

PETROLEUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mid-Month Meeting Minutes
September 18, 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
Treasurer & Interim County Manager: Pam Bevis
Road Crew: Ray Rowton
Sheriff/DES: Bill Cassell

Guest: Phyllis Arthur

- Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Craig made a motion to approve the agenda with additions. Paul second it, motion passed.
- Craig made a motion to approve the commissioner meeting minutes of August 21, 2023, September 5, 2023, and September 12, 2023. Paul 2nd it, motion passed.

Correspondence: none.

Public Comment: Jess addressed public comment about concerns of voters not receiving ballots and adequate notice of election. Jess reported that prior to the election notice was published in the News Argus and at the three locations in town, The Breaks, the Post Office, and the Courthouse as well as social media. During the election notices were published around town and on social media asking voters to make sure they received their ballot and if not to please stop by the Clerk's office to receive a ballot. Jess noted that there are 381 registered voters of those 126 are inactive voters, leaving 255 active voters when the ballots went out August 23, 2023. 157 total votes were cast by September 12, 2023, at 8pm.

Road Department- Ray Rowton

- Ray reports the new airbags from Canada are still not delivered.
- The power divider on the yellow truck came off, was replaced and is currently running fine. The transmission is starting to miss gears.
- Ray reports they have reached Belk's house with the gravel. Will start hauling gravel past Wade Hoge's towards the county line next.