

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
McCONE COUNTY, MONTANA
CIRCLE, MONTANA**

Monday, December 4, 2023

At the hour of 10:00 a.m., the Board of Commissioners of McCone County, Montana, met in regular session with Alan Stempel, and Lonny Jensen present. Presiding Officer Alan Stempel called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The agenda was approved.

The November 27, 2023 minutes were approved as read.

Commissioner Jensen reported on the Health Center Board meeting he attended, in Circle, on November 28, 2023.

Allen Rosaaen, South Road Foreman, met with the Board to discuss gravel pits, hiring a company to crush gravel, road repairs to Pass Road, North Sand Creek, and the Beauty Creek Bridge replacement project. The Board approved the purchase of cutting edges, oil, and filters for the North Road Shop for approximately \$5,500.

Kandi Holland, Senior Center Administrator, met with the Board to discuss the Senior Center van, meal prices, and upcoming events.

The Board reviewed and approved the payroll for the month of November, 2023. Voucher #5 for warrants #83416 through #83418 was issued in the amount of \$4,639.00. Voucher #1020 was issued for automatic deposits in the amount of \$103,786.25 for a total payroll of \$108,425.25 was reviewed and approved. **(Copies of the voucher and payroll register are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed and approved county claims for the month of November, 2023. Voucher #1022 for the amount of \$95,635.09 was signed at this time. **(A copy of the claim register and voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files)**

The meeting was opened to public participation at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Taylor joined the meeting.

Nita Crockett, Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss the FP 9 School Tax form. Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the form and Commissioner Taylor seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the form is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board discussed the Montana Supreme Court decision which will force McCone County to levy 95 mills for school mills instead of the 77.9 mills which the Board previously approved. The Board will continue to work on the tax implications and potential solution to levy the remaining 17.1 mills which will increase the State budget surplus.

Nancy Stempel, GIS Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss GIS issues, potential redistricting based on the most recent Census, and Zip Code issues. Commissioner Stempel abstained from the discussion.

Tim Tolman, McKinstry Industries, by phone, and Scott Goodness, MCHC Maintenance Supervisor, met with the Board to discuss ongoing projects at the MCHC.

The Board reviewed and approved timesheets for November, 2023 for the employees and department heads under the supervision of the County Commissioners.

The officers' reports for November, 2023 were reviewed and approved for the Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Justice Court, and Clerk and Recorder. **(Copies of the reports are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Voucher #1021 in the amount of \$33,647.28 was reviewed and approved. **(A copy of the voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Perry Breitbach, Justice of the Peace, met with the Board to discuss the fence around the Circle Town/County Airport to include the repair plan for the breach in the fence.

Correspondence occupied the Board for the rest of the day.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

The minutes are also available on the Commissioner page of the McCone County website at www.mcconecountymt.com.

McCone County Commissioners

Attest:
(Seal)

Alan Stempel, Presiding Officer

Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder