

June 15, 2026 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on June 15, 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 not present. The following Road Department Report was submitted and scanned into the minutes:

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK

June 7th to June 13th 2026

Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Blade Blacktail, Brenner, Bloody Dick, Smith, Flynn, Eliason, Crystal, and Ten Mile Road
 - Chloride on Smith, Flynn, Eliason, Crystal
 - Equipment Service and Repair
 - Road Check

WISDOM AREA

- Blade Twin Lakes, Gibbonsville, GP 303, Upper North Fork, Steel Ck
 - Parts Run, Service 0823, Pump Oil
 - Safety Meeting
 - Check Local Roads

LIMA AREA

- Hauled Gravel on South Valley Rd
- Cleaned Cattle Guards on North Valley Rd
- Removed cattle Guard on Little Sheep Creek Rd
- Blade on Lima Dam Road, Stibal Ln, and South Valley Rd
 - Shop Maintenance, Moved Equipment
 - Checked Local Roads

Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds, Deputy Clerk and Recorder Kendra Devers, Facilities Manager Shonna Graham, Superintendent of Schools Mike Miller, Justice of the Peace Randi Braddock, Human Resources Director Theresa Eathorne, MSU Extension Agent Jack Bazemore, Landfill Manager Nick Hoem, Land Use Sanitation/DES Tom Wagenknecht, County Planner Tina Caron, County Attorney Sky Jones, and Director of Public Health Lilia Guillen-Sanchez joined the meeting.

Jack added that this week is 4H camp at Birch Creek Bender Center so they will have a group of students up there a few days.

Mike commented that schools are all out. He is meeting with OPI for end of year reports. He was at a delegate assembly meeting last week. They are still looking for a teacher for the Jackson School.

Lilia mentioned they finished community health needs assessment and working on an implementation plan. Bike Rodeo will be in August with the Y camp kids. Safe Sleep education class will be happening soon also for a grant.

Shonna added there was a pipe burst at public health building over weekend. Beaverhead Glass came to quote a new door in Extension office. Boiler inspection went great- they passed. Gas valve needs to be replaced in the Fall. Plumber worked in jail last week also. Internet was down in Treasurers office due to a battery pack going bad. This week is fire inspection on Wednesday. Concrete will be laid for sidewalk. Courtroom doors are now on Fob Keys for outside of court hours.

Stacey introduced the new deputy clerk and recorder Kendra Devers. Last week was the election audit. Primary canvass is this afternoon.

Theresa commented that there is a lot of activity upstairs. Lots of part time summer help hired. She is working on updating insurance information and files.

Randi mentioned that last week Bo resigned, they are adjusting office duties and figuring out what is needed in her office moving forward. Not a lot of court this week, bench trial on Friday that she is recused from.

Tina added that tomorrow they are hosting a flood plain training in the 4H building- how to assess damages after a flood.

Tom commented that he is working on enforcement issues, permits and field visits this week.

Nick commented that he has a loader down but should be fixed later this week.

Sky added that they are working on trial prep, busy week.

Public Hearing for Budget Amendments

Mark Boka was present and discussion ensued about county budgets in general. McGinley elaborated on which funds required amendments this budget year.

The sign in sheet will be pasted below for those that were present.

Public Hearing: Budget Amendments
June 15, 2026
Commissioners Meeting Room
County Courthouse
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY, DILLON, MT

PLEASE PRINT

NAME

Casey Elliott

C. Thomas Rice

Mark Boka

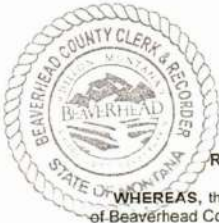
Mike McGinley

Commissioner Rice closed the Public Hearing at 10:00am.

Discussion and Action- Resolution 2026-24 Amending Budgets

With no further discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded to adopt Resolution 2026-24 Amending Beaverhead County Budgets. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



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Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder
By: Shannon Bourkepay

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-24

RESOLUTION AMENDING BEAVERHEAD COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Beaverhead County Commissioners have previously set the budget for the operation of Beaverhead County; and

WHEREAS, after the fixing and establishing of said budget, Beaverhead County has incurred budget overdraft; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to amend the Beaverhead County Budget; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to amend the Beaverhead County Budget Fund # 2273, Beaverhead Resource Assistance Center:

- Fund was over budget by \$588.00; and
Beaverhead RAC should be treated like 7000 account; and
We budget cash, unknown grants or donations come at a later date; and
Overages were covered by private donations and/or grants.

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to amend the Beaverhead County Budget Fund # 2850, 911 Emergency:

- Fund was over budget by approximately \$44,000 due to an unexpected upgrade of services (Motorola and UniVision); and
Overages were covered by PILT and a \$20,000 increase in 911 fee amounts; and
Cash is available in fund.

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to amend the Beaverhead County Budget Fund #2300, Public Safety:

- Fund is projected to be over budget by \$123,000; and
Overages were due to \$66,506 to Barrett Hospital, \$16,000 from Detention Meals due to an increase in inmates and loss of Pioneer Care Contract, and approximately \$40,000 in paying temp employees and overtime across all three departments due to turnover and training; and
Overages were covered by existing cash reserves and PILT of \$100,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Beaverhead County Budget is hereby amended to allow and permit the expenditure of the additional approximately \$167,588.00.

DATED THIS 15TH day of June 2026.

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY COMMISSION

BY: C. Thomas Rice
C. Thomas Rice
Chairman
Beaverhead County Commissioners
Micheal J. McGinley
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Beaverhead County Commissioners

ATTEST:
Stacey Reynolds
STACEY REYNOLDS
Beaverhead County Clerk and Recorder

Discussion and Action- SRS Title 3 Money Distribution

Present: Sheriff Wendt, Nick Hoem, Tom Wagenknecht, Mark Boka

Commissioner McGinley began with Title 3 money came in from the last 2 years, Beaverhead County has elected to put 7% in. There was a public hearing to discuss where and how to use the funds on March 16, 2026. There was a request from Reichle to purchase technology up to \$16,000. Nick asked for funds for repeater upgrades on the Sheriff side through Simulcast. He discussed the quote he received and what it entails. \$126,000 is the high end of this project. Community Wildfire Protection Plan will receive an amount. The Sheriff will also be used to reimburse operations on forest service land in the amount of \$2878.60.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded to approve the SRS Title 3 Money Distribution. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

2026 Federal Primary Election Canvass

Present: Stacey Reynolds, Carly Anderson, Tom Rice, Mike McGinley

**Minutes for Official Canvass of
2026 FEDERAL PRIMARY ELECTION
Held on June 2, 2026**

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session as Board of Official Canvassers on June 15, 2026 at 11:00 A.M.

Present: Commissioner C. Thomas Rice, Commissioner Michael J. McGinley, Clerk of Court Carly Jay Anderson and Election Administrator Stacey Reynolds.

The Official Canvass of votes cast in the 2026 Federal Primary Election held on June 2, 2026 was completed and officially recorded in the Election Return Book in the office of the Election Administrator.

The Board of Canvassers adjourned.

Commissioner C. THOMAS RICE

Clerk of the Board [Signature]

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the June 8, 2026, meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice 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

Margot Newman, Deputy County Attorney, asked for a approval of Resolution 2026-25 requesting prosecutorial assistance. As this is a time sensitive matter, the Commissioners approved. McGinley moved and Rice seconded to approve. All in favor. This will be posted on next week's agenda.

Judge Braddock spoke with the Commissioners about needing a letter from them regarding removing a former employee from the court accounts. Commissioner McGinley signed the letter and will discuss it at the next Commissioner meeting.

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

Payment of Invoices

- Ck# 220515-220593 Election Judges \$1509.50
- Ck# 220594 Safeway \$1640.00 (Detention Meals)
- Ck# 220595 VOID

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$61,789.11 beginning with check #220596 and ending with check #220639. 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 p.m.

Attest: [Signature]
Clerk of the Board

Approved: C. THOMAS RICE
Chairman of the Board