

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

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

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 approved.

Commissioner Jensen moved to appoint Commissioner Taylor as Presiding Officer for 2024. Commissioner Stempel seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the resolution is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

There were no Committee Reports.

Allen Rosaaen, South Road Foreman, met with the Board to discuss vehicle repairs, a potential grant, and building improvements.

Nita Crockett, Treasurer, Savannah Hanson, Clerk of Court, and Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder, met with the Board to discuss office hours for the courthouse in 2024.

The Board reviewed and approved the payroll for the month of December, 2023. Voucher #6 for warrants #83422 through #83425 was issued in the amount of \$5,306.94. Voucher #1025 for automatic deposits in the amount of \$95,452.44 for a total payroll of \$100,759.38 was reviewed and approved. **(Copies of the voucher and payroll register are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Payroll Deduction Voucher #1026 for warrant #83426 through #83429 in the amount of \$34,586.00 was reviewed and approved. **(A copy of the voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

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

The officers' reports for December, 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.)**

The Board reviewed and approved county claims for the month of December, 2023. Voucher #1027 for the amount of \$129,624.02 was signed at this time. **(A copy of the claim register and voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files)**

Nancy Stempel, GIS Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss GIS issues to include potential redistricting based on the last census. Commissioner Stempel abstained from the discussion.

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

The first readings of resolutions for 2024 were held for setting the meeting days for the Board of Commissioners, and setting office hours for 2024. The second readings of the resolutions for 2024 will be held on Monday, January 8, 2024. **(Copies of the draft resolutions are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The December 26, 2023 minutes were approved as amended.

Paul Skyberg, Sheriff, Allen Rosaaen, South Road Foreman, Tim Potter, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, Drew Henry, FWP, and Dave Foley, FWP, met with the Board to discuss a potential fishing access site to the Missouri River where the Redwater River joins.

Allen Rosaaen, South Road Foreman, and Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder, met with the Board to discuss a potential vehicle repair, and a gravel project.

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 that would meet current spending requirements. MACO will publish guidance about how to levy the additional mills which will increase the State budget surplus.

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)

Ty Taylor, Presiding Officer

Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder