

**PETROLEUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 6<sup>th</sup>, 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, Ashley Obrigewitch, JR Lund, Charlie Ahlgren, Jim Johnke

- Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Paul made a motion to approve the agenda. Craig seconded it, motion passed.
- Craig moved to approve the October 23, 2023, minutes, Paul seconded the motion. Motion passed. Craig moved to approve the Closed Meeting minutes from October 23, 2023, meeting, Paul seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Road Department- Ray Rowton**

- Jim Johnke wanted clarification on snow plowing policy. He stated that he felt Kelly Road needed to be plowed sooner than it was with the last storm.
- School Superintendent Teri Harris made an official request that during big storms to have bus routes plowed before school buses leave in the morning.
- Commissioners, school, and road foreman agreed that communication is key for future storms. Teri will provide phone numbers of bus drivers to Ray, and they will communicate if roads and weather are safe enough to travel.
- Charlie Ahlgren thanked Ray for the turnarounds for the busses, with the snow moisture additional gravel is needed for the turn arounds.
- Ray reported that the new engine in the Dodge was completed and cost more than anticipated.
- Ray reports that they have started hauling the 130 loads from Whisonant's that need to be completed by December.
- Ray states the Road Crew requests to keep their shifts on four day – ten hours and will flex with storms and snow removal.
- Ray reports that they have reframed the door at the shop and will be installing the new garage door soon.
- Ray reports they are still searching for a backhoe.