

October 19, 2026 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on October 19, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present Commissioner C. Thomas Rice, Commissioner Michael J. McGinley, 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 the following. They plowed a little snow in Horse Prairie last week. A road operator in Dillon put in their notice.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK October 11th to October 17th 2026 Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Blade Hwy 324, Sweetwater, Ten Mile
 - Haul Gravel Ten Mile
 - Plowed Snow Hwy 324
 - Repairs and Maintenance
 - Road Check

WISDOM AREA

- Blade Lower North Fork and Miner Lake
 - Parts Run Dillon
 - Shop Clean
 - Check Local Roads

LIMA AREA

- Blade on Sage Creek, Oregon Shoreline, Big Sheep Creek
 - Finished Fence on South Valley Gravel Pit
 - Equipment Repair and Move
 - Checked Local Roads

School Superintendent Mike Miller, Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds, GIS Coordinator Adam Braddock, Landfill Supervisor Nick Hoem, Facilities Supervisor Shonna Graham, County Attorney Sky Jones, Public Health Director Lilia Gullien-Sanchez, MSU Extension Agent Jack Bazemore, Justice of the Peace Randi Braddock, County Planner Tina Caron, and Weeds Supervisor Amber Burch, joined the meeting.

Nick added that he has been working on radio issues in the courthouse. He ran a new line last Friday. Solid Waste meeting today at 3p.

Jack added that he started his first winter project series at Grasshopper Inn. They are out Tuesday-Thursday this week in Bozeman for conference.

Lilia commented that off site clinics and drive thru clinic's have started and are ongoing. They will be in Butte for an avian flu workshop next week.

Stacey mentioned ballots went out and have started coming in. Tonight is an election judge training.

Shonna added they started the boiler for winter as needed and getting things winterized.

Mike commented that it is quiet this week. He will be in Grant for an observation.

Amber mentioned that she was in Libby for a training two weeks ago. Most everything is winterized. Her crews are done and she is finishing up winterizing and working on grant reports.

Randi added that cross training with Katherine is going well. Judges conference is in November for a full week.

Adam commented that he has been dealing with phone issues still. Finalizing a map for total address comparison for 911.

Tina mentioned that there are flood plain issues and surveys coming in. Tom is out this week. Discussion about a homeland security grant.

Sky added there are trials coming up they are prepping for. He should be finalizing the Clenera lease today. There is a week-long trial going on upstairs.

Discussion and Action- Rebich Lane Minor Subdivision Preliminary Approval

Present: Tina Caron, Travis Wilson, Kelly Rowe, Nancy Johnson, Adam Braddock, Austin Schuett, Joel Longie

Tina Caron, County Planner, presented the Commissioners with the Findings and Facts and read the summary aloud. The full document may be found in the planners office.

McGinley asked about the indoor arena needing the well and septic. Tina explained that it will eventually have bathroom facilities. There is no plan to have a residence there at this time. Kelly started the discussion regarding personal use versus commercial use permitting. Tina stated that at this time it is only for personal use. McGinley questioned adding the contingency that it remains private use and not commercial. It needs to state that any change in use to commercial will require state approval.

With no further questions or discussions, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded to approve the Preliminary Plat of the Rebich Lane Minor Subdivision. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Tina will make the update to the adding the state approval before going commercial and print for the commissioners to sign.

Discussion- Headwaters Presentation

Brenan Hammer and Jessica LaDouceur from Headwaters RC&D were present. Brenan began with a little information about Headwaters offerings including down payment assistance, first time home buyers, small business plans, loan funds, etc. Jessica also added that her side works on growth through agriculture, which is loans and grants for farming and ag.

McGinley asked if they still teach QuickBooks classes. Brenan answered they can set that up if it's a community need.

Kelly asked about the EPA land cleanup. Brenan elaborated on the process through the superfund and DEQ for commercial properties.

Discussion ensued about agritourism loans, small business grants, and other services through Headwaters.

911 Committee Meeting

The minutes from the 911 Committee Meeting will be recorded and available in the DES assistant's office for review.

Recess

At 12:00 noon, Commissioner Rice recessed the meeting. At 1:30 p.m., Commissioner Rice and Commissioner McGinley reconvened the meeting with Assistant Dana Basile present.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the October 5, 2026 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the minutes be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Action- Clerk and Recorder Records Retention Request

Stacey Reynolds was present to request to destroy records from the 2022 elections that have met retention, scholarship information, and deposit information from 23-24, 2024 general election except poll books and registers.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded to approve the disposal of the listed records. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Action- Huber Family Transfer

Present: Travis Wilson, Mark Boka, Kelly Rowe, Casey Elliot, Kade Huber, Lauren Wang

Tom Rice read and asked the questions from the Family Transfer. The property was not purchased with intent to divide. The property is not intended to be transferred after the 2 year holding period. They did not go through subdivision review. The property will be developed with a home. The recipient will not be residing on the property.

McGinley asked about the property off Stonehouse in Argenta. The north lot has the house and the vacant land will be in the wife's name. It is 20 acres split.

McGinley moved to approve. Rice seconded. Motion passed to approve the Huber Family Transfer.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda**New or Unfinished Business/Other Topics of Discussion**

The county received notice that Barrett's Hospital sent the county bill to collections. This needs to be discussed at the next commissioners meeting with help of the Hospital Board.

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

Payment of Invoices

CK#221478 Madison County Justice Court \$185.00 (Bond Fee)
CK#221479 Charles Fischer Court Reporting \$701.95 (Deposition)
CK# 221480-221481 Traver Hardwood \$2043.75 ea. Museum Flooring
CK#221482 Tom Rice \$1065.84 (Unreimbursed Medical)
CK#221483 Silverbow County Justice Ct \$520.00 (Bond Fee)

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$99,577.72 beginning with claim warrant #221484 and ending with claim warrant #221522. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office. (10/12/26)

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$42,547.89 beginning with claim warrant #221523 and ending with claim warrant #221555. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.(10/19/26)

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction

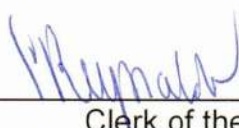
Solid Waste Meeting

The minutes from the Solid Waste Meeting will be recorded and available in the Solid Waste assistant's office for review.

Adjourn

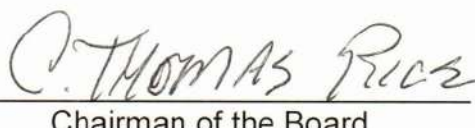
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attest:



Clerk of the Board

Approved:



Chairman of the Board