

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

Monday, December 12, 2022

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

The December 5, 2022 minutes were approved as amended.

There were no Committee reports.

Allen Rosaaen, South Road Foreman, met with the Board to discuss the upcoming winter storm, the potential use of overtime, the potential purchase of a snow plow for the pickup, the acquisition of a welder from the Montana Department of Transportation.

Keri Taylor, DES Coordinator, and Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder met with the Board to discuss the Return to Work policy. The policy was approved.

Scott Heide, Weed Department Administrator, met with the Board to discuss building security, the potential purchase of a new computer, and Weed Department issues.

Nancy Stempel, GIS Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss GIS issues. Commissioner Stempel abstained from the discussion.

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

The Board discussed the letter to the state legislature to request an increase in Medicaid rates that was initiated by Gallatin County and Valley County. The Board approved a Letter of Support to request an increase in Medicaid rates to help support our local citizens and the McCone County Health Center.

Autumn Coleman, DNRC Bureau Chief, met with the Board, by phone, to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act grant request. The Board approved the transfer of funds (\$91,084), requested for McCone County, which cannot be used for the requested project, to be transferred to the Town of Circle water line replacement project.

The Board reviewed the Community Development Block Grant for the McCone County Health Center improvement project.

The Board reviewed the weather forecast for the week to evaluate the potential impact on McCone County. The Board approved the use of overtime on Friday, if needed, with the likely approval for more overtime on Saturday and/or Sunday, if needed.

Suzette Wagner, Maintenance, met with the Board to discuss repairs at the Senior Center, leaks at the Vetjasa Building, and electrical issues at the courthouse.

Lonny Jensen, Sheriff, met with the Board, by phone, to discuss the winter storm, and Law Enforcement issues.

Correspondence occupied the Board the remainder of the day.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 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)

James Moos, Presiding Officer

Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder