

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

Monday, February 5, 2024

At the hour of 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Taylor attended the Safety meeting.

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

Faith Servais, Clerk and Records office, met with the Board to discuss Clerk and Recorder issues.

Commissioner Jensen reported on the MCHC Board meeting he attended, in Circle, on January 30, 2024.

Allen Rosaaen, South Road Foreman, met with the Board to discuss vehicle repairs, a potential grant, and building improvements, and potential bus routes. The Board approved the purchase of a toolbox and fuel tank for the South Road Department pickup for approximately \$1,400.

Nita Crockett, Treasurer/County Superintendent, and Allen Rosaaen, South Road Foreman, met with the Board to discuss Vida Bus Routes.

Paul Skyberg, Sheriff, and Eric Steele, TAB Electronics, met with the Board to discuss the Communication Tower on Antelope Hill. The Board approved the purchase of a new battery system for the communication equipment for approximately \$12,500 to replace the current inoperable system.

The Board reviewed and approved county claims for the month of January, 2024. Voucher #1033 for the amount of \$159,574.95 was signed at this time. **(A copy of the claim register and voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files)**

The Board reviewed and approved the payroll for the month of January, 2024. Voucher #7 for warrants #83430 through #83434 was issued in the amount of \$5,877.13. Voucher #1031 for automatic deposits in the amount of \$110,592.16 for a total payroll of \$116,469.29 was reviewed and approved. **(Copies of the voucher and payroll register are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Payroll Deduction Voucher #1032 for warrant #83435 through 83437 in the amount of \$34,430.62 was reviewed and approved. **(A copy of the voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed and approved timesheets for January, 2024 for the employees and department heads under the supervision of the County Commissioners.

The officers' reports for January, 2024 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.)**

Jacque Gardner, MCHC CEO, Brianna Vine, GNDC, Scott Goodness, MCHC Maintenance, and Jim and Rachel Moos, met with the Board to discuss the report from Tetra Tech about required remediation at the MCHC, and the MCHC Improvement Project grant. The Board approved the request to seek a Brownfields Grant to pay for required remediation.

Nancy Stempel, GIS Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss GIS issues. Commissioner Stempel abstained from the discussion.

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

Pam Walling, MACO Health Care Trust, met with the Board to discuss insurance rates for 2024.

Brianna Vine, GNDC, and Chandler Rowling, Montana Department of Commerce, met with the Board, on Zoom, to discuss the MCHC Improvement Grant and the Environmental Review.

The January 22, 2024 minutes were approved as read.

The Board reviewed and approved the FAA Year End report.

Iain Huseby, Huseby Construction, met with the Board to request payment for a disputed bill for door repairs at the Senior Center. The Board approved the bill and will research the cause for the wrong equipment on the original door.

The Board reviewed and approved the Stahly Engineering Service Agreement.

Tandi Kassner, Extension Agent, and Uriah Kirkegaard, Kirkegaard Construction, met with the Board to discuss improvements at the Extension Office. The Board approved the repair of the Air Conditioner at the Fairgrounds Kitchen for approximately \$900. Uriah will repair the gutters at the Senior Center.

Suzette Wagner, Maintenance, met with the Board to discuss county building repairs.

The Board reviewed Resolution 24-02-05 (A) about the Humanities Grant funds. Commissioner Stempel moved to approve Resolution #24-02-05(A) and Commissioner Jensen seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the resolution is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed Resolution 24-02-05 (B) about the Louise Kyler Grant funds. Commissioner Jensen moved to approve Resolution #24-02-05(B) and Commissioner Stempel seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the resolution is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed Resolution 24-02-05 (C) for an Election on the Question of Conducting a Local Government Review. Commissioner Stempel moved to approve Resolution #24-02-05(C) and Commissioner Jensen seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the resolution is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed and approved the Tractor and Equipment Road Grader Recondition Agreement.

The Board reviewed the Rural Dry Redwater Petition to annex land in to the Town of Circle.

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. New tax bills will be required to collect the additional taxes.

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