

PETROLEUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2026

Petroleum County Courthouse
302 E. Main – Winnett, Montana

Commissioners:

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

Staff:

Clerk: Nikki White
Treasurer: Krista Rowton
Road: Ray Rowton
County Attorney: Diane Cochran

Appearances: Laura Kiehl, Austin Kiehl, Chris King, Pam Walling, Scott Solberg, Tyler Lynch and online Robie Culver, Glen Gillett, Ed Gulick, and Shane Ridley, Brad Kahler

Meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Craig motions to approve the February 9th agenda, Sig seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- Craig motions to approve the January 20th meeting minutes. Sig seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- Craig motions to approve the January 28th special meeting minutes. Sig seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Pam Walling with MACo went over insurance plan options and renewal rates. Advise to have any changes to her by March 13, 2026

ROAD DEPARTMENT- RAY ROWTON

- Hale, Hughes, and Solf Bridges have been completed.
- Rapid Bridge repair maintenance is complete.
- Remodel of existing bathroom was done.

TREASURER

- Black Mountain cash receipting program should be installed by next week.
- Kris working with Nancy on getting the bank balancing completed.

COUNTY CLERK

- Craig moves to approve and pay claims #2043-2090, Sig seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- Craig moves to approve timecards. Sig seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- Signed Courthouse Rehab claims.

AIRPORT PROJECT- Online attendees: Glen Gillett

- Laura advised that the Grant was denied. Lance will revise the application and get quotes to apply again next year. Grant can only be used for runways and structures.
- Laura advised have applied for Tourism Grant for \$200,000 with a 5-year payout. Should have updates in March or April.
- Land swap on hold until Grants can be secured.
- Will not need millings at this time

COMMISSIONERS

- Harris Update-all documents turned into Judge, waiting on decision.
- Committee still reviewing job descriptions. Will go over at a later date
- Craig motions to approve Resolution 2026-7. Sig seconds. Motion carries.
- No updates on DES Resiliency grant for riprap above Flatwillow Bridge.
- Scot Solberg went over Insurance with committee. Will get costs at a later date.
- No applications for Sheriff at this time.

COURTHOUSE REHAB: Online attendees: Robie Culver, Brad Kahler, Shane Ridley, & Ed Gulick

Updates from Brad & Shane

- Update on progress
- Reviewed and signed Change order and pay application.
- Work is being done in the Courtroom. Upstairs drywall and texture done.
- Brad will email list of signs required to commissioners.

Adjournment 2:06 p.m.

Signed: Paul McKenna

Attest: Robbi L. White

