

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
McCONE COUNTY, MONTANA  
CIRCLE, MONTANA  
Monday, February 3, 2020**

At the hour of 8:30 a.m., the Board of Commissioners of McCone County, Montana, met in regular session with Alan Stempel, Ty Taylor and James Moos present. Presiding Officer Alan Stempel called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The agenda was approved.

The January 27, 2020 minutes were approved as read.

There were no Committee reports.

The Board met with Nancy Stempel, GIS Coordinator, to discuss the GIS office phone, addressing issues, and the MLIA Grant. Commissioner Stempel abstained from the discussion.

Allen Rosaaen, South Road Foreman, met with the Board to discuss vehicle repairs, culvert maintenance, and road issues.

Tim Sorley, North Road Foreman, met with the Board to discuss road conditions, an equipment purchase, and road issues.

Larry Brence, MSU Extension Service Eastern Region Department Head, met with the Board to discuss the fairgrounds, the Extension Department, and the McCone County Fair.

The Board reviewed and approved the payroll for the month of January, 2020. Voucher #7 for warrants #82901 through #82915 was issued in the amount of \$23,280.50. Voucher #1025 for automatic deposits in the amount of \$74,480.11 for a total payroll of \$97,760.61 was reviewed and approved. **(Copies of the voucher and payroll register are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Payroll Deduction Voucher #1026 for warrants #82916 through #82918 in the amount of \$32,334.81 was reviewed and approved. **(A copy of the voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed and approved county claims for the month of January, 2020. Voucher #1027 for warrants #78221 through #78294 for the amount of \$122,712.01 was signed at this time. **(A copy of the claim register and voucher are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The officers' reports for January, 2020 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 timesheets for January, 2020 for the employees and department heads under the supervision of the County Commissioners.

Maridel Kassner, Clerk and Recorder; Allen Rosaaen, South Road Foreman; and Tim Sorley, North Road Foreman, met with the Board to discuss the potential purchase of a backhoe for the North Road department to replace the current backhoe which is too small for current requirements. The Board reviewed an offer from Tractor and Equipment for a 2018 Caterpillar backhoe. Commissioner Moos made a motion to purchase the backhoe with attachments and delivered to the North Road Department for approximately \$77,000. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The purchase will be financed with the Montana Board of Investments.

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

Angie Belus, County Insurance Agent, met with the Board to review the county insurance policy and the current vehicle and equipment list.

Scott Heide, Weed Department Foreman; and Ken Nelson, Extension Agent, met with the Board to discuss hiring a weed crew for this season, noxious weed issues, the weed grant, and equipment issues.

Doug Shennum, Shennum Construction, met with the Board to discuss flood damage repair projects.

Suzie Wagner, Maintenance/Custodian, met with the Board to discuss cleaning and maintenance issues.

Correspondence occupied the Board the remainder 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](http://www.mcconecountymt.com).

McCone County Commissioners

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Alan Stempel, Presiding Officer

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Maridel L. Kassner, Clerk and Recorder