

PETROLEUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mid-Month Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2024
Petroleum County Courthouse
302 E. Main – Winnett, Montana

Commissioner's Present:

Chairman: Sigrid Pugrud
Commissioner: Craig Iverson
Commissioner: Paul McKenna

Staff Present:

Clerk: Jess Hoge
Treasurer: Pam Bevis
Road Crew: Ray Rowton – Called in

- Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Craig made a motion to approve the agenda with added discussion, Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Craig moved to approve the March 4, 2024, meeting minutes, Paul seconded motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence: List of Leadership Courses from MSU Extension

Public Comment: None.

Road Department- Ray Rowton – called in.

- Ray updated that the welder he ordered from AWG is in and ready for pickup.
- Ray plans to attend MACR's next week.
- Kale is taking the backhoe and blade to fix the corner on HWY 500.
- The Kenworth was said to be done but ran terribly coming home. Motor Power was called to retrieve it and fix it; it was too dangerous to risk driving back to Billings.
- Discussion on the next lease option for a new grader. Sig is going to again contact Truman at CAT and ask for appraisals. Jess will verify the timeline for getting the next mill levy vote on the fall ballot.

Commissioners Report

- Sig reported on the Coal Grant Award process that she attended in Billings. Petroleum County was awarded \$250,000 for the courthouse rehab project.
- Sig discussed things learned from the Coal Grant board. She would like to see Petroleum County apply for road equipment or other capital improvements, but the County will have to develop a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). A CIP is a five year plan that sets priorities, is reviewed annually and revised as needed.
- There was discussion on putting out a RFQ for an auditor.