

January 12, 2026 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on January 12, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present Commissioner Michael J 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 present and reported the following. They plowed snow up at Elkhorn and continued hauling gravel up Sweetwater.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK January 4th to January 10th 2026 Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Plow Snow on the Byway, Horse Prairie
 - Haul Gravel on Sweetwater
 - Repairs and Maintenance
 - Road Check

WISDOM AREA

- Plow Twin Lakes, Moose Ck, Skinner Meadows, Miner Lake, Little Lake, Big Swamp, Big Lake, Upper North Fork, Gibonsville, Rock Ck
- Weld Fabricate, Shop Clean, Shop Inspection
 - Check Local Roads

LIMA AREA

- Equipment Repair
- Welding and Fabrication
- Checked Local Roads

Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds, Facilities Manager Shonna Graham, Food Use Sanitarian Joyce Pollastro, Justice of Peace Randi Braddock, County Attorney Sky Jones, Clerk of District Court Carly Anderson, County Superintendent Mike Miller, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Public Health Director Lilia Guillen-Sanchez, and MSU Extension Agent Jack Bazemore joined the meeting.

Jack mentioned last week he was in Denver with 4H horse judging. This week he will be working on a grant for emergency response livestock trailer and looking at applications.

Mike added schools back in session and they are working on updates for accreditation. He will be out doing teacher evaluations this week.

Stacey added that the special district filings open soon, and the other filings have a small window to file at the end of February.

Shonna commented on the generator install and said the power outage went well last week. She is waiting to hear from West Electric to get everything serviced.

Lilia mentioned that she is getting caught up on reports. There was a big WIC training last week her office attended. She is working on a grant for funding the RAC to be submitted this week. There is a BOH meeting Friday. Public Health is also working on a community health needs assessment with the hospital.

Sky added this will be a busy week, lots of court. They are getting moved into the new office.

Joyce commented that they are offering a ServeSafe course coming up at the end of the month. She finished up her grant from the FDA.

Randi mentioned her numbers from 2025 are in and she compared them to 2024. There were fewer tickets and traffic violations, fewer search warrants and an increase in civil cases.

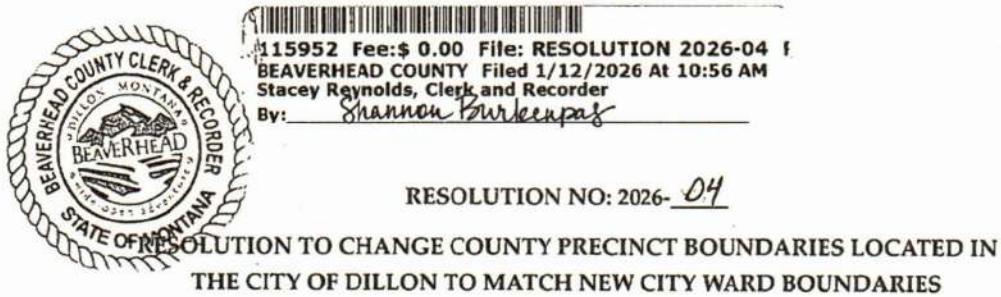
Tracy added last week was good with generator project. They were able to find and fix issues around the courthouse. This week he is working in CA office phones, etc.

Carly added that later this week she is going to Helena for legislative meetings.

Discussion and Action- Resolution 2026-04 City/County Precincts

Sky Jones and Stacey Reynolds were present to discuss Resolution 2026-04 A Resolution to Change County Precinct Boundaries Located in the City of Dillon to Match New Ward Boundaries. This resolution is to update the county precincts within the city limits to match the city wards. Discussion ensued regarding legal descriptions.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded to adopt Resolution 2026-04. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



WHEREAS, MCA 13-3-101 et. seq. allows the governing body to change Precinct boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dillon has changed the Ward boundaries when they annexed in the following properties by resolution:

- Resolution 1408, Tract 2A of COS 1796BA (Maness);
- Resolution 1409, Lot No 6, a tract in the NE ¼ of Sec 18, T7S, R8W (Grant);
- Resolution 1422A, Tract 1A-2 of COS 2017BA (Swenson);
- Resolution 1437, Tract 2 of COS 1749BA (Hinojosa, Mora-Estrada, Salazar); and
- Resolution 1460, Parcel of land located in S ½ Section 19 & NW ¼ NW ¼ Section 30 of Township 7 South, Range 8 West and SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 24, Township 7 South, Range 9 West (University of Montana Western) (legal description in Resolution 1460 appears to describe lands only within Section 19).

WHEREAS, the Precinct 2 and Precinct 3 (County) areas will decrease with the annexation of the properties into the city limits and the Precinct 1 (Ward 4), Precinct 6 (Ward 2), and Precinct 14 (Ward 3) areas will increase with the addition of the annexed properties. A total of five precincts are affected with the annexation of properties. Precinct 12 will remain consistent with the City Ward boundaries for Ward 1. The affected Precincts shall be defined as designated by the legal descriptions and map attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by this reference is made a part hereof.

WHEREAS, the Beaverhead County Election Administrator wishes to match the County Precinct boundaries in the city to match the City of Dillon Ward boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as of January 12 2026, the Precinct 1 (Ward 4), Precinct 6 (Ward 2), and Precinct 14 (Ward 3) boundaries will match the City of Dillon Ward boundaries.

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BEAVERHEAD COUNTY Filed 1/12/2026 At 10:56 AM

ADOPTED THIS 12 day of January, 2026

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY COMMISSION

C. Thomas Rice
C. Thomas Rice, Chairman

John H. Jackson, Commissioner

Michael J. McGinley
Michael J. McGinley, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Stacey Reynolds
Stacey Reynolds
Beaverhead County Clerk & Recorder

Seal

*Full resolution with exhibits can be viewed in the Clerk and Recorders office.

Discussion- County Planner End of Year Report

Tina Caron joined the Commissioners and presented the planning department year-end report for 2025.

The full report can be viewed in the Planner's Office.

Discussion and Action- Rust Minor Subdivision Final Plat Approval

Tina Caron joined the Commissioners to discuss the Rust-Beaverhead Post Company Minor subdivision final plat. The planning board and planning department are recommending approval of this final plat. All conditions have been met or satisfied.

No further questions or discussions.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the Rust Minor Subdivision Final Plat be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the January 5, 2026 meeting were not read.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda

John Melin and Victor Peshenhoff joined the Commissioners to discuss an approach permit filed in November for property in Monida. Discussion ensued regarding county right of way and easement. The approach was approved by McGinley in November. Sky Jones joined and clarified the right-of-way on the property deed.

Doug Egbert was present to let the Commissioners know he is taking civil action on the property issues he has been having recently.

Erin Montgomery joined the Commissioners to discuss the grant for the cemetery archaeological surveys completed. She updated the Commissioners on her progress so far and plans to use the monies once granted. She needs a letter of support from the Commissioners to add to her grant application. Discussion ensued about combining the Cemetery boards. Discussion regarding taxes paid to cemetery districts needing clarification.

She also wanted to inform the Commissioners about the Lima schools isolation status application she is pursuing.

She also wanted to discuss the Lima Planning Board that was approved last year but has not had any motion forward.

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 # 219447 Safeway Detention Meals \$1335.00

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$144,521.03 beginning with check #219448 and ending with check #219501. 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: W. M. Price
Clerk of the Board

Approved: C. Thomas Price
Chairman of the Board