

PETROLEUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mid-Month Meeting Minutes

July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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/DES: Ray Rowton  
County Attorney: Diane Cochran- absent

**Guest: Shane Klakken, Barry Usher - State Representatives**

- 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, Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Paul moved to approve the July 8, 2024 minutes; Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Road Department- Ray Rowton**

- Ray reports that Kelly Road project is completed. 64 loads were hauled onto this project.
- Ray found a transmission for the yellow truck. Approximately \$8,500 for transmission and installation.
- Ray reports that they plan to finish the Yellowwater Rd project this week.
- Ray stated that he has shut down the mower for this week for fire caution.
- Nick Winfield called in and answered gravel pit questions and concerns.

**DES Report – Ray Rowton**

- Ray reports that he got letter reclamation notice
- Nick from Stahly has submitted all documentation for Cat Creek Pit.

**Sheriff Report – Dan Linder**

- Dan gave updates on current events and future plans.
- Dan enjoyed his first Winnett All-Class Reunion and met lots of new faces.

**Commissioners Report**

- Commissioners discussed updating County Boards.
- Barry Usher and Shane Klakken stopped by to discuss Petroleum County concerns to take legislation.
- Craig moved to adopt **Resolution 2024-18 Stage One Fire Restrictions**; Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report – Pam Bevis**

- Pam reports on cash balances and pledge securities.
- Audit report has been posted to the Local Government Services successfully.

**Clerk’s Report – Jess Hoge**

- Payroll and claims were signed.
- Timecards were reviewed.
- Jess reports that she will be gone Aug 5-9 for Clerk & Recorder Convention in Mile City.

**Courthouse Rejuvenation Project – Brad & Robie (by zoom).**

- Brad will follow up with electrician about our generator.
- Expects document package within days to submit for state permit review.
- State permit review needs 5-6 weeks, estimated to be done by early Sept.
- Tentatively set August 26<sup>th</sup> for a meeting with Shane to review pricing bids.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Signed: 

Attest: 

