

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

Monday, March 25, 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.

Commissioner Jensen and Commissioner Stempel discussed the MDT meeting about upcoming road repair projects in McCone County they attended in Glendive on March 20, 2024.

Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder, met with the Board to discuss the bills from McKinstry Industries.

The March 18, 2024 minutes were approved as amended.

The Board reviewed and approved Voucher #1037 for warrant #82681 in the amount of \$2,018.50 for the postage machine. The Board reviewed and approved Voucher #1038 for warrant #82682 in the amount of \$73,840.00 for the MCHC improvement project. **(Copies of the vouchers are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board completed and submitted the Request for Release of Funds and Certification as part of the MCHC improvement project.

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

Frank Wright, MCHC board member, met with the Board to discuss the MCHC improvement project.

The Board discussed the Montana Supreme Court decision which requires McCone County to levy 95 mills for school mills instead of the 77.9 which will increase the state budget surplus by \$80,000,000. New tax bills will be prepared to collect the additional taxes.

Nita Crockett, Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss the 95 mill tax issue. The Board finalized their taxpayer letter.

Roger Schara, Circle Fire Chief, met with the Board to discuss fire response in Northern McCone County.

The Board completed and submitted the Eastern Montana Brownfields Coalition Environmental Protection Agency Revolving Loan Fund Application for the abatement project as part of the MCHC improvement project.

Brianna Vine, GNDC, met with the Board, by phone, to discuss the MCHC improvement project.

The Board reviewed and approved Voucher #1039 for warrant #82683 in the amount of \$44,500.00 for the Museum repair project. **(A copy of the voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Herb Allison, Museum Director, met with the Board to discuss museum issues.

The Board tabled the decision about the Selby quote for floor mats.

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