

PETROLEUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Mid-Month Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2024
Petroleum County Courthouse
302 E. Main – Winnett, Montana

Commissioner's:

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

Staff:

Clerk: Jess Hoge
Road: Ray Rowton
County Attorney: Diane Cochran
Treasurer: Pam Bevis – absent
Sheriff: Dan Linder – absent

Guest: Jim Brady & Brenda Brady

- Meeting called to order at 9:00a.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Paul made a motion to approve the amended agenda, Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Paul moved to approve October 24, 2024 Mid-Month Meeting minutes; Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment – Jim and Brenda Brady questioned the status of the proposed shift of the Dovetail Rd away from Brenda's home which was an idea they'd brought to the commissioners a couple years ago. Commissioners discussed with Brady's proposed location, costs, labor, and material needed. There was discussion that at best the project might happen within five years.

Road Department- Ray Rowton

- Ray reports the John Deere grader is back and running good. The 6-wheel drive issue was something with a computer setting it the grader. The new transmission has a 3 year warranty.
- Ray is grading on Tin Can.
- Jeremy is grading Old Cat Road, Ohio Wells and will be doing the 79 Trail next.
- Kelby is mowing for the next few weeks.
- Ray reports that cows have chewed wiring on the scarper which will need to fixed.
- There was a discussion about a half dozen road projects that would probably still have priority over the idea of shifting the Dovetail road near Brady. Ray will do some figuring of costs to complete the Brady project.

DES- Ray Rowton

- No update.

Sheriff's Report – Dan Linder- absent

- No update.

Commissioners Report

- County attorney Diane has not received an answer from the Boyer attorney regarding concerns regarding a contract for use of Boyer lots as a staging area.
- No action was taken on designating a representative organization for HB819.
- The DNRC is proofing the list of floodplain properties legals to be used with the proposed resolution.
- MT Dept of Transportation notified the county that the Main Street bridge replacement may qualify to be paid for under SB536. The county had already submitted an MCEP grant application on the bridge replacement expense which MDT was aware of and will handle in their considerations. Stahley Engineering will stay abreast of the programs.
- A Coal Grant Application has been submitted for funds for the HVAC in the courthouse. The Coal Board will meet mid December and announce their decisions that same day.
- Katie Lund has agreed to help with the bookkeeping for the Courthouse Rehab Project.
- Discussing floodplain compliance issues with some of the river subdivision landowners was scheduled for November 13, 2024.

Treasurer's Report – Pam Bevis - absent

- No report.


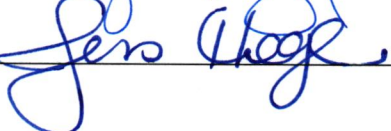
Clerk's Report – Jess Hoge

- Jess reports that the Elections Office is ready for Election Day. She reports that there is already a above average return rate for the county.
- The motion was made and seconded to review and sign timecards, payroll and claims. The motion carried.

Courthouse Rejuvenation Project

- No update.

Adjournment 11:20 a.m.

Signed:  _____
Attest:  _____