

Commissioner Minutes April 2024

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 4, 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

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

MSU Extension Interview for Local Development 4-H Agent was held. Lisa Bracco was the candidate. Merissa Ford, Dan Lucas, Kayleen Kidwell, Ben Hauptman, Katie Weaver, Vanessa Johnson, and Amanda Cooley were present.

The Commissioners attended the Board of Health meeting at noon.

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

APPROVED:

RUTH KOEHLER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 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 Member Daniel G. Sager

Treasurer Pam Reighard, County Attorney Kathryn McEnery, and IT Director Amanda Cooley were in to discuss DMV Docu-Sign agreement to transfer equipment to the county. All involved will investigate further.

County Attorney McEnery were in for a closed session.

Phil from Stahly Engineering and Ben from Mosaic Architecture were in to discuss fairgrounds. The roof structure is vulnerable during high wind and when bleachers susceptible when being used. Architect and engineer will work on a plan to move forward with band-aid and replacement. Maggie Anderson, Gail Duncan, Tony Stoddard, Amanda Morley, Tanna Shepard, Kaehl Berg by phone, Rem Mannix by phone, and Planner Amanda Cooley were all in attendance.

Commissioner Sager attended the DLDD Board meeting.

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

APPROVED:

RUTH KOEHLER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 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 Member 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 February 2024, warrant #71377 - #71444 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Commissioner Sager attended the Beaverhead-Deer Lodge working group in Butte.

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

APPROVED:

RUTH KOEHLER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 18, 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

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

Commissioner Sager attended the public meeting in Elliston on March 11, 2024 with the United States Forest Service (USFS) on proposed Larabee Hat Restoration Project. Commissioner Sager attended a Zoom meeting with Matt Blank from the State of Montana for the follow-up on Willow Bridge MCEP Funding. Great West Engineering and Amanda Cooley, County Planner were also in attendance.

Commissioner Sager attended City Planning Board meeting at 10:00 A.M. and Airport Board meeting at 12:00 P.M. Commissioner Koehler attended the Fair Board meeting on March 18th, 2024.

Morgan Marks from Y2Y (Yellowstone to Yukon) was in to discuss the Y2Y project to get wildlife connectivity from the Yellowstone to the Yukon. If the county has any need or knows of any projects to let her know. Sheriff Roselles, Coroner Gregory, Scott Perkins and Heather Quigley were also present.

Jonathan Weaver and Craig Erickson from Great West Engineering were in to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan update. Will look at funding opportunities. CDBG will grant up to \$50,000 and DNRC up to \$15,000. The last plan was in 2011 and should be updated.

Ann O'Toole and Amanda Cooley from the Planning Department were in with the DeKaye Minor Subdivision. It was presented to the Planning Board and they gave their recommendation to the Commission to approve as presented. Commissioner Sager moved and Commissioner Koehler seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried.

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

APPROVED:

RUTH KOEHLER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 19, 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

Jarita Neckels, Deputy Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

John Fitzpatrick, candidate for HD 76 stopped in for an introduction visit.

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

APPROVED:

RUTH KOEHLER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 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

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

Extension secretary Vanessa Johnson gave notice that she is resigning at the end of this pay period.

Held a Zoom meeting for the Quick Fix of the Chokecherry Lane Bridge using SB 536 funding. Members present from Great West Engineering were Karl Yakawich and Jonathan Weaver, from MDT Ryan Dahlke, from the Planning Department Ann O'Toole and Amanda Cooley, and landowner John Beck.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of March 2024, warrant #71445 - #71507 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:

RUTH KOEHLER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 25, 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

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Commissioner Sager attended the Headwaters RC&D meeting in Butte on March 21, 2024.

Ambrel McKetchnie and Emily Wood were in to discuss and review the county's policy manual and changes made by WeStaff as well as updates made by Ambrel to the draft policy. Ambrel will make approved changes for final policy adoption.

Commissioner Mannix and Road Supervisor Dist. #2, Jake Butte, approved closure of South Nevada Road for Old Salt Festival this summer, same as previous year.

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

APPROVED:

RUTH KOEHLER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 26, 2024

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Member Daniel G. Sager

Commissioner Koehler attending MACRs Conference with Road District Supervisors; Ken Hosford, Jacob Butte, and Brian Therriault.

Coroner Heather Gregory and Deputy Coroner Kelley Knight were in to discuss equipment. Heather would like to have a pickup so she can do transports. She would like to consider a swap of other county vehicles or whatever we can do. No action taken. Sheriff Roselles and Scott Perkins were also present.

Dave Torell, County Resource Director was in to discuss DNRC Local Government Assistance Grant that he is applying for.

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

APPROVED:

RUTH KOEHLER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk

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March 27, 2024

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Member Daniel G. Sager

Commissioner Koehler still attending MACRs Conference and available by phone if needed.

Commissioner Sager worked on payroll. Commissioner Koehler approved when she returned, the drawing of salary warrants #24202 - #24223 for Officers, Deputies, Foremen, Clerks and Appointees from various accounts for the month of March 2024, 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:

RUTH KOEHLER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

JODY WALKER, Clerk