

## **FEBRUARY 9, 2026 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners**

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on February 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present Commissioner John H. Jackson, 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 there still has been little to no snow. Maverick and Elkhorn got a little bit and so did the Big Hole area. The following Road Department Report was submitted and scanned into the minutes:

#### DILLON AREA

- Blade Carter Cr
- Tree Removal
- Repairs and Maintenance
  - Road Check

#### WISDOM AREA

- Shop Clean, Equipment Move, Pump Oil
  - Equipment Clean and Repair
- Plow Skinner Meadows, Miner Lake, Little Lake, and Jackson
  - Replace Slides on CAT moldboard
    - Check Local Roads

#### LIMA AREA

- Equipment Repair, Service and Cleaning
  - General Welding
- Shop Maintenance, Shop Cleaning
  - Checked Local Roads

Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds, Facilities Manager Shonna Graham, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Sheriff David Wendt, Land Use Sanitarian Tom Wagenknecht, Fairgrounds manager Justin Kellabrew, Superintendent of Schools Mike Miller, Deputy County Attorney Margot Newman, Food Use Sanitarian Joyce Pollastro, Justice of the Peace Randi Braddock and MSU Extension Agent Jack Bazemore joined the meeting.

Tom mentioned the CWPP was finalized. Permits and property inquiries trickling in.

Jack added that it is a slow week. There is a Shooting training in Idaho Falls coming up. The 4H beef weigh in was Saturday.

Justin commented that he is working on cleaning up buildings. He has a meeting with Joyce to discuss the booth to make it a better commercial kitchen.

Shonna added Kevin finished County Attorney office except lighting and rugs. She posted the job for facilities today. The Airport boiler was tested last week and passed.

Stacey commented that candidate filing for school districts closes today.

Joyce commented that 1/27 they had a ServSafe manager course with 20 people at the Elks. She has been getting a lot of inspections done since the roads are nice. She should be hearing if they got any funds for the FDA grant by the end of February.

Margot added that Sky is out this week but she is around.

Sheriff added there are 13 downstairs.

Mike added finished accreditation for OPI last week for 6 rural schools. This week is county spelling bee at the 4h building at 1:30p tomorrow.

Randi added that the last 2 weeks she did a training for Sheriffs dept and PD about warrants and jurisdiction. Court day today.

Tracy mentioned lots of GIS work. He is leaving Thursday for 10 days vacation.

**Discussion and Action- Resolution 2026-08 To Cancel Uncalled Warrants**

Becky Hankinson was present to discuss this Resolution. The total uncalled warrants are \$2261.18. These are checks that the county wrote and were not cashed between 2012-2025. There is documentation of them attempting to contact with no response.

MOTION: Commissioner Jackson moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded to approve Resolution 2026-08. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Action on Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the February 2nd and 5th, 2026 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.

**Safety Team Meeting**

The minutes of the Safety Team Meeting will be recorded in the Clerk and Recorder's office after approved.

**Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda**

**New or Unfinished Business/Other Topics of Discussion**

The Commissioners received a letter of interest regarding an opening on the Fair Board. They will take action on that at the next Commission meeting.

Todd Godfrey joined the Commissioners to introduce himself as the new Chamber director and update on chamber news.

Dirk Nelson and Steven Allen from the El Monte Tungsten Mine near Browne's Lake stopped in to introduce themselves and expressed interest in being an agenda item in the near future.

Resolution 2026-09 requesting prosecutorial assistance was signed by the Commissioners for the County Attorney.

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

**Payment of Invoices**

Ck # 219613 Missoula Justice Court \$285.00

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$54,979.68 beginning with check #219614 and ending with check #219663. 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 3:00 p.m.

Attest: Shannon Burkempas  
Clerk of the Board  
by Shannon Burkempas

Approved: C. Thomas Rice  
Chairman of the Board