

**September 29, 2025 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners**

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on September 29, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present Commissioner John Jackson, Commissioner Tom Rice, Commissioner Michael McGinley and Commissioner Support Specialist Dana Basile.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

At this time, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance aloud to begin the day.

**Updates on County Projects**

Road Supervisor Bob Ferris was present and reported the following. They are getting ready to chloride out in Argenta, work on culverts in the Big Hole and working with RE Miller to haul gravel in Centennial. The job applications were due last week for the Operator position, so they will be setting up interviews soon.

The following Road Department Report was submitted and scanned into the minutes:

**BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK**

September 21st to September 27th, 2025

Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

**DILLON AREA**

- Blade Bannack Bench, Birch Cr, Rebish, Bolick
  - Repairs and Maintenance
    - Road Check

**WISDOM AREA**

- Willow Removal Lower North Fork
- Blade Rock Ck, Lower North Fork
- Mark Culverts, Equipment Move, Equipment Service
  - Check Local Roads

**LIMA AREA**

- Bladed Ruby Divide Rd
- Rock Raked Ruby Divide Rd
- Cleaned Shoulders on Ruby Divide Rd
  - Checked Local Roads

Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds, Finance Assistant Becky Hankinson, Land Use Sanitarian Tom Wagenknecht, Public Health Director Lilia Guillen-Sanchez, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Landfill Supervisor Nick Hoem, County Planner Tina Caron, Facilities Supervisor Shonna Graham, Justice of the Peace Randi Braddock, MSU Extension Agent Jack Bazemore, and Fairgrounds Manager Justin Kellabrew joined the meeting.

Nick added that the scale has been working well and so far, no issues with the public using it.

Tom mentioned that he is getting a Fall rush of permits and inquiries in the county and next week him and Joyce are in Iowa for an FDA conference.

Jack commented he is finishing up Fair. Wednesday starts the beginning of 4H year enrollment and the last 2 weeks of October he will be away to conferences.

Justin added he had the college rodeo last weekend at the fairgrounds and it should have been the last event of the summer. Winterizing grounds and equipment will start this week.



Stacey mentioned that they are prepping for the general election in November.

Shonna commented that the doors were installed in the Treasurer's office, and she is taking the four wheelers to be serviced this week.

Lilia added that last week she was at a conference. It is flu shot season, so they were in the Big Hole last week, will be at the high school soon and in Wise River at the end of week. The part time behavioral health coordinator was hired and will start in mid-October. Lilia will get with Commissioner Rice and Sky this afternoon to finalize Opioid settlement paperwork.

Tina mentioned that she is playing catch up this week. Next week she is at a planner's convention in Helena.

Randi commented that the ticketing numbers are in from Labor Day weekend and it was significantly less than last year. There may have been a leak of incorrect information regarding the accident last week. Tomorrow is the first food for fines event.

Tracy added that he is back and will be setting up computers for the road shop and trying to catch up from last week.

#### **Discussion and Action- Possible Lifting County Fire Restrictions**

DES Coordinator, Tom Wagenknecht was present for this discussion with the Commissioners. He started with stating he believes the time has come and the conditions have gotten better. Everyone around us has lifted their restrictions and he feels we should discuss following suit. There are reports of moisture coming later this week. His only concern moving forward is with hunters leaving fires.

Jackson commented that he is for lifting the restrictions.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the current Stage 1 Fire Restrictions be lifted. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Discussion and Action- Resolution 2025-23 Authorizing Participation in Short Term Investment Pool (STIP)**

County Treasurer, Cathy Hucke joined the Commissioners and presented the account information. She is asking to pass a resolution to change the information about the banking accounts of where they deposit to.

McGinley questioned one of the employees and was concerned with her possibly resigning soon.

Cathy replied that she wants to leave it as is and if a change is needed later, then they can change it.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Resolution 2025-23 be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

\*\*Full Resolution can be viewed in the Clerk and Records Office



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 BEAVERHEAD COUNTY Filed 9/29/2025 At 10:41 AM  
 Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder  
 By: Shannon Burkemper

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE SHORT TERM INVESTMENT POOL (STIP)  
 MONTANA BOARD OF INVESTMENTS

CERTIFICATE AS TO  
 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-23 AND ADOPTING VOTE

Political Subdivision: Beaverhead County  
 Governing Body: Commissioners

Type, date, time and place of meeting: A Regular Commission meeting held on September 29, 2025  
 at 10:00 o'clock a. m. in Dillon, Montana.

Members present: C. Thomas Rice  
 Michael J. McGinley  
 John H. Jackson

Members absent:

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of the political subdivision identified above ("Participant"), certify that the attached RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA SHORT TERM INVESTMENT POOL AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO ("Resolution") and Exhibits A and B thereto are true and correct copies of the Resolution and Exhibits A and B on file in the original records of the Participant and in my legal custody; that the Resolution and Exhibits A and B were duly approved and adopted by the Governing Body of the Participant at the above described meeting, which meeting was attended throughout by the members indicated above, constituting a quorum of the Governing Body, pursuant to public notice of such meeting as required by law; and that the Resolution and Exhibits A and B have not as of the date hereof been amended or repealed.

WITNESS my hand officially as such recording officer this 29th day of September, 2025.

By Dana Basile  
 Its Secretary



## Recess

At 12:00 noon, Commissioner Jackson recessed the meeting. At 1:30 p.m., Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Rice and Commissioner McGinley reconvened the meeting with Assistant Dana Basile present.

## Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the September 15, 2025 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the minutes be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

## Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda

Michael Faw joined the Commissioners to discuss the wildlife issues and traffic on Sweetwater Road. Last year he applied for the State MDT Wildlife grant to get signs put about regarding Wildlife Crossing. He was not approved because it is a county road not a state road. The estimated cost is about \$187 for signage. He is requesting they put up 2 signs on Sweetwater. Jackson asked if Bob has any Wildlife Crossing signs, Bob replied that we would need to order some. Rice is concerned that this will open others to want signs put up at the county cost. Discussion ensued regarding wildlife versus vehicle accidents in the county. Jackson commented that they would look into the cost and talk with Bob about getting them up. McGinley added he appreciates Mr. Faw looking into the grant but we need to discuss more about if the county gets involved. Mr. Faw stated he would purchase the signs and Bob agreed that he would be able to get them put up.

McGinley asked what he thinks the signs will change; he doesn't think it will solve any problem. He is concerned with people using them as target practice and needing to be replaced within the year. Mr. Faw commented he is hopeful that it will warn drivers to slow down and look out. McGinley is concerned that if we start putting them up then everyone will want them in other areas of concern such as Laknar Lane. It was discussed that if Mr. Faw provides the signs, Bob can install them, but the county will not pay for them. The Commissioners thanked him for coming in.

#### **New or Unfinished Business/Other Topics of Discussion**

Routine matters occupied the attention of the Board for the remainder of the day.

#### **Payment of Invoices**

9/15/2025 Ck# 218787 BVHD Co Treasurer Sheriff Pickup \$24.72

9/18/2025

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$96,066.79 beginning with check #218788 and ending with check #218839. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

9/29/2025

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$168,733.82 beginning with check #218840 and ending with check #218878. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

#### **Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction**

#### **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attest:



Clerk of the Board

Approved:



Chairman of the Board