

August 24, 2026 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on August 24, 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.

*for the morning session, Commissioner McGinley was in Wisdom for a Command Meeting regarding the Sand Creek and Bobcat Lakes Fires.

Pledge of Allegiance

At this time, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance aloud to begin the day.

Updates on County Projects

Dustin Hirschy was present and gave the road report. They have been blading and mowing around the county.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK August 16th to August 22nd 2026 Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Blade: Flynn, Blacktail, Birch Cr, Eliason, Schoolhouse, Hogsback
 - Mow Bannack Bench Rd
 - Equipment Service and Repair
 - Road Check

WISDOM AREA

- Blade Gibbonsville, Upper North Fork, Miner Lake
 - Trash Pickup Gibbonsville
 - Remove Pump at Wisdom Sewer
 - Spray Rock Ck
 - Service Equipment
 - Check Local Roads

LIMA AREA

- Blade North Valley Rd, Lima Dam Rd, Landon Ridge Rd.
- Mowed on Little Sheep Creek Rd, West Rd, Reeder Rd, and Munday Ln
 - Equipment Repair. Moved Equipment.
 - Checked Local Roads

Facilities Manager Shonna Graham, MSU Extension Agent Jack Bazemore, Public Health Director Lilia Guillen-Sanchez, County Attorney Sky Jones, Landfill Supervisor Nick Hoem, GIS Coordinator Adam Braddock, Justice of the Peace Randi Braddock, Human Resources Director Theresa Eathorne, Superintendent of Schools Mike Miller and Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds joined the meeting.

Nick mentioned the college kids were picking up litter at the landfill. The DEQ inspection went well.

Jack added that they're getting ready for Fair.

Shonna commented that she has been talking with Brian to get the posts put in on the Sheriffs Annex sidewalk. Doug will be out for boiler class next week. They helped with bike rodeo last week. They were working on the PH building basement from the plumbing issue.

Lilia mentioned that the bike rodeo went great- there were 72 kids that went through. This week is a welcome fair at the college. She has a meeting Thursday out of town. They are getting ready for flu season and back to school.

Stacey added that last week they certified the ballot for the general election.

Randi mentioned that today was a full docket with change of plea hearings. Busy weekend with search warrants and a felony.

Adam mentioned that DIS was in last week to install hardware for phones. They will finish full transfer this week.

Theresa commented that she is finishing up August payroll liabilities. She is working on a new evacuation plan for offices. Safety Team meeting this afternoon.

Mike added they are ramping up for start of school. Jackson is non-operational. Budgets have been submitted from half of the rural schools, he will present it to the Commissioners on Sept 8th.

Sky mentioned that it was a busy weekend and busy court district and justice.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes were not read due to time constraints.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda

New or Unfinished Business/Other Topics of Discussion

Cathy Huckle, County Treasurer, brought the July Cash Report for the Commissioners.

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

Payment of Invoices

Ck#221092 911 INET \$64,000.00 (Sheriff Pickup)

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$88,091.00 beginning with check #221093 and ending with check #221136. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payroll warrants for the pay period July 19, 2026, through August 15, 2026 in the amount of \$165,986.50, beginning with check # 37752 and ending with check # 37762.

The payroll reports are located in the Human Resources office.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction

Seth Bodnar, candidate for US Senate, stopped in and met with the Commissioners.

Safety Team Meeting

The minutes from the Safety team meeting will be located in the Human Resources Office.

Budget Discussions

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