

December 29, 2025 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on December 29, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present Commissioner John Jackson, 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.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK
December 21st to December 27th 2025
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Plow Hwy 324, Lemhi Pass, Brenner Ln, Bloody Dick, Local Roads, Byway
 - Equipment Service and Repair
 - Road Check

WISDOM AREA

- Plow Upper North Fork, Lower North Fork, Steel Ck, Skinner Meadows, Miner Lake, Little Lake, Big Swamp, and Big Lake
 - Sand on Box
- Plow Gibbonsville, River Road, Twin Lakes, Rock Ck, Moose Ck
 - Pump Oil, Shop Clean.
 - Check Local Roads

LIMA AREA

- Equipment Maintenance, Repair, and Cleaning
 - Shop Maintenance, and Cleaning
 - Welding and Fabrication
 - Checked Local Roads
- Sign Repair, Removed Trees and Branches from Roads

Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds, Facilities Manager Shonna Graham, County Superintendent Mike Miller, Fairgrounds Manager Justin Kellabrew, Land Use Sanitarian/DES Tom Wagenknecht, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Weeds Supervisor Amber Burch, and MSU Extension Agent Jack Bazemore joined the meeting.

Justin mentioned that there is nothing scheduled for the next few weeks except the Fair Board. He is sending the tractor for winter service.

Tom mentioned that he is spending time updating DES emergency plans.

Jack commented that he will be posting the 4H manager job opening this week.

Shonna added that the generator was placed last week and on January 7th the power will be transferred with some power glitches expected. The extension office will be rekeyed this week and they are working in the jail on issues.

Stacey added that she is wrapping up year-end stuff and new election filings. The HR position was posted last week.

Amber commented that she is finishing grants for the year.

Mike mentioned that the schools are on winter vacation. He looked at the 4h building for a possible spelling bee location in February.

Tracy added he has been working on GIS maps and helping around other offices.

Discussion and Action- Reichle Family Transfer

Present: Linda and Richard Reichle

The transfer request has already been to the review committee and is now presented to the Commissioners for approval.

Commissioner Jackson asked the questions on the transfer and they answered the following. The property was not purchased with intent to divide. The property will not be developed more. They will be residing on the property.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and
Commissioner Jackson seconded that the Reichle Family Transfer be approved.
A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

No further questions or discussions. Commissioner Jackson and Richard Reichle signed the transfer questions.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the December 22, 2025 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice 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

Doug Egbert was present and updated the Commissioners that his situation with the neighbors is not improving.

Richard Mayfield was present and addressed the commissioners on abandoned property next to him. He has worked with Joyce on the issue already and is looking for more help. He was directed to go talk to the city as he lives in Dillon city limits.

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 # 219394 Staples \$2,308.49
Ck # 219395 Safeway Detention Meals \$1,030.00

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$14,798.82 beginning with check #219396 and ending with check #219412. 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 12:00 p.m.

Attest: P. Mayfield Approved: C. Thomas Rice
Clerk of the Board VICE Chairman of the Board