

Deer Lodge, Montana

August 30, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., and Doug Crachy.


Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Commissioner Mannix reported on the Rice Ridge Fire information meeting held in Ovando on Tuesday night. Other county officials present were Sheriff Howard, Deputy Austin Micu, and Fire Marshal Earl Hall.

Lynn and Ted Murphy were in with questions on a mobile home.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:



DANIEL G SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

September 5, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., and Doug Crachy, Commissioner Sager is evacuating his cabin.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Commissioner Mannix reported on all the fire meetings and activities he attended since the last meeting.

Deer Lodge water truck and the Helmville water truck and graders have been staged for any assistance needed on the fire line.

Ruth Koehler and Sandy Porter were in to discuss the Blue Ribbon Pavilion progress.

Commissioners signed the management agreement with the Deer Lodge Medical Center for Public Health facility.

Tim Uriba and Kathy Harris from K.L.J. Engineering introduced themselves and explained they would be bidding on Conley Street Bridge project. They informed the commissioners the types of services which they provide. Carl Hamming and Brian Bender were also present.

Commissioners Crachy and Mannix attended the Public Health Board meeting.

The Commissioners worked on the final FY 2017-18 Budget.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:


DANIEL G SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

September 6, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., and Doug Crachy.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Commissioner Sager reported on the Park & Alice Creek Fire meeting he had attended Tuesday night in Lincoln. Commissioner Mannix reported on the Rice Ridge, North Fork, and Liberty fire meeting he had attended on Tuesday night in Ovando.

Sheriff Howard and Disaster & Emergency Services coordinator Ruth Koehler reported on their involvement with the fires.

Commissioner Mannix has spoken to the Rice Ridge Incident Command on delegation of authority and with the Department of Natural Resource & Conservation for assistance.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of September, 2017, warrant # 59265 - # 59334 were issued and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

The Commissioners signed the Emergency Resolution #2017-16 – Wildland Fire Emergencies.

2017 POWELL COUNTY
EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
Wildland Fire Season 2017

Resolution No. 17-16

WHEREAS the fire danger in Powell County has been increasing and as of July 27, 2017 was rated at very high, and;

WHEREAS The National Weather Service predicts that hot and dry weather conditions have the potential to expose Powell County to increased likelihood of hazardous fire activity, and;

WHEREAS wildland fire under the current conditions has the potential to over-extend or exhaust local fire suppression resources, thereby threatening lives and property, and;

WHEREAS under these volatile conditions, Incident Commanders responding to wildland fire may need to exercise the extraordinary powers granted to them through the Powell County Emergency Operations Plan in order to protect lives and property, and

WHEREAS the Board of Powell County Commissioners have decided the following response and protective measures are necessary to protect public health, safety and property;

WHEREAS Mont. Code Ann. §§ 10-3-402 and 10-34M require an emergency proclamation by the principle executive officer in order to activate applicable parts of the local emergency plan and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance in accordance with such plans and programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners declares that an emergency exists in Powell County effective September 4, 2017.

Dated this 6th day of September, 2017

Board of Powell County Commissioners

s/ DANIEL G. SAGER, Member

s/ DOUG CRACHY, Member

s/ RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

ATTEST:

s/ JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

The Commissioners submitted a request to The Department of Natural Resources & Conservation for Reclamation and Development Planning Grant for the Round House property requesting \$2,922.00 for environmental assessment.

The Commissioners approved the Great West Engineering Task Order #7 bill for preparing The Department of Natural Resources & Conservation grant application.

County Planner, Carl Hamming, informed the board the Parks Board has been awarded a \$4,500 grant for the Arrowstone Park Trail.

The Commissioners worked on the final FY 2017-18 Budget.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:


DANIEL G SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

September 7, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in special session at 1:00 o'clock P.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., and Doug Crachy.

Preliminary budget FY 2017-18 was adopted. Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Crachy seconded the motion to adopt the preliminary budget. Motion carried. Finance Officer Charlene White, Treasurer Pam Reighard, Clerk & Recorder Jody Walker and Superintendent of Schools Jules Waber were also present.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
POWELL COUNTY, MONTANA**

**RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR POWELL COUNTY
FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
RESOLUTION 2017-17**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-6-4024 MCA, the Board of County Commissioners of Powell County, Montana has met with department heads and elected officials and held public hearings on the proposed budget of Powell County for fiscal year 2017-2018 as required by law; and

WHEREAS the final budget has been prepared in accordance with state statutes and is balanced so that the appropriations do not exceed the projected beginning balances plus the estimated revenue of each fund; and

WHEREAS, Sections 7-6-4020 through 7-6-4030 MCA provide for the fixing of various tax levies to raise funds sufficient to meet said expenditures authorized in the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Powell County has held hearings and passed resolutions as applicable per Section 15-10-203 MCA; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Revenue has certified to the County Commissioners that the value of a county-wide mill is \$17,760 and the value of a road district mill is \$14,814; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the final county budget as set out in the final budget filed with the Powell County Clerk and Recorder this date be hereby adopted as the final budget subject to the conditions as set forth below.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that appropriations are authorized to defray the expenses and liabilities for the fiscal year.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the legal spending limits are set at the department level for the General Fund (1000) and at the fund level for all other funds; however, appropriations may only be transferred between line items within, not amongst, the following categories:

- Salaries and Wages (object codes 100-199)
- Operations and maintenance (object codes 200-599 and 700-799)
- Debt service (object codes 600-699)
- Transfers out (object codes 800-899), and
- Capital outlay (object codes 900-999).

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Commissioners may transfer appropriations between line items and amongst categories within the same fund or department.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by this Board of County Commissioners that the levies set out in the final budget filed with the Powell County Clerk and Recorder, and in the attached spreadsheets, be fixed and adopted for fiscal year 2015-2016, based on the county-wide mill value of \$17,760 and road district mill value of \$14,814.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to 7-6-4036, this Board of County Commissioners fixes the levies for all other taxing jurisdictions within the county as detailed in the attached schedule.

This Budget Resolution shall be effective on July 1, 2017.

Dated this 7th day of September, 2017.

Board of Powell County Commissioners

s/ DANIEL G. SAGER, Member

s/ DOUG CRACHY, Member

s/ RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

ATTEST:


s/ JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:


DANIEL G SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


JODY WALKER, Clerk

Monday, September 18th through Wednesday, September 20th the Commissioners attended the Montana Association of Counties Annual Conference meetings in Bozeman, Montana.

Deer Lodge, Montana

September 25, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., and Doug Crachy.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Fred Kuchinski, head of Maintenance, reported we are having trouble with the water softener for the boiler. The Commissioners agreed it would be cheaper to replace than repair the old one.

Sandy Porter reported on the progress at the Blue Ribbon Pavilion. He reported on the new codes that must be met in the kitchen. The bathrooms are finished and the kitchen is progressing.

Mike Stenberg discussed the final plat for Phase III on Rock Creek Development. The Planning Board had approved and the Commissioners agreed. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried.

County Planner, Carl Hamming, presented Task Order #8, Phase I ESA for Garrison Trail Branning Property compensation for services, shall not exceed \$5,622.00 without our approval. Commissioner Mannix moved and Commissioner Crachy 2nd to have Great West Engineering prepare the ESA. Natural Resource Damage Program agency will provide funds.

The Commissioners requested an extension for the Noxious Weed Trust Fund agreement #MDA 2016-706 from October 31, 2017 to October 31, 2018 due to drought and fire damage preventing the spraying of weeds.

The Commissioners requested payment for county water tender rental used on the Snowshoe Fire from Department of Natural Resource & Conservation.

County Attorney, Lewis Smith, and Victim Advocate Ambrel McKetchnie, were in to discuss the VWAS Grant. The award is \$202,172.00 in federal funds for two years' service plus a match from the county of \$50,600.00. Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to accept the VWAS Grant. Motion Carried.

The Commissioners reviewed employment applications for Justice Court appointment.

The Commissioners rescinded the Stage 1 & 2 Fire Restrictions on a conference call on the 18th of September, 2017. The Board signed the written notice today.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:


DANIEL G SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

September 26, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., and Doug Crachy.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

The drawing of salary warrants #21940 - #21972 for Officers, Deputies, Foremen, Clerks and Appointees from various accounts for the month of September, 2017, were approved and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

Commissioner Crachy moved and Commissioner Mannix seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2017-18 to set salaries as requested by section 7-4-2504 of Montana Code Annotated.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
POWELL COUNTY, MONTANA
RESOLUTION 2017 – 18**

WHEREAS, Section 7-4-2504, Montana Code Annotated (MCA) requires certain elected officials salaries to be adopted by Resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Powell County Compensation Board has made recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners as required by law, and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that salaries for the Powell County Elected Officials be established as follows for fiscal year 2017-2018:

For the Powell County Clerk and Recorder, Treasurer, Clerk of the District Court, Justice of the Peace, and Superintendent of Schools the salary shall be \$39,000.00. The County Attorney's salary shall be considered full time and receive a salary of \$90,433.64 as required by Section 7-4-2706 (2).

The Powell County Superintendent of Schools shall also receive an additional \$400.00, as required by Section 7-4-2503(2)(a). The Clerk and Recorder, Clerk of District Court, Justice of the Peace, and Treasurer shall also receive \$2,000.00 additional compensation allowed by statute.

The County Commissioners of Powell County and the City Council of the City of Deer Lodge have examined the workload statistics for the Justice of the Peace/City Judge and have determined that a fair division of the workload in the office is 85% for County and 15% for the City matters. Referenced in Resolution 2010-4 on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The Powell County Sheriff's salary shall be \$50,750.00 per year, computed by using the base elected official's salary of \$39,000.00, and adding an additional compensation of \$2,000.00, plus a longevity payment of one percent (1%) per year of service, but years of service during any year in which the salary is set at the same level as the salary of the prior fiscal year may not be included in any calculation of longevity increases. The undersheriff's salary shall be 95 percent (95%) of the base salary of the Sheriff (elected officials salary, plus \$2,000.00) plus longevity payment of one percent (1%) per year of service, but years of service during any year in which the salary is set at the same level as the salary of the prior fiscal year may not be included in any calculation of longevity increases. The Sheriff's Deputies' salaries shall be 85 percent (85%) of the base salary of the Sheriff, plus a longevity payment of one percent (1%) per year of service, but years of service during any year in which the salary is set at the same level as the salary of the prior fiscal year may not be included in any calculation of longevity increases as prescribed by Section 7-4-2510 MCA.

The Powell County Coroner shall receive a base salary of \$14,847.75 per year.

The County Commissioners shall receive a base salary of \$29,250.00 plus an additional \$2,000.00 as prescribed by Section 7-4-2107, MCA.

These salaries are set in accordance with Montana Law, and shall be effective as of July 1, 2017. Dated this 26th day of September, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

s/ DANIEL G. SAGER, Member

s/ DOUG CRACHY, Member

s/ RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

ATTEST:

s/ JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder

The Commissioners reviewed employment applications for Justice Court Judge appointment.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:



DANIEL G SAGER, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



JODY WALKER, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

September 27, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Daniel G. Sager and Members Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., and Doug Crachy.

Jody Walker, Clerk and Recorder, presented the correspondence.

Commissioner Mannix reported on the fire meeting in Ovando he attended the night before. Control on the west and south flanks are contained and restoration is in progress. The interior will continue to have hot spots and spot fires but should not present any danger to private structures.

Ruth Koehler discussed issues at the County Fair Grounds and State budget cuts at Disaster & Emergency.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved numerous documents for the Airport Board.

The Commissioners signed the buy-sell agreement for the Branning property for a walking trail, if funds are available.

County Attorney, Lewis Smith, will answer letter to Broadwater County on request for funds.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:



DANIEL G SAGER, Presiding Officer