

December 15, 2025 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on December 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present Commissioner John Jackson, 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 plowed a little snow on the Byway and bladed local roads. They are hauling gravel to Sweetwater this week while still nice weather. He will be meeting Great West Engineering about Big Swamp Bridge this week to start that project. There are 3 bridge projects going on now. Karl will be doing a bridge study to prioritize which to work on first.

McGinley briefly discussed bridges and process.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK
December 7th to December 13th 2025
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Blade East Bench, Trout Cr, Anderson Ln, Carter Cr, Birch Cr, Lemhi
 - Plow Snow: Byway, Hwy 324
 - Equipment Set Up
 - Repairs and Maintenance
 - Road Check

WISDOM AREA

- Equipment Setup, Repair, Move
- Oil Collection, Clean Shop Sump
- Weld Repair Equipment, Sand Blast Tail Gate
 - Check Local Roads

LIMA AREA

- Shop Maintenance, Welding and Fabrication
- Bladed on Sage Creek Rd and Oregon Shortline Rd
 - Checked Local Roads

Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds, County Superintendent Mike Miller, County Planner Tina Caron, Landfill Supervisor Nick Hoem, Justice of the Peace Randi Braddock, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, County Attorney Sky Jones and MSU Extension Agent Jack Bazemore joined the meeting.

Nick mentioned not a lot new at landfill. The scale house is done and skirted. He is looking into issues with a repeater.

Jack added quiet week. He is finishing the job description for extension office admin assistant and starting to look to hire that after first of the year.

Mike commented that the schools are getting ready for Christmas plays. There may be teacher positions opening after Spring.

Tina mentioned it is a quiet week and she is finishing up some projects.

Randi added last week was good for catching up. They are going through boxes downstairs and shredding as they are uploaded. There is a bench trial Wednesday and civil cases Tuesday and Thursday.


Tracy commented he is work with maps and GIS hub to make it easily found on the website.


Sky added they are still looking for a deputy CA and there is district court tomorrow.


LEPC Meeting

The minutes from the LEPC Meeting will be available in the DES Assistants office.

A copy of the sign in sheet can be viewed below: It is noted that individuals who signed in are not federally employed nor paid to be here.

JURISDICTION USING SOFT MATCH: Beaverhead County DES			<div>Training/Event/Meeting Roster</div> <div></div>				
POINT OF CONTACT OR LEAD INSTRUCTOR: Tom Wagenknecht							
EVENT /OR MEETING NAME: Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)							
LOCATION: Beaverhead County Courthouse, Commissioners' Room							
DATE AND TIME: 12/15/2025 CONTACT HOURS: 1.5							
Name /Title: Rochelle Hoerning	Email or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / No	Trip Miles	Total Hours	Cost Per Mile	Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
Organization: Bevhd. Co. DES	Address:						
Name /Title: Katie Coppin, Bv. Chair	Email or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / No	Trip Miles	Total Hours	Cost Per Mile	Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
Organization: BCPH	Address:						
Name /Title: Dana Basile	Email or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / No	Trip Miles	Total Hours	Cost Per Mile	Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
Organization: BVHD CO.	Address:						
Name /Title: Nick Harman	Email or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / No	Trip Miles	Total Hours	Cost Per Mile	Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
Organization: Bvhd. Co	Address:						
Name /Title: BJ Klose	Email or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / No	Trip Miles	Total Hours	Cost Per Mile	Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
Organization: DUFDD	Address:						
Name /Title: John McGinley	Email or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / No	Trip Miles	Total Hours	Cost Per Mile	Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
Organization: City of Pella	Address:						
Name /Title: Karen Latche	Email or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / No	Trip Miles	Total Hours	Cost Per Mile	Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
Organization: Public Health	Address:						

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DATE AND TIME: 12/15/2025		CONTACT HOURS:					
Name / Title: Jessica Elkins	Email or Phone #: _____	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / No	Trip Miles	Total Hours	Cost Per Mile	Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
Organization: Public Health	Address: _____	Yes / No					
Name / Title: Greg Fitzgerald / Principal	Email or Phone #: 406 683-2373	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / No	Trip Miles	Total Hours	Cost Per Mile	Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
Organization: Dillon Elementary	Address: _____	Yes / No					
Name / Title: Sue Osborn	Email or Phone #: 406 491-4447	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / No	Trip Miles	Total Hours	Cost Per Mile	Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
Organization: Dillon Elementary	Address: _____	Yes / No					
Name / Title: Randy Shipman, Elem. Supv.	Email or Phone #: rshipman@dillon.k12.mt.us	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / No	Trip Miles	Total Hours	Cost Per Mile	Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
Organization: Dillon Elem. S.D. #10	Address: 22 N. Cotton Dillon, MT	Yes / No					
Name / Title: Carly Anderson, Clerk	Email or Phone #: Carly.Anderson@gmail.com	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / No	Trip Miles	Total Hours	Cost Per Mile	Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
Organization: 3rd District of Dist. Court	Address: _____	Yes / No					
Name / Title: Randi Braddock, Judge	Email or Phone #: randi.braddock@mt.gov	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / No	Trip Miles	Total Hours	Cost Per Mile	Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
Organization: BVAD Justice Court	Address: _____	Yes / No					
Name / Title: Nancy Reynolds	Email or Phone #: Shannais@beaverheadcountymt.gov	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / No	Trip Miles	Total Hours	Cost Per Mile	Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
Organization: Bird Co. CLEA	Address: _____	Yes / No					

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Name / Title: Joe Stewart / Chief	Email or Phone #: _____	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / No	Trip Miles	Total Hours	Cost Per Mile	Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
Organization: Dillon Police Dept	Address: _____	Yes / No					
Name / Title: Cathy Elliott	Email or Phone #: _____	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / No	Trip Miles	Total Hours	Cost Per Mile	Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
Organization: Dillon Tribune	Address: _____	Yes / No					
Name / Title: Nick McGinley	Email or Phone #: _____	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / No	Trip Miles	Total Hours	Cost Per Mile	Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
Organization: John H Jackson	Address: _____	Yes / No					
Name / Title: Tom Wagenknecht	Email or Phone #: _____	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / No	Trip Miles	Total Hours	Cost Per Mile	Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
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Organization:	Address: _____	Yes / No					

Recess

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the December 1, 2025 and December 8, 2025 meetings were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Jackson 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

CK # 219307 \$111.13 BVHD County Auto Parts

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$47,654.68 beginning with check #219308 and ending with check #219356. 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

by Shannon Burkemper, deputy

Approved: _____

Chairman of the Board