

November 24, 2025 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on November 24, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present Commissioner John Jackson, Commissioner C. Thomas 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 have been finishing up some more blading and hauling gravel. They checked for snow at Elkhorn and it is not sticking yet.

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

DILLON AREA

- Blade Blacktail, Hwy 324
- Mount Snow Wing on Blader
 - Haul Gravel Sweetwater
 - Plow Snow By-Way
- Repairs and Maintenance
 - Road Check

WISDOM AREA

- Blade Miner Lake
- LTAP Class in Dillon
- Willow Removal Little Lake
- Burn Brush Pile at Wisdom Canister Site
- Equipment Check and Winter Prep
 - Check Local Roads

LIMA AREA

- Bladed Gosman Ln, Chute Canyon Rd, Shineberger Rd, Gravely Ln
 - LTAP class in Dillon
 - Checked Local Roads
- Equipment Repair and Move

Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds, Facilities Supervisor Shonna Graham, Land Use Sanitarian Tom Wagenknecht, Food Use Sanitarian Joyce Pollastro, County Superintendent Mike Miller, Justice of the Peace Randi Braddock, GIS Tracy Sawyer, Weeds Supervisor Amber Burch, County Attorney Sky Jones and MSU Extension Agent Jack Bazemore joined the meeting.

Tom added he has been working on permits and reviewing emergency operation plans.

Jack commented that there is a 4H meeting tonight.

Shonna mentioned the parts for the showers in the jail will be installed tomorrow. Beaverhead Glass will be in to look at the doors on the treasurer's office. They are getting the 4-wheeler back from repairs.

Joyce added she is finishing up the FDA grant and finishing inspections for the year.

Stacey commented that tomorrow is a cyber security self-assessment for Clerk and Records 9-12 in Commissioners room. Her office is busy updating information and preparing documents for May elections and Candidate filings for special elections.

Mike mentioned that it is quiet with a short week for schools.

Amber added she is finishing up grants, reports, and claims. They looked at the floors in shop, and it is ok in parts of the building but looking at options for the older part of the building.

Randi commented that there is not a lot this week. There was a misdemeanor and search warrant issued over the weekend and they are working on end of month financials this week.

Sky mentioned there is district court tomorrow, he is having meetings with attorneys on subdivision regulations, and playing catch up. The search continues for hiring a deputy county attorney. He and Margot will be in Billings for a conference at the end of next week.

McGinley discussed meals for inmates and needing to look for a new vendor.

Shonna reminded all that the Christmas Stroll is next Friday at 6pm.

Discussion and Action- Resolution 2025-26 Authorizing the Submission of a Montana Coal Endowment Program Infrastructure Planning Grant

Commissioner Rice commented that this is to secure funding that can be applied to future bridges as needed.

McGinley added they need to do this every 2 years to prioritize our bridges so we can ask for money to get it done.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded to sign Resolution 2025-26 and for Commissioner Jackson to sign the authorization form. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Action- Appoint Vacancy on Hospital Public District Board

There is a vacancy on the County Hospital Board and Lawrence Morrisroe submitted an email to the Commissioners last week expressing interest in being appointed.

Rice added Lawrence is on the Airport Board for the county currently.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded to appoint Lawrence Morrisroe to the Hospital District Board. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Recess

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the November 10 and November 17, 2025 meetings 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

Doug Egbert was present to ask the Commissioners about the October 6th minutes and needing to talk to Tom Wagenknecht. He also asked about the discussion last week regarding him being asked to talk to his neighbors about the Jake Break nuisance. He was advised by the Commissioners to talk to the County Attorney about process to get an ordinance. McGinley commented that the Commissioners need to approve the ordinance and they are not in agreeance at the moment. Doug then asked about if junk was considered a nuisance and McGinley answered that is when Tom Wagenknecht could be involved.

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

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$41,662.18 beginning with check #219186 and ending with check #219233. 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: _____ Approved: _____
Clerk of the Board Chairman of the Board