

December 1, 2025 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on December 1, 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 were able to begin sanding for snow. He will be closing the Byway and Lemhi Pass today. They have been working on getting snow equipment ready.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK
November 23rd to November 29th 2025
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Haul Gravel Sweetwater
- Plow Snow: By-Way, Horse Prairie, Local Roads
 - Repairs and Maintenance
 - Road Check

WISDOM AREA

- Willow Removal Little Lake
 - Check Local Roads

LIMA AREA

- Bladed Shineberger Rd, Snowline Lanes, Little Sheep Creek Rd
 - Checked Local Roads
 - Equipment Move

Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds, Facilities Supervisor Shonna Graham, Land Use Sanitarian Tom Wagenknecht, County Superintendent Mike Miller, Director of Public Health Lilia Guillen-Sanchez, GIS Tracy Sawyer, Weeds Supervisor Amber Burch, County Attorney Sky Jones and MSU Extension Agent Jack Bazemore joined the meeting.

Tom added landfill is shorthanded today so Nick is there. Tom is heading to Helena for a DES class through Thursday.

Jack mentioned Friday he heads to Miles city for a 4H shooter training.

Stacey added quiet in her office this week.

Lilia mentioned working on catching up. Karen updating standing orders for immunizations and working with hospital on community needs. BH coordinator will be working in the smaller areas of county. Lilia will be out on vacation the end of December.

Amber added she has a task force meeting on Tuesday, and on Thursday she has a meeting on Rush Skeleton Weed. She also received notice that she will be a panelist in January for a presentation.

Shonna mentioned the showers installed in jail, seem to be doing better. Carpet will be installed Thursday for CA office.

Tina added some surveys coming through. Online training for flood plains.

Mike added it is a testing week at the schools for MAST.

Tracy commented he is working on cleaning up messes this week.

Sky added he will be at a conference at the end of this week. There is court today and tomorrow. They are waiting for a decision from the Judge on the Graham case.

McGinley added he heard about the RAC possibly closing their doors. Lilia added there is a PH grant that she may be able to apply for in January and there is a request for the MHLAC to supplement their bills in interim.

Discussion and Action- Records Retention Elections Office

Stacey Reynolds, County Clerk and Recorder, was present to request the Commissioners approval to dispose of expired records.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved _____ and
Commissioner Rice seconded to approve the Elections Office
request to destroy records. A verbal vote was taken and the
motion carried unanimously.

Seeking Public Comment on Consolidation of Coroner and Sheriff's Office

Present: Deputy Fields, Sheriff David Wendt, Stacey Reynolds

McGinley added there was a resolution of Intent a few weeks ago. The next step is to approve and sign a resolution to consolidate. McGinley read the order should be published in the paper for 2 weeks to let the public know.

Stacey asked if the base salary changes for the Sheriff now. Sheriff answered no this is paid as a certificate pay to those that hold the coroners as well.

Fields mentioned that if there is a deputy involved death then they need to get another coroner from a nearby county to separate it out of the office.

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 24, 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

New or Unfinished Business/Other Topics of Discussion

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

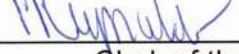
Payment of Invoices

The Commissioners had no invoices to review and approve due to the holiday week. 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