

PETROLEUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2026

Petroleum County Courthouse

302 E. Main – Winnett, Montana

Commissioners:

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

Staff:

Sheriff: Dan Linder-absent
Clerk: Nikki White
Treasurer: Krista Rowton
Road: Ray Rowton

Appearances: Laura Kiehl, Austin Kiehl, Chris King, Chris Nygren and online Robie Culver, Lance Bowser, Glen Gillett, Eric Schmidt, and Shane Ridley.

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Craig motions to approve the January 20th agenda with additions, Sig seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- Sig motions to approve the January 5th meeting minutes. Craig seconds the motion. Motion carries.

ROAD DEPARTMENT- RAY ROWTON

- Cemetery Road Bridge is finished.
- Hughes Lane no updates
- Drilling is complete.
- Green Roller sold

SHERIFF'S REPORT

- Discussion on Bounty. Paul advised Predator Board members will be asked to take Bounty check in over. Times will be set at a later date.

TREASURER

- Black Mountain cash receipting program price quote presented. Cost is \$1525.00 per year.
- Craig motions to approve purchasing the Cash Receipting program from Black Mountain. Sig seconds the motion. Motion carries.

COUNTY CLERK

- Sig moves to approve and pay claims #2013-2038, as well as review timecards. Craig seconds the motion. Motion carries.

- No Courthouse Rehab claims at this time

DES-Chris Nygren

- Finished miscellaneous roads in October 2025
- Grant updates

AIRPORT PROJECT- Online attendees: Lance Bowser & Glen Gillett

- Land swap agreement has been signed by all parties.
- Craig motions to approve the signed Land Swap MOU. Sig seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- No action on millings for fill material-waiting on funds and cost.
- Discussion on appraisals needed for the Land Swap. Murnion's had appraisal done. Cost estimate of \$1000.00 for our land section.
- Allocation meeting for Grant is set for January 28th & 29th.

COMMISSIONERS

- Harris Update-no updates
- Craig motions to approve resignation letter of Sheriff Dan Linder effective January 29th, 2026. Sig seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- Will be posting the open position of the Sheriff
- Commissioners will review all job descriptions and updating where needed.
- Sig motions to approve membership dues for Snowy Mountain Development. Craig seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- MT DES grant letter of intent for Flatwillow bridge rip rap has been signed. Application has been received.

COURTHOUSE REHAB: Online attendees: Robie Culver, Brad Kahler, Shane Ridley, & Eric Schmidt

Updates from Brad & Eric

- Update on progress
- Brad will investigate electrical bill and the change order that goes with it.

Adjournment 2:25 p.m.

Signed: Paul McKenne

Attest: Rikki L. White

