

June 8, 2026 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on June 8, 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 finishing up patches for the season. He approved another approach off Ten-Mile road to work on the power lines. The gravel pit expansion for Wisdom South has been submitted. They are getting ready for chloride treatments.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK

May 31st to June 6th 2026

Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Blade Lemhi, Blacktail, Old Stage, Anderson, Cliff, Frying Pan, Lovers Leap, White, Brenner
 - Patch Bus Barn, Clayton, Flying Pan, Carrigan
 - Repairs and Maintenance
 - Road Check

WISDOM AREA

- Spray Lima Yard, Grant Yard, Wisdom and Jackson Yards
 - Parts Run, Equipment Move
- Blade Upper North Fork, Lower North Fork, Gibbonsville, Fred's Pit, and Steel Creek
 - Spray GP 303, 031W, 278 pit, and Wisdom Dump
 - Check Local Roads

LIMA AREA

- Moved Equipment
- Hauled Gravel on South Valley Rd
 - Cleaned Shop
- Checked Local Roads

Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds, Facilities Manager Shonna Graham, Superintendent of Schools Mike Miller, Justice of the Peace Randi Braddock, Clerk of District Court Carly Anderson, Human Resources Director Theresa Eathorne, County Attorney Sky Jones, and Deputy County Attorneys Margot Newman and John Gardner, joined the meeting.

Mike commented that schools are closed. Three of the seven teachers have turned in their reports. He will be gone Thurs- Fri at a school administrators meeting.

Shonna mentioned that last week was setting up and take down for elections. Security Solutions were here finishing the door for the courtroom to be fobbed. Beaverhead Glass is quoting the door for Extension Office. Boiler inspection Wednesday.

Stacey added the election went well except the internet hiccup. Wednesday is post election audit. Next Monday is canvass. She explained the election counting machines are not hooked into the internet but the state database is all online.

Carly mentioned that nothing new to report. There is a busy schedule next week.

Theresa commented that this week they will be updating changes in insurance. New GIS hired and fair positions listed on website.

Sky introduced John Gardner as the new deputy county attorney.

Mark Boka was present and introduced himself as the District 1 Commissioner Candidate.

Randi added that she has a jail appearance today and a few motion hearings. She will be working remotely on Fridays through the summer as needed. The jury questionnaires were sent out last week.

McGinley added preliminary budgets need to be turned in to Becky this week.

Discussion and Action-Resolution 2026-22 Request for Prosecutorial Assistance

Sky Jones and John Gardner were present to request prosecutorial assistance on a case.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded to adopt Resolution 2026-22 Request for Prosecutorial Assistance. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

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Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder
By: Shannon Burkemper



RESOLUTION
2026-22

Whereas, the Beaverhead County Attorney has requested prosecutorial assistance in the case of *State v. Jaydas Running Wolf*, and;

Whereas, it is desired and deemed appropriate that a special deputy county attorney be appointed to assist in the prosecution of the aforementioned case, and

Whereas, Mont. Code Ann. § 44-4-111 authorizes and contemplates that the training coordinator for county attorneys and the bureau chief of Prosecution Services Bureau (together with the deputies within said bureau) act as special counsel on request of the county attorney and upon the approval of the board of county commissioners, and

Whereas, Mont. Code Ann. § 2-15-501(6) authorizes the Attorney General to provide assistance to county attorneys in the discharge of his or her duties.

It Is Hereby Resolved:

That the attorneys assigned to the Prosecution Services Bureau of the Department of Justice are hereby appointed as special deputy county attorneys for Beaverhead County for the purpose of assisting in the prosecution of the aforementioned case and that any of said deputies can fulfill the functions set out in Mont. Code Ann. § 44-4-103.

It is Further Resolved:

That under the terms of this agreement, no fee will be charged for attorney time provided by the Bureau. Assistance in such cases is provided without an hourly fee. Witness fees and expenses, transcript costs, jury costs, and other normal costs associated with trial will be the County's responsibility as with all other prosecutions.

Dated this 8 day of JUNE, 2026.

C. THOMAS RICE
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

Michael J. McGinley
MEMBER

[Signature]
CLERK AND RECORDER

MEMBER

Discussion and Action- New County Attorney Pending Private Practice Matters

John Gardner is the new deputy county attorney. He comes from private practice and has pending matters to close out. John explained he handed off all his clients except three, MCA 7-4-2704 allows up to three months to finish up pending cases. He is asking permission to finish.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded to approve John Gardner to finish up pending matters of his private practice. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Action- Resolution 2026-23 Establishing Fees for Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Wendt was not present but delivered a letter to explain his request for setting fees for the Sheriff's Office Clerical fees.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded to adopt Resolution 2026-23 Establishing Fees for the Sheriff's Department. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



By: Shannon Kowalewski

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-23

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE BEAVERHEAD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, efforts are being made to recover the costs of services provided by the Beaverhead County Sheriff's Office: and

WHEREAS, increasing or adding fees to services provided by the Beaverhead County Sheriff's Office will allow the department to put the fees collected into the Public Safety Fund to offset operational costs of the Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-32-2141, MCA, the Beaverhead County governing body may set fees for services, provided: and

NOW, THERFORE, be it resolved that the Commissioners of Beaverhead County authorizes the establishment of the following fees for services:

FEE SCHEDULE

1. Detention Center daily rate - \$82.00 per day.
2. Detention Center Work Release daily rate - \$ 85.00
3. All Booking Fees - \$40.00
4. Fingerprinting - (4 card limit) - \$20.00.
5. Copies of documents, facsimiles receiving/sending - \$1.00 per page.
6. Notary - \$5.00 per signature on each document being notarized.
7. Civil Fees (Summons; Notices, Subpoenas, Orders)- \$100.00 per person served. (Includes all fees associated with service, ie: mileage) This fee will also be charged for unable to locate and for documents processed but recalled by the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney.
8. Writ of Execution - \$125.00 per person or business and per each location. Includes personal service of Notice of Execution per defendant
9. Sheriff's Sale - \$400.00- (Posting and Sale), plus any service and filing fees, publication costs, and other outside costs or fees (to be invoiced).
11. Livestock Trip Permits Issued - \$1.00 Per Permit.
12. Concealed Weapons Permit- \$55.00, Renewals - \$25.00.

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13. All Checks Returned as Insufficient Funds will be assessed a \$35.00 Fee.
14. Urinalysis Testing - \$20.00 Each / \$10.00 Any Other Agency Providing Test Kit.
15. Portable Breath Test \$2.00
16. Urinalysis Lab Testing- 100.00

Date: June 8, 2026

Beaverhead County Commission

C. THOMAS RICE, Chairman

Michael M. S., Commissioner

_____, Commissioner

Drought Task Force

The meeting convened at 11:00 a.m. This portion of the meeting is recorded on Teams.

A copy of the sign in sheet can be viewed below: **It is noted that individuals who signed in are not federally employed nor paid to be here.**

JURISDICTION USING SOFT MATCH: Beaverhead County DES			
POINT OF CONTACT OR LEAD INSTRUCTOR: Tom Wagenknecht			
EVENT/OR MEETING NAME: Drought Task Force			
LOCATION: Beaverhead County Courthouse, Commissioners' Room			
DATE AND TIME: 6/8/26 @ 11AM		CONTACT HOURS:	
Name / Title: <i>Tom Rice</i>	E-mail or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Trip Miles
Organization: <i>Commissioner</i>	Address:	Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Name / Title: <i>Lisa Elliott</i>	E-mail or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Trip Miles
Organization: <i>Beaverhead County</i>	Address:	Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Name / Title: <i>Dana Basile</i>	E-mail or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Trip Miles
Organization: <i>BVHD Co.</i>	Address:	Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Name / Title: <i>Julia Burk</i>	E-mail or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Trip Miles
Organization: <i>Beaverhead Co</i>	Address:	Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Name / Title: <i>Travis Wilson</i>	E-mail or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Trip Miles
Organization: <i>LRVFD</i>	Address:	Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Name / Title: <i>Tia Mayne</i>	E-mail or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Trip Miles
Organization:	Address:	Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Name / Title: <i>Nancy Mayne</i>	E-mail or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Trip Miles
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EVENT/OR MEETING NAME: Drought Task Force			
LOCATION: Beaverhead County Courthouse, Commissioners' Room			
DATE AND TIME:		CONTACT HOURS:	
Name / Title: <i>Dachelle Hoerning</i>	E-mail or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Trip Miles
Organization: <i>BVhd Co. DES</i>	Address:	Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Name / Title: <i>Tom Wagenknecht</i>	E-mail or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Trip Miles
Organization: <i>BVhd Co. DES</i>	Address:	Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Name / Title: <i>Joe Brunnell</i>	E-mail or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Trip Miles
Organization: <i>Madison Co DES</i>	Address:	Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Name / Title: <i>(via Teams)</i> <i>Lisa Carey</i>	E-mail or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Trip Miles
Organization: <i>Butte-Silverbow DES</i>	Address:	Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Name / Title: <i>(via Teams)</i>	E-mail or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Trip Miles
Organization:	Address:	Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	

National Weather Service

Maura Casey, from the National Weather Service joined the meeting via Teams and began her presentation. A copy of the presentation can be viewed in the DES Office.

Bureau of Rec/East Bench Irrigation/Clark Canyon Water Users

Kaycie Mikunda was not present. Commissioner Rice discussed recent business from the water district. No report was presented.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the May 26, 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

Stacey Reynolds joined the Commissioners to present certificates of election for districts that were not presented during the canvass. These were signed by the Commissioners and returned to the Elections Office.

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

Payment of Invoices

Ck# 220420 Safeway \$1985.00 (Detention meals)

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$6,590.46 beginning with check #220421 and ending with check #220441 (5/28/26).

Ck# 220442 Safeway \$1820.00 (Detention Meals)

Ck# 220443 Safeway \$1670.00 (Detention Meals)

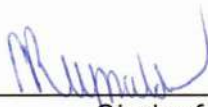
CK# 220444 Longie Builders \$3225.00 (Down payment sidewalks)

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$134,962.96 beginning with check #220445 and ending with check #220514. 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: 
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 
Chairman of the Board