

PETROLEUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mid- Month Meeting Minutes

May 22, 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
Sheriff: Ryan Peterson – by zoom

Guest:

- 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 additions, Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Craig moved to approve April 22, 2024; May 6, 2024; May 9, 2024; May 14, 2024 minutes, Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Counsel on Aging Appointment notice, STIP notifying of the changes to the accounts.

Public Comment: none.

Road Department- Ray Rowton

- Ray reports that he talked to Andy White from MDT about the Highway 500 project. Andy confirmed that the hill correction at the Musselshell/Petroleum County line is out of scope of work. Ray stated that it sounds like the state is only planning on re-graveling the road.
- Ray reports on the Cat Creek Pit the permit cost is estimated to be \$6,000 to Stahly Engineering to get the permit. Craig moved to approve the Cat Creek Pit permitting by Stahly Engineering, Paul seconded motion. Motion carried.
- John Deere grader needs a mechanic to come diagnosis the issue, a new turbo under warranty was installed.
- Kale is grading Blakeslee Rd now, Ray reports that it's a mess with the grass. Ray is grading Welter Divide and hauling gravel.
- Jeremy is scheduled for his CDL driving test in two weeks.
- Ray reports that he is recertified his SWIPP certificate

- Ray reports that the Mayor Dave called about getting 300 yards of gravel from Cat Creek pit hauled. Ray told Dave that they are unable to haul the gravel for a couple months because of other projects.
- Discussion about Motor Power invoice for towing of the Kenworth that was not fixed correctly and had to be hauled back to Billings.
- Ray reported that he talked to John Deere about a lease option and their quote was immensely more increased.
- Ray requests to post for a mower person, seasonal worker at \$15.

Sheriff's Report – Ryan Peterson by zoom

- Ryan reports to on current call reports.
- Ryan reports that the Fergus Sheriff Department has been patrolling.
- Everything is going good so far.
- Discussion of posting contacting information for the public for Law Enforcement needs.

Commissioners Report

- Flood Plain discussion about the meeting the commissioners had with the DNRC Flood Plain coordinator and future procedure.
- Discussion on Counsel on Aging Representatives.
- Discussion of proposed 35 mills for grader lease mill levy to run in 2025 election.
- Discussion about Bill Cassell's payout June 30th.
- Discussion of Sheriff's interview questions and scoring process.

Treasurer's Report – Pam Bevis

- Pam didn't have financials to present at this time.
- She reported on the second half of the Real Taxes and first half of Mobile Home taxes are due May 30, 2024.

Clerk's Report – Jess Hoge

- Payroll and claims were signed.
- Discussion about upcoming trial in July.
- Jess presented the Election Software System invoices and discussed future budgetary details.
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Courthouse Rejuvenation Project – (by zoom) Robie Culver & Brad Kahler.

- Brad reported that they are still awaiting the engineering modification and are expecting them within a week and then will go out to bid.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15p.m.

Signed: _____

Attest: _____

