

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

Monday, June 16, 2025

Ross Feehan, Next Era Energy, Duane White, Chad Haber, and Frank Wright, met with the Board to discuss the Dawson/McCone/Prairie Wind Farm Project.

The Board attended the LEPC Meeting at noon.

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

Rocky Braaten met with the Board to discuss Cahill Road.

At the hour of 2:00 p.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. 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 Board opened bids for the Road Grader Refurbishment Project. Commissioner Taylor motioned to accept the bid from T and E Equipment for \$279,945.17 to be paid for using LATCF Grant Funds with the stipulation that T and E purchase parts for the project for, approximately, \$109,000 by June 27, 2025.

The June 9, 2025 minutes were approved as amended.

There were no Committee Reports.

The Board reviewed the visit from Ross Feehan, Next Era Energy, and will provide available dates to discuss potential agreements between Next Era Energy and McCone County.

The Board reviewed the National Flood Insurance Program. The Board will not join the national Flood Insurance Program at this time as there are no flood maps available for McCone County except the Town of Circle, and along the river at the Northern part of the County.

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Montana Stockgrowers Association for McCone County to collect pass through fees collected from livestock producers for FY2026. McCone County agrees to allocate \$61,482.00 for the protection of cattle from destructive animals based on the number of stock cattle on the tax rolls. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the memorandum and Commissioner Stempel seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the memorandum is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Montana Woolgrowers Association for McCone County to collect pass through fees collected from livestock producers for FY2026. McCone County agrees to allocate \$5,542.90 for the protection of sheep from destructive animals based on the number of sheep on the tax rolls. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the memorandum and Commissioner Stempel seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the memorandum is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Paula Pederson, Deputy Treasurer, met with the Board to present the Cash Reconciliation and Investment Report for May, 2025. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the report and Commissioner Stempel seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the report is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed a Tax Adjustment. Commissioner Stempel moved to approve Tax Adjustment #0227 for \$276.57, and Commissioner Taylor seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the Tax Adjustment is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed the Commercial Property Assessed Capital Enhancements (CPACE) program Resolution of Intent #25-06-16. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Stempel seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the resolution is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed and approved the FAA Certification Checklist for the Circle Town/County Airport.

The Board approved the PHEP Contract.

The Board reviewed and approved the McCone Electric Co-op Lease Agreement for the TV Committee with McCone Electric to use the McCone Electric tower.

The Board continued their review of the County Policy Manual.

The Board delivered a Draft copy of potential Zoning Regulations to the Planning Committee for their review and will maintain a copy at the courthouse.

Joe Juliano, Undersheriff, met with the Board to discuss Law Enforcement issues.

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