

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

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

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 October 2, 2023 minutes were approved as corrected.

Commissioner Stempel reported on the EMMHC Meeting he attended, in Miles City, on October 5, 2023.

Allen Rosaaen, South Road Foreman, met with the Board, by phone, to discuss Cottonwood Creek Road, mowing, a personnel issue, and the potential purchase of a post hole digger. Allen recommended the approval of the cattle guard for the Bar DK Ranch with the agreement for the Bar DK Ranch to purchase the cattle guard and have the county install it.

Nita Crockett, Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss levying 77.9 mills in place of the 95 mills for state taxes issue. Nita is aware that the change could require more work for her office and the decision could lead to legal actions by the state. She confirmed her support to minimize the taxes levied on McCone County Taxpayers.

John Hrubes, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss the Brockway Cemetery, and the potential legal issues if the Commissioners levy 77.9 mills instead of 95 mills for the state.

The Board reviewed the Bar DK Ranch Encroachment Permit request for a cattle guard. Commissioner Jensen motioned to approve the Encroachment Permit and Commissioner Taylor seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the Permit is on file in the Commissioners files.)**

Suzette Wagner, Maintenance, met with the Board to discuss building repairs, and grounds maintenance.

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

The Board read the 77.9 Mills Resolution. Nita Crockett, Treasurer, met with the Board to voice her support for the county to levy 77.9 mills for the state in place of the 95 mills that is usually levied for the state. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve Resolution #23-10-10(A) and Commissioner Jensen seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the resolution is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Trevor Derksen, Deputy Sheriff, met with the Board to discuss potential equipment purchases, and potential grant sources.

The Board tabled the discussion about the Senior Transportation program.

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)

Alan Stempel, Presiding Officer

Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder