

PETROLEUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 23, 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

Appearances: Celia Herbel, Tyler Lynch, via Teams: Brad Kahler, Robie Culver

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Sig motions to approve the March 23rd agenda with additions. Craig seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- Sig motions to approve the March 9th meeting minutes. Craig seconds the motion. Motion carries.

ROAD DEPARTMENT- RAY ROWTON

- Road crew will start blading roads
- New cattle guard on Flatwillow Road needs raised. Landowner contacted.

TREASURER

- Krista stated that books are almost completely balanced
- Will check into the Petty Cash bank account

COUNTY CLERK

- Sig moves to approve and pay claims #2143-2164, Craig seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- Sig moves to approve timecards. Craig seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- Sig moves to approve and pay Courthouse Rehab claims #2085, Craig seconds the motion. Motion carries.

COMMISSIONERS

- No update on the FEMA funds.
- Research being done on FCC licensing renewal
- Sig moves to approve appointing Gary Germashel and Sig Pugrud as contact persons for MACo Property Appraisals. Craig seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- Paul and Ray will get letter to DES to finish grant process for completed work.

- Discussion on Department Heads not having the authorization to go into any type of agreement without Commissioner's approval.

Celia Herbel with Senator Sheehy's office updated us on amendment measures and advised of Grant options available through Senator's Office

COURTHOUSE REHAB:

- Brad gave updates on Courthouse Rehab project
- Reviewed By-weekly meeting agenda
- Lists of signs required waiting on Brad to get information sent out

Adjournment 2:10 p.m.

Signed: Paul McKenna

Attest: Rikki L. White

