

PETROLEUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 6th, 2024

Petroleum County Courthouse
302 E. Main – Winnett, Montana

Commissioner's Present:

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

Staff Present:

Deputy Clerk: Jeanne Wheeler
Treasurer: Pam Bevis
Road Crew: Ray Rowton
Sheriff: Dan Linder
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.
- Paul moved to approve June 24, 2024 minutes; Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Airport insurance

Road Department- Ray Rowton

- Ray reported that the July meeting minutes caused confusion. It was agreed that we all felt Loomis had completed everything we had asked of him on the Cat Creek gravel pit. The county is satisfied with everything Loomis's did.
- There are water storage tanks on the north wall owned by Algrens; Paul will talk to them about moving them farther away from the edge.
- Still awaiting DEQ on Eager & Cat Creek gravel pits.
- Learned Gilfeather pit application was not yet started, so Ray will have Nick start that process.
- The Allen hill has had another slide. There was discussion about ideas for fixing it later this fall.
- Ray reported on various truck repair issues and the roads the guys are working on.
- Gravel pit permitting expenses will be covered by Mineral Royalties. Need to budget for Gilfeather pit permitting.

Sheriff's Report – Dan Linder

- Dan is looking at various grants to use towards expenses for equipment, personnel and a new courthouse generator. As a Tier II county, we be able to tap into a new grant next year.
- Interviewed two possible part time employees that are both POST certified. Discussed future grant that would help with PT employee expenses.

Commissioners Report

- Craig motioned to approve last month's meetings, Paul seconded the motion, the motion carried.
- There was discussion about budget items.
- It was reported that the annual appraised values had just arrived.
- There was discussion about letters to be sent this week to the landowners of lands in the Floodplains. Compliance letters will go out next week.
- There was a motion to approve new permit fees. Craig moved, Paul second. And the Motion is approved

Treasurer's Report – Pam Bevis

- Pam reported that MACO's financial advisor Nancy Everson will be here on August 22-23, 2024.
- Pam discussed policy on checking accounts and cash
- Kris went to training on the new Motor vehicle programs that will start in March 2025
- Kris's computer will be replaced.

Clerk's Report – Jeanne Wheeler

- A new printer will be bought for the Clerk's office
- Payroll and claims were signed.
- Timecards were reviewed.

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

- Zoom call with Brad and Robie.
- There was discussion about the cost of preserving our existing electrical hookups for a backup generator.
- August 26 still set as meeting to review bids with Shane

Adjournment 2:46 PM

Signed: _____
Attest: _____

