

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

Monday, December 18, 2023

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

The December 11, 2023 minutes were approved as read.

Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder, met with the Board to discuss personnel and budget issues.

Allen Rosaaen, South Road Foreman, met with the Board to discuss a potential grader repair project, grading roads, a potential bridge repair project, the Beauty Creek Bridge repair project, and gravel pits.

Roger Schara, Circle Fire Chief, met with the Board to discuss Workers Compensation and vehicle insurance.

Commissioner Stempel reported on the Library Board meeting he attended, in Circle, on December 13, 2023.

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

Nancy Stempel, GIS Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss dispatching responsibilities, 911 tax funds, and addressing issues. Commissioner Stempel abstained from the discussion.

The Board reviewed the Statement of Qualifications for an Airport Engineer for the Circle Town/County Airport. Commissioner Taylor moved to select KLJ Engineering as the Airport Engineer and Commissioner Jensen seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the Statement is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Kerry Eissinger, Deputy Clerk and Recorder, met with the Board to discuss a voucher, and office issues.

Voucher #1024 in the amount of \$351.40 for the Library was reviewed and approved. **(A copy of the voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Jeff Skyberg, Airport Manager, met with the Board, by phone, to discuss the fence repair project, deer on Airport property, and future projects. The Board approved the purchase of additional fencing materials for approximately \$800.

The Board discussed the required changes for the 95 mill issue to comply with the state Supreme Court decision requiring that the county levy an additional 17.1 mills which will increase the state tax surplus.

Clyde Sanborn met with the Board to discuss a potential claim for damages against the county.

The Board discussed the process to establish or expand a Herd District.

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