

PETROLEUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2026

Petroleum County Courthouse
302 E. Main – Winnett, Montana

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Commissioners:

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

Staff:

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

Appearances: Laura Kiehl, Austin Kiehl, Celia Herbel; via Teams: Lance Bowser, Glen Gillett, Robie Culver, Brad Kahler, Tyler Lynch

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Sig motions to approve the September 8th agenda. Craig seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- Sig motions to approve the August 24th meeting minutes with corrections. Craig seconds the motion. Motion carries.

ROAD DEPARTMENT- RAY ROWTON

- Advised working on Kelly Road, Jitney, and Dunn Ridge
- Discussion on purchase of the Grader from RDO
- Reviewed bid received for Alex Camp plank replacement
- Advised gravel will be put on Kelly Road
- Sig motions to approve bid from McDonald Creek Excavation, LLC to fix Alex Camp plank replacement. Craig seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- Advised the culvert at South Fork at Dry Blood collapsed. Advised to get bids.

TREASURER-KRISTA ROWTON

- Advised will be receiving funds from BLM from 2021
- Discussion on LATCF funds
- Discussion on Rehab account
- Advised waiting on OPI for mills

COUNTY CLERK-NIKKI WHITE

- Sig moves to approve and pay claims #2501 - #2513 and #2518-2531. Craig seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- Sig moves to approve timecards. Craig seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- Sig moves to approve Rehab claims #2536 - # 2538. Craig seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Celia Herbel with Senator Sheehy's Office – had discussion on DEQ permit, Floodplain regulations and lack of funding for county expenses, EMT benefits (lack of), and HUD and CDBG Restrictions

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- Advised Hayfield Lease agreement was emailed and Browning's will review
- Sig motions to approve Resolution 2026-18 Mill Levy Resolution. Craig seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- Sig motions to approve Resolution 2026-19 Final Budget Resolution. Craig seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- Discussion on Metap Grant for Emergency Services

AIRPORT

- Discussion on Land purchase. Lance will check into the options
- Lance advised he will be reapplying for the Aeronautical Grant
- Discussion on using grant money to purchase land
- Tourism grant will pay out \$50,000 in 2027 and \$165,000 between 2028-2030
- Advised they will be looking into local funding and grants available

COURTHOUSE REHAB

- Discussion on courtroom transoms and completion of window install and framing
- Discussion on doors needing sanded and restained
- Discussion on extra support for windowsills
- Brad advised that he will update the certificate of Substantial Completion with date agreed upon
- Lead wipe test was completed on September 4th with anticipated results on September 8th
- Scheduled on site visit for September 10th

Adjournment 4:06 p.m.

Signed: Paul McKenna

Attest: Russi L. White

