

PETROLEUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 7th, 2023

Petroleum County Courthouse
302 E. Main – Winnett, Montana

Commissioner's Present:

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

Staff Present:

Deputy Clerk: Kris Rowton
Treasurer & Interim County Manager: Pam Bevis-absent for Morning session. Present in the afternoon.
Road Crew: Ray Rowton
Sheriff: Bill Cassell
County Attorney: Diane Cochran

Guests: Jeremy Springer

- Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Paul made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Craig seconded it, motion passed.
- Craig made a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 17th, 2023 meeting. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Correspondence: None.

Road Department- Ray Rowton

- Ray reports that he would like to hire Jeremy Springer for the open Road Department position. The commission unanimously agreed that Jeremy would be a great asset to the department. Jeremy's start date will be August 16, 2023. Jeremy will have to obtain his CDL.
- Ray would like to keep Hanna on mowing and Bill on 79 trail. The commission agreed.
- The AC in Kales grader is up and going.
- John Neibur redid his estimate for the culvert north of Hedmans. John will probably be able to start in a month. The estimate still comes in as the lowest.
- Fire Stage status is of no concern right now.
- Ray's road vehicle is having issues. He was able to get it to Lewistown to have it checked. Snowy Mountain Motors. Diagnostics will be discussed when completed by Lewistown.
- Discussion on the Upper Flatwillow cattle guard issue comes down to Proposing a Resolution to change the Road Standard for the responsibility of the maintenance of a cattle guard.
- Budgeting concerns include the \$4000 still owing on the back door of the shop. Billings Overhead door will cost about \$1250. The Backhoe is weak and will need attention or replacement soon.

Sheriff/ DES – Bill Cassell

- Bill is talking with Judith Basin and Fergus County about the idea of a potential detective position that would serve all three counties.

County Manager – Pam Bevis

- The Commission agreed to the Pintler contract based on the Ambulance Service decision.
- County Attorney Diane Cochran’s wages were set and agreed upon.
- Craig made a motion to approve the B104 Addendum with High Plains. Paul second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Clerk’s Report – Kris Rowton

- Commissioners signed claims for the second ½ of July 2023.

Courthouse Rehab – Brad Kahler, Robie Culver

- Wishneff HTC documents will reportedly be out within a couple weeks.
- Brad will review contract revisions with the construction company.

Flatwillow Bridge – Justin Lundvall and Robie Culver

- Questions from one of the contractors was discussed and Robie will get the answers and post them to Stahly’s website.
- Bridge removal and dismantling will be put on the Stahly website. Further information will be gathered to be posted as well.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Signed: _____



Attest: _____

