

PETROLEUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mid-Month Meeting Minutes

July 24th, 2023

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, Kris Rowton Deputy
Treasurer & Interim County Manager: Pam Bevis
Road Crew Ray Rowton
Sheriff/DES Bill Cassell

Guest: Marc Gaines

- 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 with corrections. Craig second it, motion passed.
- Craig made a motion to approve the commissioner meeting minutes of June 19, 2023. Paul 2nd it, motion passed.
- Craig made a motion to approve the commissioner meeting minutes of July 10th, 2023. Paul 2nd it, motion passed.

Correspondence: none.

Public Comment: Marc Gaines, Landowner on Lower River Road. Marc brings concerns regarding the Lower River Road and the Musselshell River. Mr. Gaines would like the commissioners to consider options for future flooding on the road and erosion of the bank of the river.

Road Department- Ray Rowton

- Pike Creek discussion included the placement of cattle guards on County roadways. This will be investigated further and brought back to the agenda.

Sheriff/DES – Bill Cassell

- Bill is still waiting to hear from the Governor regarding the Emergency Declaration status.

- Bill would like to update his Motorola had held radio. Bill gave the Commissioners a quote of \$3400.00. Craig, Sig and Paul all gave permission for the purchase.
- Vault locks were discussed, and Bill would like to purchase one lock and install it and see how the outcome is. A locksmith could possibly need to install the rest if it is not feasible for Bill to do.
- Discussion was held on the transition of Bill's office from upstairs to the basement. DIS technology will have to come and wire the new office.
- Emergency Services Building insulation discussion; Bill will work to get fire crew lined up for cleaning out upstairs, doing the insulation work and then putting their gear back upstairs. Will need to coordinate with ambulance to have space enough for the project.

County Manager – Pam Bevis

- No new information on the Courthouse Street asphalt bid information.
- Resolution 2023-19: Revising ballot language was discussed. Craig moved to approve the 2023-19. Paul second the motion. All I's. The resolution passed unanimously.
- CMHD preliminary budget discussion was held. We'll add \$4,000 annually to the budget for the estimated \$8 per capita.
- Discussion on the High Plains Architect invoices. Sig will draft an email with questions for Brad.

Treasurer's Report – Pam Bevis

- Pam gave updated financials for fiscal year end.

Clerk's Report – Jess Hoge

- Payroll and claims were signed.
- Next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, August 7th, 2023, at 9:00 am.

Flatwillow Bridge-Robie Culver via ZOOM

- RFQ Scoring sheet. Bids were gone over and scored.
- COP Construction, TCA and Century Construction will be asked to submit an RFP.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Signed: _____

Attest: _____

