

PETROLEUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2026  
Petroleum County Courthouse  
302 E. Main – Winnett, Montana

**Commissioners:**

Chair: Paul McKenna  
Commissioner: Craig Iverson - absent  
Commissioner: Sig Pugrud

**Staff:**

Sheriff: Dan Linder  
Clerk: Nikki White  
Treasurer: Krista Rowton  
County Attorney: Diane Cochran

**Appearances:** Laura Kiehl, Chris King, Tyler Lynch and online Robie Culver, Brad Kahler

Meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Sig motions to approve the January 5th agenda with additions, Paul seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- Sig motions to approve the December 16<sup>th</sup> & December 22nd meeting minutes. Paul seconds the motion. Motion carries.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT- RAY ROWTON**

- No reports currently.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT-DAN LINDER**

- Discussion on Bounty. Dan is checking as calls come in. Predator Board members will be asked if they can help.
- Sheriff advised 911 Board is adding 2 seats and 1 will need to be a Commissioner. Board meets quarterly.
- Discussion on Search and Rescue Truck
- Sheriff advised of Sheriffs Conference he will be attending on January 22-23, 2026

**TREASURER**

- Financials and balancing are normal.
- Reviewed uncollected Property taxes
- AFR Report

**COUNTY CLERK**

- Sig moves to approve and pay claims #1992-2011, as well as review timecards. Paul seconds the motion. Motion carries.

- No Courthouse Rehab claims at this time

**COMMISSIONERS**

- Harris Update-deadline for emails has been extended for items needed by Attorney
- No update on Audit findings
- Sig motions to approve Resolution 2026-1 setting the 2026 Meeting Dates. Paul seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- Sig motions to approve Resolution 2026-2 setting State reimbursement rates. Paul seconds. Motion carries.
- Sig motions to approve Resolution 2026-3 Budget amendment for Airport Renovation & DES grant funds for PCCC (Generator). Paul seconds. Motion carries.
- Sig motions to approve Resolution 2026-4 Fee rates for Permits, Inspections, & Services. Paul seconds. Motion carries.
- Sig motions to approve Resolution 2026-5 STIP authorization. Paul seconds. Motion carries.
- Resolution 2026-6 Intercap Loan not ready
- Sig motions to approve to sign the MT DES grant letter of intent for Flatwillow bridge rip rap. Pau seconds. Motion carries.

**AIRPORT PROJECT**

- Land swap agreement will have some changes made and brought back to next meeting
- No action on millings for fill material

**COURTHOUSE REHAB: Online attendees: Robie Culver & Brad Kahler**

Updates from Brad & Robie

- Update on changes needed in basement
- Review Change orders. Brad will investigate electrical bill and the change order that goes with it.
- Reviewed tentative schedule
- Update on appliances, bathrooms, and door hardware

**Adjournment 2:30 p.m.**

Signed: Paul M. Kenne

Attest: Nikki L. White

