

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

Monday, November 18, 2024

At the hour of 9:00 a.m. the Commissioners attended the Department Heads 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.

Allen Rosaaen, South Road Foreman, met with the Board to discuss Road Department issues.

Keri Taylor, DES Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss DES issues and scheduling a Zoom call. Commissioner Taylor abstained from the discussion.

Roger Schara, Circle Fire Chief, met with the Board to discuss Fire Restrictions. He recommended lifting the Stage I Fire Restrictions. The Board reviewed the Fire Restriction resolution and removed the Stage I Fire Restrictions. Commissioner Jensen moved to approve Resolution #24-11-18(A) and Commissioner Stempel seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the resolution is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Commissioner Stempel reported on the Library Board meeting he attended, in Circle, on November 13, 2024.

Commissioner Stempel reported on the Dawson/McCone/Prairie Next Era Wind Project meeting he attended, in Terry, on November 13, 2024.

Commissioner Jensen reported on the Dawson/McCone/Prairie Next Era Wind Project meeting he attended, in Lindsay, on November 14, 2024.

Kerry Eissinger, Deputy Clerk and Recorder, met with the Board to provide an update on the Digitization Project and the Election results.

Jan and Jim Wolff met with the Board to discuss the Dawson/McCone/Prairie Next Era Wind Energy Project.

The Board attended the LEPC meeting at noon.

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

The Board reviewed the McCone County Health Center Improvement Project. The Board will review the reimbursement process for the project.

The Board reviewed and approved the CHIP Public Health Plan.

At the hour of 2 p.m. the Board met with constituents to discuss the Dawson/McCone/Prairie Next Era Wind Energy Project. Commissioner Stempel made a motion to deny a Tax Abatement to Next Era Energy for the McCone County portion of the Dawson/McCone/Prairie Next Era Wind Project. Commissioner Jensen seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Kerry Eissinger, Deputy Clerk and Recorder, and the Board met at 3:00 p.m. as a Board of Canvassers for the November 5, 2024 General Election. Frank Wright, Wanda Robinette, and Bill Harris attended the meeting. **(A copy of the canvass is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Ross Feehan, Next Era Energy, met with the Board, by phone, to discuss the Dawson/McCone/Prairie Wind Farm Project. The Board informed him of their decision to deny his request for a Tax Abatement for Next Era Energy.

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