

June 29, 2026 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on June 29, 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've been out blading. The following Road Department Report was submitted and scanned into the minutes:

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK

June 21st to June 27th 2026

Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Blade Bloody Dick, Coyote Cr, East Bench, Burma, Trout Cr, Hogsback, Carter Cr, Flynn
 - Repairs and Maintenance
 - Road Check

WISDOM AREA

- Blade Miner Lake, Upper North Fork, Gibbonsville
 - Spray Gibbonsville
- Collect Oil, Equipment Tires, Equipment Move
 - Check Local Roads

LIMA AREA

- Hauled Gravel on South Valley Rd
- Bladed and Watered on South Valley Rd
- Spot Repair on Little Sheep Creek Rd.
- Cleared Rocks off Big Sheep Creek Rd.
 - Moved and Repaired Equipment
 - 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, Land Use Sanitation/DES Tom Wagenknecht, GIS Coordinator Adam Braddock, County Planner Tina Caron, Deputy County Attorney John Gardner, HR Director Theresa Eathorne, and Sheriff David Wendt joined the meeting.

Jack added he has a busy day- he will be with the Y camp kids this afternoon. He had a livestock show over the weekend. This week will be slow. Next week, Tuesday thru Friday they will be at the State 4H conference in Bozeman.

Mike mentioned he got the disbursement of transportation funds last week. Today he will be doing the end of year OPI reports.

Tom commented that the landfill is dealing with a muddy mess. Joyce is at a training. They went to a conference in Miles City last week for renewable energy.

Stacey added that it is quiet in her office.

Shonna mentioned last week was the Safety Fair, otherwise quiet. There are two leaks in the Police annex and in the clock tower that were discovered with all the rain over the weekend.

Theresa mentioned she is finishing up the quarterly report.

Sheriff added that there are 18 downstairs. There was a search and rescue over the weekend.

John mentioned all going well in the County Attorney's office.

Tina commented that the energy conference was good last week- they learned a lot.

Randi added that Megan is back from vacation. She has status hearings today.

Adam mentioned busy first week getting settled and learning.

Discussion and Action-Bannack Days Speed Ordinance 2026-01

This is an ordinance put in place each year due to excessive traffic in the area from Bannack Days. With no further discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded to adopt the Speed Ordinance for Bannack Speed Days. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Bob asked for clarification on when to add signs posting the 35 mph speed limit. Rice mentioned a few days before is good. Bob will add them to the route about a week before.



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Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder
By: Shannon Burkhalter

Beaverhead County Emergency Speed Limit Ordinance Ordinance Number 2026-01

It is hereby resolved that the following emergency ordinance is hereby adopted:

Whereas, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-5-104, M.C.A., an emergency exists with respect to use of certain Beaverhead County maintained roads because of the substantial potential for adverse effects upon health, safety, and property of those individuals using said roads.

1. Definitions:

- a. **MOTOR VEHICLE:** Motor vehicle shall be defined or means a vehicle propelled by its own power and designated primarily to transport persons or property upon the roads and highways of the state. Included in this definition are trailers, semi-trailers, and house trailers as defined by Section 61-1-102 M.C.A.
- b. **VEHICLE:** Vehicle means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property may be transported or drawn upon a public highway as defined by Section 61-1-103 M.C.A.
- c. **MOTORCYCLE:** Motorcycle means a motor vehicle having not more than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground with a saddle on which the operator sits or a platform in which he stands and a driving wheel in contact with the ground in addition to the wheels of the vehicle itself. A motorcycle may carry one or more attachments and a seat for the conveyance of a passenger. The team does not include a tractor.
- d. **DAYTIME/NIGHTTIME:** Daytime is defined as one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Nighttime means at any other hour.

- 2. WHEREAS**, Bannack Days, an event in Beaverhead County, occurs within the dates of July 18th to the 19th, an emergency is declared with traffic to and from that effect. Therefore, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle or vehicle of any character upon a county road in excess of the posted speed limit.

3. Posted Speed Limits as follows:

THE POSTED SPEED LIMITS FOR Bannack Bench Road

BEGINNING AT: Highway 278

ENDING AT: The bridge that crossed Grasshopper Creek

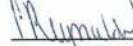
THE SPEED LIMIT SHALL BE 35 mph.

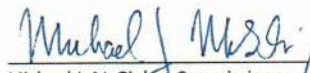
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4. This speed restriction shall not operate as a waiver of the basic rule requirement which is any person operating or driving a vehicle of any character upon the public roads of this county shall drive in a careful and prudent manner and at a rate of speed no greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing at the point of operation, taking into account the amount and character of traffic, condition of brakes, weight of vehicle, grade and width of highway, conditions of service and freedom obstruction to view ahead. Persons shall drive so as not to unduly or unreasonably endanger the life, limb, property, or other rights of the persons entitled to the use of the road.
5. Violation of this ordinance shall be cited under Section 61-8-303, M.C.A., punishable as provided in Section 61-10-147, M.C.A.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR BEAVERHEAD COUNTY,
MONTANA, THIS 29th DAY OF June, 2026.

ATTEST:


Stacey Reynolds, Clerk & Recorder


Michael J. McGinley, Commissioner


C. Thomas Rice, Chairman

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

Present: Mark Boka, Tina Caron, Travis Wilson

The Town of Lima Council has approved Resolution 2026-3 to Establish a Planning Board for Lima. The Commissioners need to approve this action. The Commissioners have previously approved the creation of a Planning Board for Lima separate of the Beaverhead County Planning Board.

Tina reached out to a few people and found out that the Commissioners do not need to approve but this needs to be done by Ordinance not by Resolution. She also looked into the jurisdiction and it does need to be corrected to say just the city limits. The Town of Lima will need to act, not the Commissioners.

Rice added that we will wait until we receive more communication from Lima. Travis will reach out to Dina.

Tina added that at some point there will need to be a county appointed person to the Lima Planning Board.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the June 15 and 22, 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

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

Payment of Invoices

Ck# 220668-220678 \$103,187.41 (Cannabis Disbursement, Quarterly Checks, Detention meals, Forest Reserve III)

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$46,061.69 beginning with check #220679 and ending with check #220713. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payroll warrants for the pay period May 17, 2026 through June 20, 2026 in the amount of \$187,266.39, beginning with check # 37718 and ending with check # 37737.

The payroll reports are located in the Human Resources 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.

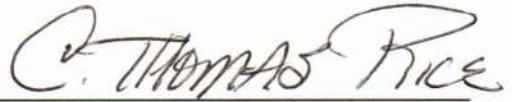
Attest: _____



Clerk of the Board

by Shannon Burkenpas, deputy

Approved: _____



Chairman of the Board