

**PETROLEUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Petroleum County Courthouse  
302 E. Main – Winnett, Montana

**Commissioner's Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Clerk: Jess Hoge  
Treasurer & Interim County Manager: Pam Bevis  
Road Crew: Ray Rowton  
Sheriff: Bill Cassell  
County Attorney: Diane Cochran

**Guests:**

- Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Sig made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Craig seconded it, motion passed.
- Correspondence: None.
- There is no phones or internet in the Courthouse during this meeting. Because of the lack of services the full agenda will be conducted during the morning.

**Road Department- Ray Rowton**

- Ray reported that he had a couple of people interested in mowing. He will update more at the following meeting.
- Bill lost power in the Fire Grader, possibly a turbo issue.
- Ray reported on pricing for new culverts at Duck Creek and Jitney Road.
- Ray reports the flood damage near Lewis's has been fixed.
- Approximately 130 more loads to haul out of Whisonant's pit.
- Gravel hauling on Yellowwater and Pike Creek is not scheduled yet.
- Complaint about the cattleguard on Pike Creek Rd. Commissioners asked for a couple of loads of gravel to be hauled to correct the cattleguard. County Atty will check into the MCA codes to clarify who is responsible for replacing the cattleguard.
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**Sheriff/ DES – Bill Cassell**

- Bill reported that he hasn't heard about disaster monies, or the amount allocated.
- Steve Downs from Garfield County will be on duty over the weekend of the 15<sup>th</sup>. Discussion about wages and shift rates.

**County Manager – Pam Bevis**

- Discussion on PILT monies.
- Discussion on High Plains amended contract Going to wait to review the itemized invoices.
- Craig moved to un-table Resolution 2023-16 Preliminary Budget.
- Craig moved to adopt Resolution 2023-16 Preliminary Budge; Sig seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussion on the policy when a employee has a medical issue that could hinder employee performance.
- Commissioners discussed funds coming from CMF out of our Bratten/Teigen funds.

**Treasurer’s Report – Pam Bevis**

- Pam had no report.

**Clerk’s Report – Kris Rowton**

- Commissioners signed the first half of the claims for 2023.


**Courthouse Rehab – Brad Kahler, Kelly Beevers, Linda & Gary Gershmel, Robie Culver**

- Reviewed design for exterior
- Discussion on bat guano cleanup
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**Flatwillow Bridge – Greg Benjamin & Robie Culver**

- Discussed moving the due date of RFQ’s from July 7<sup>th</sup> to July 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, due to the holiday. Will review RFQ’s at the July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The meeting adjourned 3:10 p.m.

Signed: Sig Puzan 

Attest: Kris Rowton