

PETROLEUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 8th, 2024

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: Pam Bevis
Road Crew: Ray Rowton
County Attorney: Diane Cochran

Guest: Brian Harris – called in. Robie Culver – Zoomed in.

- 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 seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Craig moved to approve the June 24, 2024 minutes; Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment:

Brian Harris called about building on his property down on the river that is located in a floodplain, the Commissioners asked that he file a variance and once the variance is filed, they will be able to work through the process.

Road Department- Ray Rowton

- Discussion about the future of tire repair with Winnett Tire being closed. The Commissioners told Ray to order some tire repair tools.
- Jeremy and Ray are still working on Kelly Road currently.
- Tom Loomis was able to work on DEQ requests at the Cat Creek pit but wasn't able to complete it. Ray reports that he may need to contact John Niebur to complete the project.
- Ray reports that the soil farm was worked.

DES Report – Ray Rowton

- Ray reports that he attended a meeting about annex review. He is going to correct a report that was previously submitted and resubmit.

Commissioners Report

- Sig reports on the Auditor review and findings.
- Discussion of new sheriff vehicle use
- Robie zoomed in to discussion of creating a Capital Improvement Plan and what the steps are and cost of creating the plan.
- Paul moved to hire Dan Linder as our new Petroleum County Sheriff, Craig seconded. Motion carried.
- Craig moved to participate in BLM Fire Restriction Plan, Paul seconded. With discussion the motion was carried.
- Discussion

Treasurer’s Report – Pam Bevis

- Pam reports that she has decided against the
- Pam reports on Bankhead Jones payment.

Clerk’s Report – Jess Hoge

- Payroll and claims were signed.
- Timecards were reviewed.

Courthouse Rejuvenation Project – (by zoom) Robie Culver & Brad Kahler -absent.

- No report given.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Signed: *Sigurd Ferguson*

Attest: *Jess Hoge*

