

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

Monday, June 26, 2023

At the hour of 9:00 a.m., the Board of Commissioners attended the Compensation Board meeting with Nita Crockett, Treasurer, Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder, Penny Kountz, Community Representative, Jana Hance, Community Representative, and by phone, John Hrubes, County Attorney, and Savannah Hanson, Clerk of Court, by phone. The Compensation Board voted 5-4 to recommend a 7.5% pay increase for elected officials. The Commissioners approved a 6% Cost of Living Allowance increase.

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

The June 19, 2023 minutes were approved as corrected.

Commissioner Jensen reported on the Board of Health training meeting, in Circle, on June 21, 2023.

Joanne Beery met with the Board to discuss road conditions and weed control.

Sue Good, Public Health, met with the Board to discuss Public health issues. The Board approved the purchase of a refrigerator for approximately \$1,100.

Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder, met with the Board to discuss budget, personnel, and administrative issues.

Cary Phillips, Leadman, met with the Board to discuss road repair issues, weed control, a gravel pit permit, and road maintenance issues on North Road, Mayberry Road, MT 254, and McCune Creek Road.

John Hrubes, County Attorney, met with the Board, by phone, to discuss an easement for the radio tower, airport contract issues, and a county claim.

Suzette Wagner, Maintenance, met with the Board to discuss courthouse maintenance, weed control, cleaning, and work schedule.

Allen Rosaaen, South Road Foreman, met with the Board, by phone, to discuss road priorities, and the MACRS Board.

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

Ken Nelson, Extension Agent, met with the Board to discuss the Extension office, and ongoing issues.

Mike Moore, Brosz Engineering, met with the Board to discuss potential civil engineering projects for the road crew.

Nancy Stempel, GIS Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss the purchase of a new printer. The Board approved the purchase of a printer system for approximately \$3,600. Commissioner Stempel abstained from the discussion.

Nita Crockett, Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss tax payments on a historical cemetery parcel of land, and delinquent tax payments. The delinquent taxes are \$134,162.47.

Tod Devlin, Prairie County Commissioner met with the Board, by phone, to discuss using part of the Local Assistance Payment to support a Public Lands Research Center. The Board agreed to use the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund to assist with researching public lands policy and precedents to benefit McCone County.

Brian Nofzger, Predator Control, met with the Board to discuss predator control issues.

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)

Alan Stempel, Presiding Officer

Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder