

May 18, 2026 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on May 18, 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 that they have been blading and patching roads. Tracy is working on the gravel pit in the Big Hole. They opened the Byway and Lemhi pass. There is still snow on Byway and near Crystal Park. DNRC has been logging in Centennial. He also updated that we submitted an application for HB924 on Stone Creek Road bridge.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK
May 10th to May 16th 2026
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Blade Hwy 324, Blacktail, Schoolhouse, Rock Cr, Hartwig, Burma
 - Open Lemhi Pass and Scenic Byway
 - Patch work on Sweetwater, Blacktail
 - Repairs and Maintenance
 - Road Check

WISDOM AREA

- Blade Miner Lake, Big Lake Creek, Lower North Fork, Skinner Meadows
 - Equipment Repair, Pump Oil
 - Check Local Roads

LIMA AREA

- Graded Sage Creek, Quarter Circle Trail, Fitters Lane, Chute Canyon Road, Munday Lane, South Valley Road
 - Checked Local Roads

Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds, Facilities Manager Shonna Graham, Superintendent of Schools Mike Miller, Clerk of District Court Carly Anderson, Sheriff David Wendt, MSU Extension Agent Jack Bazemore, Fairgrounds Manager Justin Kellabrew, Justice of the Peace Randi Braddock, and County Planner Tina Caron, joined the meeting.

Jack commented that last week was busy. This week he is looking at a gravel pit and working on a grant for the livestock trailer. He is going to Idaho Falls at the end of the week for a shooting training.

Mike added that last week he was in Polaris for an OPI visit and observation. There was a Board meeting for Dillon Elementary, and the board members were sworn in. Reichle had their graduation last week and Wisdom will have theirs this Thursday. The Jackson teacher is not returning.

Justin mentioned slow week- working on projects.

Stacey added the times changed for late registration. The public test on the counting machines went great. Special District Canvass this afternoon.

Shonna commented last week they helped elections and the Clerk of District Court. Spring cleaning is starting.

Tina mentioned that last week she was in Lima and they have decided to create a planning board. She is working on a grant this week.

Sheriff Wendt added there are 21 downstairs. Lima graduation was yesterday.

Randi commented that she has 7 hearings today. The new fee schedule has been posted on the website.

Carly mentioned her convention last week was great. Both Tom and Mike spoke at the convention.

Discussion and Action-Open Bids for Sheriff Chevy Silverado

The county received one bid for the 2017 Chevy Silverado. The commissioners opened the bid and it contained the following:

Bar 8 Enterprises offered \$500 with a cash deposit of \$100 enclosed.

MOTION: Commissioner Jackson moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded to accept the bid from Bar 8 Enterprises for the 2017 Chevy Silverado. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Action- Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant

Tina Caron was present to get support for applying for the SS4A grant. She has been working with Jamie Cottom on getting what is needed put together. The grant will be submitted on behalf of the County by May 26, 2026.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded to submit the SS4A grant on behalf of the county. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Dana will draw up a letter of support from the Commissioners and a letter of support on behalf of the road department.

Discussion and Action- Records Retention Clerk and Recorder

Clerk and Recorder, Stacey Reynolds was present to discuss the disposal of:
2024 NVRA notices
2024 Federal Primary Elections Office Documents
2025 School District Elections.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded to approve disposal of the above-mentioned documents. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Records storage was discussed, specifically regarding the election's equipment storage.

Special District Election Canvass

Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds was present to go over the election canvass with the three Commissioners.

After reviewing the information presented, Commissioner Rice called for a motion to approve.

MOTION: Commissioner Jackson moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded to accept the canvass on the Special Districts. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes for Official Canvass of
2026 SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION
BEAVERHEAD AMBULANCE SERVICES SPECIAL DISTRICT &
JACKSON WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
Held on May 5, 2026**

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session as Board of Official Canvassers on May 18, 2026 at 11:00 A.M.

Present: Chairman C. Thomas Rice, Commissioner John H. Jackson, Commissioner Michael J. McGinley and Election Administrator Stacey Reynolds.

The Official Canvass of votes cast in the 2026 Special District Election held on May 5, 2026 was completed and officially recorded in the Election Return Book in the office of the Election Administrator.

The Board of Canvassers adjourned.

Chairman of the Board C. THOMAS RICE

Clerk of the Board Stacey Reynolds

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the May 4 and May 11, 2026, meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Jackson moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded to approve the minutes as read. 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# 220350 Safeway \$1860.00 Detention Meals 5/12/26
Ck# 220351 Stockman Bank \$14.99 Christina Caron Card 5/12/26
Ck# 220352 Stockman Bank \$2221.75 Jones/Bazemore Card 5/13/26

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$63,718.35 beginning with check #220353 and ending with check #220386. 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 4:00 pm.

Attest:  Clerk of the Board
Approved:  Chairman of the Board