

December 22, 2025 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on December 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present Commissioner John Jackson, Commissioner Michael McGinley, Commissioner C. Thomas Rice 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 not present for this meeting.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK
December 14th to December 20th 2025
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Plow Snow: Byway, Hwy 324, Lemhi
 - Hauled Gravel Sweetwater
- Met Engineers Big Swamp Creek Bridge
 - Repairs and Maintenance
 - Road Check

WISDOM AREA

- Surface Picks, Sand 0517
- Sand Box, Pump Oil, Unload Metal
 - Equipment Repair Shop
 - Check Local Roads

LIMA AREA

- Bladed on Sage Creek Rd, Big Sheep Cr, Quarter Circle Trail
 - Equipment Set-up and Repair
- Shop Maintenance, Welding, Cleaning
- Cleared Branches from Roadways
 - Checked Local Roads

Sheriff David Wendt, Landfill Supervisor Nick Hoem, Land Use Sanitarian/DES Tom Wagenknecht, Fairgrounds Manager Justin Kellebrew, Facilities Manager Shonna Graham, Food Use Sanitarian Joyce Pollastro, Weeds Supervisor Amber Burch, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Landfill Operator Darrell Smith, and County Attorney Sky Jones joined the meeting.

Sheriff Wendt didn't have anything to report

Nick H. reported that they are in the new pit right now, and the old one will be buried today. He is also working on the Canister bear lid sites. He will have the ability to shut them via his phone if they receive the grant funding.

Tom W. reported that he is working on permits and the CWPP.

Justin K. reported that he is working on some of the smaller projects, welding parts of the arena. People are scheduling events, first one is in March for a pool tournament.

Shonna G. reported that the County Attorneys office is complete. Kevin is just finishing up a few finishing touches in the backroom. Office furniture is going in today. They will have to close Tendoy St. tomorrow. West Electric is installing the generator.

Joyce P. reported that she received a reimbursement from an FDA grant. Frontier Event Center received their liquor license. It was approved by the State, so she will need to do another inspection there.

Amber B. reported that it's the final push for grants, they are due on the 6th.

Tracy S. reported that he hopes to organize the supplies in his office this week.

Sky J. is busy with court this week. They are finishing up the precinct maps for elections and ambulance district.

Commissioner McGinley reminded everyone that Holidays are required by State law. However, if you want to take a day off, that's ok, just mark it off your time sheet.

Commissioner Jackson and Nick H. announced that Darrell S. is retiring at the end of this month. They presented him with a plaque and card to honor his 30 years of service and dedication to the County. Commissioner Rice encouraged everyone to grab a donut.

Discussion and Action- Resolution 2025-28 Intent to Dissolve Fox Run Special District

Fox Run Special District was created on January 28, 2020. The original Resolution stated, "If the hard surfacing project is not begun within 4 years from the passage of this referendum, the District shall expire and be terminated."

Commissioner Jackson read the Resolution aloud.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Resolution 2025-28 be approved and signed. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



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RESOLUTION 2025-28

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO DISSOLVE FOX RUN SPECIAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 7-12-2124 of the Montana Code Annotated, a board of county commissioners has the authority to dissolve a rural special improvement district if it would be in the best interest of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Beaverhead County Board of County Commissioners created the Fox Run Special District for the purpose of constructing certain local improvements and financing the costs thereof. Resolution 2020-05 created the Fox Run Special District on January 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2020-05 stated' "If the hard surfacing project is not begun within 4 (four) years from the passage of this referendum, the District shall expire and be terminated."; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2023, the board members of the Fox Run Special District decided to dissolve the special district: and

WHEREAS, it has been determined there is no outstanding debt from the Fox Run Special District.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Beaverhead County Board of Commissioners have the intention to dissolve the Fox Run Special District.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 2025.

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

John H. Jackson
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Chairman

C. Thomas Rice
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Commissioner

Michael J. McGinley
Michael J. McGinley
Commissioner

Attest:

Stacey Reynolds

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Beaverhead County Clerk and Recorder

Discussion and Action- Appointments to Various County Boards

Airport Board

There are 3 three-year terms expiring this year. Letters of interest have been received from TJ Reynolds, Tom Helle, Bob Macdonald, Todd Godfrey, and Mark Boka. The outgoing member is Ron Gutzmer.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Tom Helle and TJ Reynolds be reappointed and, Bob Macdonald be appointed to the Airport Board with their terms to expire on December 31, 2028. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Airport Appeals Board

There is one five-year term expiring this year which is a vacant seat. No letters of interest were received.

Big Hole River Conservation Development

There are 2 three-year terms expiring this year. No letters of interest were received. The outgoing member is Justin Stanchfield. The Commissioners will review if anyone would be interested in the vacancies and be appointed at a later date.

Cemetery Board

There are 3 three-year terms expiring this year. Letters of interest have been received from Erin Montgomery and Patti Odasz. The outgoing member is Stacey Reynolds.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Erin Montgomery and Patti Odasz be reappointed to the Cemetery Board with their terms to expire on December 31, 2028. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Fair Board

There are 2 three-year terms expiring this year. Letters of interest have been received from Jackie Sutton and Kyle Tash. There is no outgoing member.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Jackie Sutton and Kyle Tash be reappointed to the Fair Board with their terms to expire on December 31, 2028. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Livestock Board

There is 1 two-year term expiring this year. A letter of interest was received from Dean Peterson. There is no outgoing member.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Dean Peterson be reappointed to the Livestock Board with their terms to expire on December 31, 2027. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Museum Board

There are 2 three-year terms expiring this year. Letters of interest have been received from Lee Graves and Todd Hazelbaker. The outgoing member is Aggie Helle.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Lee Graves be reappointed, and Todd Hazelbaker be appointed to the Museum Board with their terms to expire on December 31, 2028. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Planning Board

There are 4 two-year terms expiring this year. Letters of interest have been received from Kristen Bailey, Kelly Rowe, Vana Taylor, and Larry Volkening. There is no outgoing member.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Kristen Bailey, Kelly Rowe, Vana Taylor, and Larry Volkening be reappointed to the Planning Board with their terms to expire on December 31, 2027. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Solid Waste Board

There is 1 three-year term expiring this year. Letters of interest have been received from Travis Wilson. There is no outgoing member.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Travis Wilson be reappointed to the Solid Waste Board with their terms to expire on December 31, 2028. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Tax Appeal Board

There is 1 three-year term expiring this year. Letters of interest have been received from Vana Taylor. There is no outgoing member.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that be Vana Taylor be reappointed to the Tax Appeal Board with their terms to expire on December 31, 2028. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Weed Control Board

There are 3 three-year terms expiring this year. Letters of interest have been received from Ed Coon, Paul Hansen, and Harris Wheat. There is no outgoing member.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Ed Coon, Paul Hansen, and Harris Wheat be reappointed to the Weed Control Board with their terms to expire on December 31, 2028. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Action- MOU With MDT Regarding Blacktail Road Signs

MDT Safety Project Engineer, Daniel Birlut, sent an agreement for the Commissioners to review in draft form. After reviewing the agreement, no changes are requested.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded to approve the agreement. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

The document will be sent via DocuSign at a later date and be signed by the Commissioner.

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 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

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 # 219357 Yellowstone News Group \$167.55
Ck # 219358 Carly Anderson Unreimbursed Medical \$52.65
CK # 219359 Staples VOID
Ck # 219360 Pioneer Care & Rehab \$8275.00 Re-Issue lost in mail (Indemnity Bond)
Ck # 219361 Natalie Paulbeck \$312.00 Re-Issue lost in mail (Indemnity Bond)
Ck # 219362 Jennifer Kober \$174.00 Re-Issue lost in mail (Indemnity Bond)

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$15,107.41 beginning with check #219363 and ending with check #219393. 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