

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
McCONE COUNTY, MONTANA
CIRCLE, MONTANA**

Monday, March 10, 2025

At the hour of 10:00 a.m., the Board of Commissioners of McCone County, Montana, met in regular session with Lonny Jensen, Ty Taylor, and Alan Stempel present. Presiding Officer Lonny Jensen called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Stempel seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the agenda is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The March 3, 2025 minutes were approved as amended.

There were no Committee Reports.

Roger Schara, Fire Chief, met with the Board to discuss recent fires, and Fire Department issues.

The Board discussed the current status of the MCHC Improvement Project and will continue to monitor ongoing repairs.

The Board discussed the current condition of East Lost Creek Road and road repairs.

Tandi Kassner, Extension Agent, met with the Board, by phone, to discuss the current status of the Fairgrounds Kitchen and potential replacement options.

Dan Curtiss, North Road Lead Man, met with the Board, by phone, to ask for approval to purchase cutting Edges. The Board approved the purchase of cutting edges for, approximately, \$4,500. The Board will consider Dan's request to purchase a cherry picker for, approximately, \$15,000. He will check on the status of the potential purchase of a new mower.

Ashlee Jones, Eastern Area Manager, Montana Motor Vehicle Division, met with the Board to discuss the Motor Vehicle office in the courthouse. They will retain their current office, but asked for the removal of excess storage cabinets.

Scott Heide, Weed Department Supervisor, met with the Board to discuss Weed Department issues.

Nancy Stempel, GIS Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss the Fuel Tax Certification of Roadway Mileage form. The Board tabled the decision to approve the form. Commissioner Stempel abstained from the discussion.

The Board attended the LEPC meeting at noon.

The meeting was opened to public participation at 1:00 p.m.

The Board reviewed the McCone County Personnel Policy Manual. The review will continue until complete.

The Board reviewed the Draft Zoning Regulation and will continue to update the regulation.

Nita Crockett, Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss Treasurer issues.

John Isaacs, Isaacs Sani-serve, met with the Board to discuss the clean-up at the Fairgrounds Kitchen.

The officers' report for February, 2025 was reviewed and approved for the Sheriff. **(A copy of the report is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Frank Wright met with the Board to discuss the Next Era Wind Project.

Herb Allison, Museum Curator, met with the Board to discuss museum issues and the Museum History grant.

Correspondence occupied the Board for the rest of the day.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

The minutes are also available on the Commissioner page of the McCone County website at www.mcconecountymt.com.

McCone County Commissioners

Attest:
(Seal)

Lonny Jensen, Presiding Officer

Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder