the mill levy calculation does not result in an even tenth of a mill, then the calculation must be rounded up to the nearest tenth of a mill; and,

WHEREAS, The Montana Department of Revenue performed the calculation under 15-10-420, MCA, and reported that the levy authority for FY2024 is 77.89 mills; and

WHEREAS the Montana Supreme Court issued an Order stating that the Department of Revenue may continue to determine statewide mills by carrying forward any mills exceeding the cap in one year and require counties to apply those mills to reach the cap; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners must modify the levy to comply with the court order of the Montana Supreme Court and to comply with the State of Montana/Department of Revenue's request to levy 95 statewide mills.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Powell County Board of County Commissioners that an additional 17.1 additional mills must be fixed for the State Equalization Aid Levy for a total of 95 mills, as determined by the Montana Department of Revenue, for Fiscal Year 2024 are hereby fixed.

DATED this 29th day of January, 2024

BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONER
s/ RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer
s/ DANIEL G. SAGER, Member
s/ RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

ATTEST:

s/ JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

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

APPROVED:

RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

January 30, 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, Commissioner Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. was meeting with the Dist. #2 Road Crew.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Commissioners reviewed board re-appointments. All members that terms expired and responded they would like to continue to serve were considered, as well as new board member for the Council on Aging, Michelle Holt. Commissioner Sager moved and Commissioner Koehler seconded the motion to reappoint existing as well as new board member. Motion carried.

There was discussion on reorganizing the Fair Grounds Board and Tri-County Fair Board. Kelley Knight, David Wells, and Amanda Cooley were present. It was discussed that we need more separation of the fair and grounds board. After the Demo Derby accident our Property& Casualty insurer MACo wanted more separation of boards.

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

APPROVED:

RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

January 31, 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 Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

County Planner Amanda Cooley was in with a sub contract with Headwaters RC&D for Brownsfield Funding for Milwaukee Roundhouse area. Commissioner Sager moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to approve funding from Brownsfield for construction cleanup. Motion carried.

Planner Cooley presented Task Order #2 amendment to Task Order #2 with Great West Engineering to stake Roundhouse Construction area. Commissioner Sager moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to approve amendment. Motion carried.

Conducted interview for Natural Resource Director position applicant Dave Torell. Interviewers were the Commissioners, Pam Reighard, and Ann O'Toole. Luke Ulatowski was also present.

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

APPROVED:

RUTH E. KOEHLER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk