

PETROLEUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2023
Petroleum County Courthouse
302 E. Main – Winnett, Montana

Commissioner's Present:

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

Staff Present:

Clerk: Jess Hoge
Treasurer: Pam Bevis
Road Crew: Ray Rowton

Guests: Teri Harris, Melissa Bohn and Ashley Obrigewitch

- Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Craig made a motion to approve the agenda. Paul seconded it, motion passed.
- Paul moved to approve the September meeting minutes, Craig seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Road Department- Ray Rowton

- Chris and Jay King have committed to taking the old Flatwillow Bridge, they have cleared off the bridge decking and have prepared to dismantle the bridge.
- Ray reports that CAT & RDO are searching for backhoe. Commissioner agreed to look at bidding on Bevis's backhoe as well.
- Ray reports the airbags from Canada arrived and were installed.
- Mile and half left from Hoge's to the county line.
- New culvert was installed on Cemetery Rd.
- Ray reports that the black dodge hasn't started being worked on.
- Door guys will be coming October 10th to install garage door at the county shop.
- October 19th the DOT will meet to go over the HWY 500 project.
- Ray reports that he and Jeremy will be attending a safety meeting in Billings on October 17th.
- Hannah Rowton has mowed all they roads and is done for the season.
- 130 loads still to haul from Whisnant's that has to be completed by December.

Commissioners Report

- There was discussion with the guest regarding the recent dispute over the Mill Levy for State Equalization

- Craig moved to adopt **Resolution 2023-25 Resolution to amend 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**. Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Craig moved to adopt **Resolution 2023-26 Resolution to Adopt the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget for Petroleum County**, Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioners discussed the proposed MOU for establishing Central MT Durg Interdiction Team. The proposal was tabled.
- Discussion on roof insulation project at EMS building.

Treasurer’s Report – Pam Bevis

- Pam discussed the work done to clean up the budget numbers and the items left for the auditor to straighten out.

Clerk’s Report – Jess Hoge

- Commissioners signed claims.
- Jess reported she will be gone tot Clerk of Court Certification in Billing Oct 10-12.

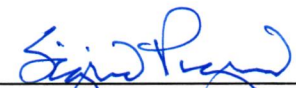
Courthouse Rehab – Brad Kahler

- Brad reviewed the future and completed details. He is awaiting further information before being ready to present the cost estimates.
- Reviewed designs and made minimal corrections.
- The Wishneff documents were received and are being reviewed.

Flatwillow Bridge – Greg Benjamin, Justin Lundvall by Zoom

- Greg reports that equipment is being moved to the site.
- Discussed funding update from SB536.
- Waiting for permits to come through before the project can get started.
- Proposed bridge passable by mid-December.
- The Commissioners spoke with Robie about getting the application started to replace McDonald Bridge.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Signed: _____


Attest: _____
