

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MINERAL COUNTY, MONTANA**

**April 5, 2024**

The Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Montana, met in a regular session on Friday, April 5, 2024. Present were Commissioner Duane Simons, Commissioner Roman Zylawy, and Commissioner Dawn Terrill.

**9:00 AM- 10 AM Administrative Business**

**Present:** Kelly Morrison-citizen

**Documents signed.** Commissioners signed Authorization to enlist Special prosecutor for inter or intra county juvenile cases. Agreement with Missoula County attorney's office and the juvenile probation office. Commission Chair Terrill signed the sales agreement with Western States Cat for the statewide low government bid through Source Well- \$464,450.00 dollars. For intent to purchase 2023 CAT 150 AWD grader. Commissioners reviewed income statement of 3-24 and reviewed Journal Voucher entries for FY 23/24; 12/23 , 1/24 and 2/24

**Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve gross payroll in the amount of \$171,148.77 dollars check # 19327 through # 19335 and electronic check numbers 63006 through 63073 and liability check number 19336 with electronic liability checks number 63004 and 63005. And to Void check number 19333 due to printer error. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve the minutes of March 8, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried**

**10: 10:05 AM Call Meeting to order, Pledge of Allegiance.**

Meeting was called to order

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Terrill

**1005 AM- 10:35 AM Public Comment**

**Present:** Kelly Morrison-citizen, Anna Marie White-citizen, Bob Kroupa-citizen, Diane Magone-citizen

No Public Comment received.

**10:40 AM – 11:10 AM Final Plat approval- Amended Plat of Lot 'B', Big Cir Acres-Andy Short-ACTION ITEM**

**Present:** Kelly Morrison-citizen, Anna Marie White-citizen, Bob Kroupa-citizen, Diane Magone-citizen,

Andy explained that the property is located 499 Thompson-Deborgia Road and is 10 acres in size. The developer, Miles Hackman from Ronan, wants to split the land in to two 5-acre lots. They would become

residential homesites utilizing on site wells. After reviewing the 27 preliminary plat approval conditions, a motion was made.

**Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve the final plat of Tract 'B, Big Cir acres minor subdivision, and to file the plat and accompanying documents. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**11:15 AM- 12 Noon Pioneer Council Transit facility plans for sewer location-Monte Turner and Lynn Hellegard from Pioner council, and Andy Short Environmental planner. -ACTION ITEM**

**Present:** Kelly Morrison-citizen, Anna Marie White-citizen, Bob Kroupa-citizen, Paul and Pam Reed-citizens, Dan Fultz-IMEG engineering, Lynn Hellegard- Pioneer council, And Short-Environmental Planner.

Lynn spoke about how the grant and building project has been ongoing since 2021 and has been slowed down primarily with negotiations between MDT and the program. The idea to tie into the Superior City's water and sewer met difficulties, so they have IMEG engineering making new plans.

Lynn introduced Dan Fultz from IMEG and he explained the current situation. Dan presented a map of the building site showing the proposed well placement, and the need for more land to accommodate the sewer septic system that would now be needed. He proposed two options, option A would need more land granted to pioneer council that extends east of the building site. Or, option B could stay within the existing boundaries but would require the removal of some large ponderosa pine trees.

**Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve option 'B to have the septic on the northwest corner of the existing granted land, and to remove the pine trees for it. Also, that any material excavated would be stockpiled on the county land for any future needs. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**1:15 PM- 1:45 PM Consider signing a Letter of Support for Overriding Governor's Veto of SB 442 – ACTION ITEM**

**Present:** Nobody.

SB 442 was passed by a Supermajority in the House and Senate with 130 representatives voting for it and 20 against. To date, the polling for a veto has not been sent out. A letter drafted by the Montana Association of Counties was being disseminated and many counties were signing onto it in support of the polling being able to take place. After some discussion on the topic and hearing no opposition to the idea, a motion was entertained.

**Commissioner Simons moved, and Commissioner Zylawy seconded to approve having Mineral County sign onto the letter of support for overriding the Governor's veto in the polling process for legislators. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Regular County Business Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM. Commissioners adjourned for the day at 5:00 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Friday, April 12, 2024 in the Commissioners Meeting Room  
Minutes were taken by Roman Zylawy**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**April 12, 2024**

The Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Montana, met in a regular session on Friday, April 12, 2024. Present were Commissioner Duane Simons, Commissioner Roman Zylawy, and Commissioner Dawn Terrill.

**9:00 AM- 10 AM Administrative Business- in individual offices of Commissioners**

**Documents signed.** Signed USDA Modification of Grant or Road Agreement # 23-RO-11011600-054 The St Regis Park expansion project. De-obligate \$3,000.00 dollars. Commission Chair Terrill signed RM 60 Form # 04-2024 authorizing Patti Curtin to dispose of old call in logs and records that were no longer needed to maintain.

**10: 10:05 AM Call Meeting to order, Pledge of Allegiance.**

Meeting was called to order

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Terrill

**10:05 AM- 10:15 AM Approve minutes of April 5, 2024 and Claims for April 12, 2024**

**Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve the minutes of April 5, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried**

The Claims were being added to with a late submittal, so approval of claims happened later at 11:09 a.m.

### **1015 AM- 10:45 AM Public Comment**

**Present:** Kelly Morrison-citizen, Bob Kroupa-citizen, Diane Magone-citizen

Housekeeping comments were made first by Chair Terrill. She announced that public comment time was being extended from 3 minutes per person, to now being 5 minutes per person.

Diane Magone stated that she should know at the end of June the status of her Rails to Trails grant. And that on April 23 in Deer Lodge there will be a gathering of the Five County group to celebrate their grant and projects for paths, trails and connecting routes.

### **10:45 AM – 11:10 AM Forest service update- Abby Lane**

**Present:** Kelly Morrison-citizen, Bob Kroupa-citizen, Diane Magone-citizen, Chris Gauger- Ranger from 9-mile district, Denley Loge-citizen, Cathy Reich-citizen.

Chris spoke and informed the Board that Abby Lane would not be attending today, and that he would be providing the updates. Both districts are scheduling some prescribed burns and ditch burning while the weather is suited for it. He also said that they would be trying to do it without outside help. The Pack train manager position at the Remount station has been filled, and the agency has improved conditions for seasonal employees. They now will be able to shift into somewhat of a permanent-seasonal status which would offer them some benefits. On the 9-mile, they are prepping some roads in the Petty creek area of West Fork and Bill and Printers creeks doing Road grading and culvert replacements. On the Fish creek road, a local contractor will be crushing gravel and doing work there this summer. The Sawmill-Petty timber sale is now out for bid, but they have not received any bids back yet. The Soldier-Butler sale was remanded by the Court to get injunction lifted. It will be 1 to 2 years out on any awards or sales contracts. The Lolo Forest Plan revision is in the Proposed Action Draft, and the comment period was extended. The Forest Service is making outreach efforts so that everyone knows and can comment. An in-person public meeting is coming up in the town of Alberton on April 22, 2024 and they will be putting marks on a map with the suggestions and ideas. Commissioner Zylawy asked about the lack of bids on the sales so far and wondered if it had anything to do with the recent mill closures. Zylawy was concerned that the few remaining mills left, might influence the new Lolo Forest plan and shift forest management away from timber harvest and fuels treatments to solely a recreational plan. Denley Loge wondered how wildlife connectivity might play a role with the Interstate highway system in Mineral County.

### **11:09 – Motion to Approve the Claims**

**Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve claims in the amount of \$70,939.93 dollars check number 18607 through number 18663 and claim numbers 43087 through 43143. And to approve Liability payroll in the amount of \$72,709.48 dollars check number 19337 through check number 19341. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**11:15 AM- 11:25 AM Request to follow retention schedule for Sheriffs Office- Patti Curtin- ACTION ITEM**

**Present:** Kelly Morrison-citizen, Bob Kroupa-citizen, Cathy Reich-citizen, Denley Loge-citizen, Patti Curtin- Mineral County dispatcher, Joel Warstler-citizen.

Patti said that the dispatch has records dating back to 1977 for call logs and radio dispatch. She has worked with the state and Helena to ensure correct procedure has been followed to request for disposal of these old records. By getting rid of these boxes of old paper records, it will free up much needed space. Patti obtained the form called a RM 60 from Helena and has filled it in with the documents that she wants to dispose of.

**Commissioner Simons moved, and Commissioner Zylawy seconded to approve the RM 60 form disposal number 04-2024. And to move ahead with cleaning out these old documents. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**11:30 AM- 12 Noon Update on the Cyr-Iron Mountain road- Wally Congdon. -DISCUSSION**

**Present:** Kelly Morrison-citizen, Bob Kroupa-citizen, Cathy Reich-citizen, Denley Loge-citizen, Joel Warstler-citizen, Wally Congdon-Deputy County Attorney, Diane Magone-citizen, Daniel Whipps-citizen, Steve Wilmer-citizen.

Wally spoke about the history of the road that was reworked in 1932 by the Federal WPA workers program. He said that he had discovered old USGS archives in the basement at Fort Missoula in the Forest service records from 1906. The records show a road petition establishing the Cyr-Iron mountain road by stakeholders from Missoula county-(because at the time in 1906 Mineral county was not established) . Diane Magone said that she has been working on the issue for 10 years now and has sent letters to Wheaton's and their attorney, but never has received a response. Cathy Reich believes that they have no intention to work in good faith to re-open the road. Denley said that several counties have taken similar road issues to court and they have lost. A few have won, but asking a court to decide is always unpredictable. Steve Wilmer asked if the old survey from 1933 showed any monuments on it. Wally said he needed the other page to know for sure. He will need to go back to the Fort Missoula archives.

**1:00 PM- 1:15 PM Health Department request to apply for the Universally offered Home visiting Grant through DPHHS B-5 project. 2 Yr. grant- NO matching funds required. April Quinlan- ACTION ITEM**

**Present:** April Quinlan

April explained how there was a grant for two years of prenatal care up to age 1 available and it would bolster their current program at the Health department. If awarded, they could receive from \$125,000.00 dollars to \$250,000.00 dollars and at no cost to the county with zero matching funds

required. There would not be any new employee needed as this would simply add funding to their current program.

**Commissioner Simons moved, and Commissioner Zylawy seconded to approve the Mineral County Health Department's request to apply for the Universally offered Home visiting Grant through DPHHS B-5 project. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**1:20 PM- 1:30 PM Appoint to Vacancy: West End Fire Board Member- ACTION ITEM**

**Present:** Donna Richter

Commissioner Terrill said that she had been in contact with Fire Chief Magee and knows who the fire board is recommending. She said that there is only one vacancy, but two people have applied. Commissioner Zylawy asked who the other applicant was, but the Chair could not recall. The applicant who was recommended by the west end fire board was Brooke Lincoln.

**Commissioner Simons moved, and Commissioner Terrill seconded to appoint Brooke Lincoln to the West End Fire Board. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Regular County Business Meeting adjourned at 1:23 PM. Commissioners adjourned for the day at 5:00 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Friday, April 19, 2024 in the Commissioners Meeting Room  
Minutes were taken by Roman Zylawy**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**April 19, 2024**

The Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Montana, met in a regular session on Friday, April 19, 2024. Present were Commissioner Duane Simons, Commissioner Roman Zylawy, and Commissioner Dawn Terrill.

**9:00 AM- 10 AM Administrative Business- in individual offices of Commissioners**

**Documents signed.** Signed MOU with multiple counties (Mineral-Lake-Beaverhead-Lincoln-Sanders) on Distribution of law Enforcement funding grant from Congressman Zinke's office. Signed MOU with Sanders County and Cooperative status with USFWS and USFS with the Lolo Forest Plan.

**10: 10:05 AM Call Meeting to order, Pledge of Allegiance.**

Meeting was called to order  
Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Terrill

**10:05 AM- 10:15 AM Approve minutes of April 12, 2024 and Payroll for April 19, 2024**

**Present:** Bob Kroupa-citizen, Kelly Morrison-citizen, Ryan Funke-Sheriff

**Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve the minutes of April 12, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried**

**Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve Gross payroll in the amount of \$173,662.12 dollars check numbers 19342 through numbers 19348 and electronic checks 62935 through 63003. And liability checks numbered 19349 through 19352 including electronic liability checks 62933 and 62934. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**10:15 AM- 10:45 AM Public Comment:** No Public Comment was heard

**11:00 AM – 12 Noon Proposal to Reorganize within County Department of Emergency Services (DES) and the Mineral County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)- Amy Parks-POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM**

**Present:** Bob Kroupa-citizen, Kelly Morrison-citizen, Ryan Funke-Sheriff, Amy Parks-DES Coordinator, Patti Curtin-dispatcher, Shawn Smalley-citizen, Frank Magee- West End Fire Chief, Scott Dodd-Superior Fire Chief and LEPC Chairman, Jerry Doktor-St. Regis Fire Chief, Kat Kittridge-St Regis Fire.

The Sheriff spoke about how currently dispatch is set up in a horseshoe shape where they can observe around them the windows and separate jail holding areas. The dispatchers are often watching, opening doors for the detention officers, and getting up to answer the public at the walk-up window. The Sheriff feels that this system is becoming a safety issue for people since their time is not solely focused on 911 calls and radio dispatching. There is a national movement to separate dispatch away from jails and be managed under the DES coordinator, not the Sheriff. And he feels Mineral County should also remove dispatch from under the law enforcement building and into its own work environment. Scott Dodd said at this time the only real request being made is for a lateral transition of managing dispatch personnel from the Sheriff to DES, currently no funding for a full transition with a new building is available. Jerry Doktor spoke how DES doesn't really have that much money and the prospect of even a future building or new employee positions. Sheriff Funke replied that dispatchers would still be paid, but under the DES oversight manager, and that the only new employees needed would be for a Detention officer who only opened the doors and disseminated the daily medications for inmates. This employee would be needed to replace dispatch who currently runs the entry doors for detention officers to move throughout the jail at meal time and medication dispensary times. Commissioner Zylawy clarified that the request today was only for new management and oversight of dispatch employees: not increased pay, not new positions, and not a new building.

**Commissioner Simons moved, and Commissioner Zylawy seconded to approve the reorganizing of the dispatch under the DES coordinator. And to sign a resolution (4-19-24) to remove dispatch employees from under the Office of Sheriff and be managed by the Disaster Emergency Coordinator., and contingent upon the fact that there is no assumed expectation for funding of a new building at this time. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**1:00 PM- 1:30 PM Request for Mineral County to pass a vicious dog and animal at large ordinance including animal cruelty and to provide a space to house animals. Follow up Discussion- NO ACTION**

**Present:** Bob Kroupa-citizen, Glen Koepke-citizen, Ryan Funke-Sheriff, Amy Parks-Health Department, Bessie Spangler-citizen, Janet Hughes-citizen, Shawn Smalley-citizen, Melanie Batt- Health Department, Wally Congdon-Deputy County Attorney, Anne Schreck- Prevention specialist.

The Sheriff said that he believes County liability issues with volunteers manning a county dog kennel facility could be remedied by using his authority to make them Auxiliary Officers. He presented MCA 7-32-201 for Reserve deputy officers and auxiliary search and rescue/civil defense and office duties which provides for workers compensation coverage for special services officers. MCA 7-32-203 and 7-32-213 were also presented. Sheriff Funke feels that by authorizing the dog Kennel volunteers as special officers, the work comp would cover the liability concerns of stray dogs biting the workers at the kennel.



Janet Hughes has land and would let the county build kennels on it. Commissioner Zylawy said that he spoke with Jim McKay of Karosel Kennels at Huson Montana and they would house Mineral county's dog issues when needed. He said that his father and he live on site of the large kennel facility and could open up at any time of the night for emergency dog bites or temporary holding needs. Missoula County does have an animal control facility complete with dog catchers and kennels, they are a self-insured county and work with city of Missoula. Sanders County contracts for \$2,000 dollars a year with the private TRACS kennel in Thompson Falls for their dog issues as they arise. The Board received an example of an ordinance from Bessie Spangler that covered animals at large, to required vaccinations, animal cruelty and recommended fines for violations. There is much to work out and more discussion will be scheduled.

**Regular County Business Meeting adjourned at 1:33 PM. Commissioners adjourned for the day at 4:00 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Friday, April 26, 2024 in the Commissioners Meeting Room Minutes were taken by Roman Zylawy**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**April 26, 2024**

The Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Montana, met in a regular session on Friday, April 26, 2024. Present were Commissioner Duane Simons, Commissioner Roman Zylawy, and Commissioner Dawn Terrill.

**9:00 AM- 10 AM Administrative Business- in individual offices of Commissioners**

**Documents signed.** Commission Chair Terrill signed Human Resource Council (HRC) 1<sup>st</sup> quarter income report for the HOME program- \$43,035.00 dollars. Commissioners received the resignation of Mineral County Deputy Travis Manning.

**10: 10:05 AM Call Meeting to order, Pledge of Allegiance.**

Meeting was called to order

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Terrill

**10:05 AM- 10:15 AM Approve minutes of April 19, 2024 and for Claims of April 26, 2024**

**Present:** No one was present.

Due to nobody present, and the computer problem in getting the video link to work, the minutes and claims were not approved until later in the meeting at 2:30 p.m. The computer issue was worked on by

DIS technicians until 11:02 a.m. without success. Therefore, the agenda topics were also delayed on this day.

**11:03 AM- 11:15 AM Treasurers update discussion- Merry Mueller**

**Present:** Merry Mueller-Treasurer, Wayne Cashman- Undersheriff, Frank Magee- West End Fire Chief.

Merry shared a list of the current CDs with their maturity and call dates. She said that her working group of Jessica, other Treasurers across the state, and the DA Davidson broker, is a great group to work with. She appreciates the input they all provide, but knows that the responsibility of the job is hers alone. That is why the people elect a Treasurer. Merry is feeling confident and is happy with the group she works with. All of the CDs that she has reinvested are at or above 4% on the interest they earn.

**11:18 AM- 11:45 AM Request for assistance to pay for new repeaters installed - West End Fire Chief Frank Magee- ACTION ITEM**

**Present:** Wayne Cashman- Undersheriff, Frank Magee- West End Fire Chief.

Frank explained, with the help of Undersheriff Cashman, how the little building on Lookout pass that housed the radio equipment collapsed under a heavy snow. When this happened, the Sheriff's office needed fast fix to maintain their law enforcement dispatch and used the repeaters from the West End fire radios. Frank then had to spend money to replace his repeaters and had little time in which to move forward. Emily Park oversees the ARPA committee and suggested that the fire department seek a matching fund grant from DNRC for this request. But after the Chair got Rea Blankenship on the phone from DNRC, it was learned that they do not pay for reimbursement for repeaters, only future projects. This learned piece of information meant that the ARPA funds could not be matched or maximized for this purpose. The amount being requested was \$7,815.86 dollars. And the fire department had already paid the vendor for the repeaters.

**Commissioner Terrill moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve the request from the West End fire department and appropriate them \$7,815.86 dollars to reimburse them for the repeaters they installed. All in favor. Motion carried**

**2:30 PM- the approval of the Minutes from April 26,2024 and the claims of April 26, 2024**

**Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve the minutes of April 19, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Commissioner Zylawy moved, and Commissioner Simons seconded to approve claims in the amount of \$205,272.15 dollars check numbers 18664 through numbers 18769 and claim numbers 41344 through 43249. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Regular County Business Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM. Commissioners adjourned for the day at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting will be a Special Joint meeting Monday April 29, 2024 in the Sanders County Commissioners Meeting Room. Located at 1111 Main St. Thompson Falls Mt. 59873  
Minutes were taken by Roman Zylawy**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MINERAL COUNTY, MONTANA**

**April 29, 2024**

The Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Montana, met in a Special Joint Meeting session with Sanders County, Flathead County, and Missoula County, on Monday, April 29, 2024, for the purpose of selecting a Representative to fill the vacancy left by Senator Bob Brown in Senate District 7. Present on Zoom were Commissioner Duane Simons, Commissioner Roman Zylawy, and Commissioner Dawn Terrill.

**10:00 AM- 11:00 AM Joint Meeting with Sanders, Mineral, Missoula, and Flathead Counties to discuss and select a replacement for the vacant seat State Senate District 7 seat. Meeting hosted by Sanders County at 1111 Main st. Thompson Falls, MT.59873- Possible Action Item.**

**Present:** Sanders County Commissioners: Tony Cox and Dan Rowland- on site and in Person. On Zoom meeting: Flathead County Commissioners Randy Broedehl, Pam Holmquist, and Brad Abell. Missoula County Commissioners Dave Strohmeir, Juanita Vero, and Josh Slotnick. Mineral County Commissioners Duane Simons, Dawn Terrill, and Roman Zylawy.

Sanders County Chair Dan Rowland opened the meeting and read aloud the MCA code pertaining to the process when a vacancy exists in a senate district that covers multiple counties. MCA 5-2-402 addresses a formula of how votes are tallied from each respective county based on the population of the area for the senate district. Sanders County encompasses the most of the senate district and has the most weight per Commissioner vote. All Commissioners vote will count for 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of their county's percentage of weight.

The percentages are as follows:

Sanders County = 52.26%, Flathead = 19.57% Mineral = 17.86%, and Missoula = 3.33%. A plurality of 50% or above is required for the selection. The Montana Republican Party mailed out a letter with the three nominees selected by the Special Committee for our consideration, and a selection had to be agreed upon by May 1 2024. The three nominees to be considered were as follows:

Greg Hinkle of Thompson Falls MT., Steve Delisle of Alberton MT., and Tom Millett of Marion MT.

Sanders County Chair Rowland asked each of the nominees to speak a little about why they were hoping to be selected. Greg Hinkle spoke in person at the meeting site. Tom Millet spoke from Flathead Commissioner Brodehl's Zoom camera. And Steve Delisle spoke from his phone on speaker from his dentistry business. After the nominees spoke, there was some discussion and public comment. A member of the public asked Delisle how he intended to serve while he also was working as a dentist as

well as currently running for the State house in district 90. Delisle replied that as the owner/boss, he could be very flexible with his work hours. Sanders Chair Rowland asked Commissioner Zylawy what his thoughts were on the subject, and Commissioner Zylawy replied with his preference and resining for it. Commissioner Zylawy felt pointed out that of the three nominees, only one of them was not currently running for another legislative office, Greg Hinkle. Also, Zylawy pointed out that this selection for SD 7 would only last until January 1 2025 because redistricting would eliminate this position after thru new year. Mineral County would then be represented by the new area of SD 45. The person selected wouldonly finish out the remainder of SD 7 duties which include a few Interim committee meetings. Being that Greg Hinkle is a former State senator who served in Helena from 2008 to 2012, and knows the process already, is partly why Zylawy is leaniong towards him. But another reason is that Delisle is currently running for HD 90, and Millett is running for HD 2, and the title of being a senator from SD 7 could be seen as an advantage as they campaign. Mr. Hinkle is not running for anything and would simply be serving until the end of 2024.

A decision was made to call for votes from individual Commissioners, as their individual vote would count for 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of their respective counties overall percentages in weight.

**Mineral County Commissioner votes were as follows:** Commissioner Terrill = Hinkle, Commissioner Simons = Hinkle, and Commissioner Zylawy = Hinkle

**Missoula County Commissioner votes:** Commissioner Strohmaier = Hinkle, Commissioner Vero = Hinkle, and Commissioner Slotnick = Hinkle

**Sanders County:** The Board decided to post this on their Wednesday May 1, 2024 agenda and cast their votes then.

**Flathead County:** They had it on their agenda to cast votes on Tuesday April 30, 2024.

After Sanders County receives the vote count from Flathead County, and once they do their own voting on Wednesday May 1; Sanders County will forward the results on to the Secretary of State.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

**Follow Up note:** On Wednesday May 1, 2024 the Sanders County Commission relayed the rest of the vote tally outcome. Flathead County = 1 vote for Millett and 2 votes for Hinkle. Sanders County Commissioners all voted for Hinkle. Greg Hinkle has a plurality of votes and will serve as Senate District Senator until the first Monday in 2025.

**The next regular meeting will be Friday, May 3, 2024, in the Commissioners Meeting Room  
Minutes were taken by Roman Zylawy**

