

## June 22, 2026 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on June 22, 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 that they have been blading roads and cleaning out cattle guards. Last week they were going to do chloride north of Dillon but it got delayed. News from gravel pit expansion came back that they needed to fix things so he is working with Tracy and Adam on that.

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

#### BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK

June 14th to June 20th 2026

Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

#### DILLON AREA

- Blade Bloody Dick, Hogsback, Sweetwater, Burma, Ten Mile
  - Repairs and Maintenance
    - Road Check

#### WISDOM AREA

- Blade Rock Ck, Miner Lake, Steel Ck
- Spray Upper North Fork, Rock Ck, Twin Lakes, Gravel Pits, Wisdom Dump, Cemetery, Bloody Dick, Lima Yard
  - Check Local Roads

#### LIMA AREA

- Hauled Gravel on South Valley Rd
- Bladed on South Valley Rd, Stibal Ln, North Valley Rd, and Lima Dam Rd.
  - Checked Local Roads

Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds, Facilities Manager Shonna Graham, Superintendent of Schools Mike Miller, Justice of the Peace Randi Braddock, MSU Extension Agent Jack Bazemore, Landfill Manager Nick Hoem, Land Use Sanitation/DES Tom Wagenknecht, Food use Sanitarian Joyce Pollastro, (retired) GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, GIS Coordinator Adam Braddock, County Planner Tina Caron, County Attorney Sky Jones, and Sheriff David Wendt joined the meeting.

Jack commented that last week was 4H camp at Bender Center. This week he has a program with the Y camp today and on Wednesday. He added that blister beetles were found in the county. Jackpot livestock show this weekend at Fairgrounds.

Nick mentioned working with the city on a road project.

Mike added that all schools were closed. He is waiting on final reports from 2 schools.

Stacey commented that the primary election is wrapped up on the county level. Letters have been sent out regarding the vacant commissioner position.

Shonna mentioned concrete was poured for the sidewalk. They passed the fire inspection last week. This week is the safety fair on Wednesday.

Sheriff added there are currently 19 downstairs.

Joyce commented she just got back and is working on catching up and following up on compliance issues.

Tina mentioned that there was a Flood Plain training last week and at the end of this week is an energy conference in Miles City.

Adam Braddock introduced himself as the new GIS Coordinator. Tracy was present and added he is helping Adam this week get settled.

Tom commented that he is working on permits, inquiries, and enforcement issues.

Randi added that last week she had a substitute judge bench trial. This week there are a few hearings. She is out tomorrow. Bond reduction hearing on Wednesday.

Sky mentioned that Solid Waste Meeting is at 1p and he is working on items for that. He is working on a liter ordinance. They sent out info to the paper about vacant commissioner position.

**Discussion and Action- Resolution 2026-26 Intent to Add Charter to Ballot (per Study Commission)**

Present: Brooke Erb, Rebecca Jones, Mark Boka, Jim and Nancy Mayne, Stacey Reynolds, Doug Egbert

Rice asked for comment from the Study Commissioners present.

Rebecca added they wrote the current form of Beaverhead County into the charter and if something comes along where changes are needed, they have the ability to change the charter.

McGinley added in the resolution it states the public officials can circulate education on the charter, even in opposition. He thinks we are already covered in our current form.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded to adopt Resolution 2026-26 Intent to Add the Charter to the Ballot. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

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 Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder  
 By: Shannon Burckens



**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-26**

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT OF BEAVERHEAD COUNTY, MONTANA, DECLARING ITS INTENT TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF BEAVERHEAD COUNTY A BALLOT MEASURE REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF A CHARTER FORM OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, Article XI of the Montana Constitution authorizes local governments to adopt alternative forms of government and self-government charters, subject to approval by the voters; and

WHEREAS, Title 7, Chapter 3, Montana Code Annotated, establishes procedures for proposing and submitting alternative forms of local government, including the charter form of government, to the electors of a county; and

WHEREAS, Beaverhead County currently operates under the statutory county government structure provided by Montana law; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Local Government Study Commission finds that it is in the public interest to present to the voters the question of whether Beaverhead County should adopt a self-governing charter form of county government in order to provide greater local control over governmental organization, powers, administration, and accountability, consistent with Montana law; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to express the County's intent to place before the electors a ballot measure proposing adoption of a charter form of county government and to authorize the preparation of the materials necessary for lawful submission of that question at the November 3, 2026 election;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Beaverhead County, Montana, as follows:

**Section 1. Declaration of Intent.** Beaverhead County hereby declares its intent to submit to the qualified electors of Beaverhead County, Montana, a ballot measure on the question of whether Beaverhead County shall adopt a charter form of county government as authorized by the Montana Constitution and Title 7, Chapter 3, Montana Code Annotated.

**Section 2. Purpose of Proposed Measure.** The proposed ballot measure is intended to allow the voters of Beaverhead County to determine whether the County should move from its current statutory form of county government to a charter form of government, under which the County may establish its local governmental structure and administrative



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organization through a voter-approved charter, subject to the limitations of state and federal law.

**Section 3. Direction to Prepare Ballot Measure Materials.** The appropriate County officials, in consultation with the County Attorney, Elections Administrator, and other necessary staff or advisors, are authorized and directed to prepare, review, and finalize the ballot language, explanatory statements, notices, and all other documents required to submit the proposed measure to the voters in accordance with applicable law.

**Section 4. Election.** The ballot measure shall be submitted at a legally permissible election date to be designated in accordance with Montana law and upon satisfaction of all procedural requirements applicable to the proposal and submission of an alternative form of county government.

**Section 5. Public Information and Review.** Prior to submission of the ballot measure, County officials may circulate public information describing the nature and effect of the proposed charter form of government, provided that all official ballot materials remain accurate, legally sufficient, and consistent with applicable election requirements.

**Section 6. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Beaverhead County, Montana, this 22 day of June 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY, MONTANA

C. Thomas Rice  
Beaverhead County Commission Chair

Michael J. McGinley  
Beaverhead County Commissioner

ATTEST:

Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder

**Discussion and Action- Action Inc. Work Plan**

Margie Seccomb with Action Inc. was present. In Dillon, they work through the Research Assistance Center to be connected with families and individuals in need. They are planning more outreach to youth in the county.

McGinley added the office of public assistance used to be in the county and the state cut costs and removed the office from Dillon. This created a problem. Beaverhead county gave an office to the resource assistance center so the community had a place to go for assistance. That is supposed to be paid from State monies and has been put on the county.

Margie added that as of now, Action Inc has absorbed the RAC office into their budget to keep it running. They are also looking into other grants to help cover it.

The Work Plan lays out all the services they provide to the county and target numbers of how many they plan to serve. Every two years they get the counties they serve to sign off that they received the plan and were given an explanation and chance to ask questions about it.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded to sign the acknowledgement sheet of receiving and reviewing the Action Inc Work Plan. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



My signature acknowledges that the Beaverhead County Commission has received and had the opportunity to review the 2026-2027 Community Services Block Grant Work Plan for Action Inc.

C. THOMAS RICE  
Beaverhead County Commission Chair

6/22/26  
Date

### **Discussion and Action- Beaverhead-Deerlodge Working Group Donation Request**

The Commissioners received a letter from the Beaverhead-Deerlodge working group requesting a donation. They have already received from other counties- (Butte-Silverbow, Anaconda-Deerlodge, Jefferson, Madison, Powell). Rice elaborated on their work in the county and history.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded to approve a \$1000 donation sent to the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Working Group. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion and Action- Letter from Town Council/ Town of Lima Resolution 2026-3 Establishing a Planning Board**

Present: Mark Boka, Tina Caron, Tracy Sawyer, Travis Wilson

The Town of Lima Council has approved Resolution 2026-3 to Establish a Planning Board for Lima. The Commissioners were asked to approve this action. The Commissioners have previously approved the creation of a Planning Board for Lima separate of the Beaverhead County Planning Board. Discussion about the jurisdictional boundaries in the resolution were questioned, and McGinley and Tina feel it needs clarification. The jurisdictional area should be the Town of Lima city limits.

Tina Caron will make some phone calls and this discussion will continue at the next County Commission meeting.

### **Discussion and Action- Detton Addition Minor Subdivision Extension Request**

Present: Tina Caron, Mark Boka, Tracy Sawyer, Travis Wilson

This subdivision has had a lot of back and forth with DEQ. Discussion ensued about whether they needed to file the extension backdated to 2025 and then file another for 2026 extension. This would mean 2 extension requests before August 2026 to be in compliance with the 1-year extension time frame.

Tina added to the letter that the one (1) year extension issued will be for the dates of August 22, 2025, through August 22, 2026. The developer will need to file another one (1) year extension if needed by August 22, 2026.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded to approve the extension for the Detton Addition Minor Subdivision. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Action on Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were not read.

### **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# 220640 Safeway \$1760.00 (Detention Meals)  
Ck# 220641 Stock Drive Trailer \$5300.00 (Weed Dept. Trailer)

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$44,470.45 beginning with check #220642 and ending with check #220667. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

**Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction**

**Solid Waste Meeting**

The minutes of the Solid Waste Meeting will be filed with the Clerk and Recorder's Office and kept in the Solid Waste Assistant's Office.

**Discussion and Action- Justice Court Personnel Changes Request**

Judge Braddock was present to discuss some recent changes in her office. She submitted recommendations to the commissioners last week. The biggest issue is she has already submitted her preliminary budget and was concerned. She is requesting to move Megan Pierce to Court Clerk. She would also like to fill the other role with a part time position due to Megan's high level of efficiency.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded to approve the personnel changes requested by Judge Braddock. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board; the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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