

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

Monday, March 4, 2024

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.

The Commissioners discussed the MACO meeting they attended from February 27th through 29th in Great Falls.

There were no Committee Reports.

Roger Schara, Circle Fire Chief, met with the Board to discuss Fire Department issues.

Allen Rosaaen, South Road Foreman, met with the Board to discuss vehicle repairs, a waterline repair at the South Shop, and a personnel issue.

The Board reviewed and approved county claims for the month of February, 2024. Voucher #1036 for the amount of \$84,367.87 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 February, 2024. Voucher #8 for warrants #83438 through #83442 was issued in the amount of \$5,564.52. Voucher #1034 for automatic deposits in the amount of \$99,387.91 for a total payroll of \$104,952.43 was reviewed and approved. **(Copies of the voucher and payroll register are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Payroll Deduction Voucher #1035 for warrant #83443 through #83445 in the amount of \$34,478.34 was reviewed and approved. **(A copy of the voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

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

The officers' reports for February, 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.)**

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

Scott Heide, Weed Department Manager, met with the Board to discuss weed spraying for this season.

Ken Ehli, TV Board, met with the Board to discuss relay and local station options for the local TV Transmitter.

Keri Taylor, DES Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss DES and Social Media archiving issues. The Board reviewed the EMPG grant for DES. Commissioner Jensen motioned to approve the grant. Commissioner Stempel seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. Commissioner Taylor abstained from the vote. The Board approved the Annual Time Certifications for the DES Coordinator and the Deputy DES Coordinator. Commissioner Taylor abstained from the discussion. **(Copies of the Grant and Time Certification are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed the Social Media archiving project.

The Board reviewed the Council on Aging Contract from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Commissioner Stempel moved to approve the Council on Aging contract and Commissioner Jensen seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the contract is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Nancy Stempel, GIS Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss the Gas Tax maps. The Board reviewed the Montana Department of Transportation Fuel Tax Mileage Map for 2025. Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the Fuel Tax Mileage Map and Commissioner Taylor seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the map is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The February 20, 2024 minutes were approved as read.

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 prepared to collect the additional taxes and a letter will be included to clarify the issue.

Nita Crockett, Treasurer/County Superintendent, met with the Board to discuss the Drivers Examiner's office.

The Board reviewed the MCHC improvement project and upcoming requirements.

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