

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

**Monday, January 5, 2026**

At the hour of 9 a.m. Commissioner Taylor attended the Safety Meeting.

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.)**

Commissioner Taylor moved to appoint Commissioner Stempel as Presiding Officer for 2026. Commissioner Jensen seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the resolution is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The December 22, 2025 minutes were approved as read.

Commissioner Jensen reported on the McCone County Health Center Board meeting he attended, in Circle, on December 30, 2025.

Cary Phillips, South Road Foreman, met with the Board to discuss vehicle repairs, the CDL licensing process, removal of the Fairgrounds Buildings, and disposing of a used tire that the county will advertise for sale by bid.

Dan Curtiss, North Road Foreman, met with the Board to discuss road repairs, and the new skid steer that was delivered to the North Road Shop.

Cary Phillips, South Road Foreman, Dan Curtiss, North Road Foreman, and Doug Shennum, Shennum Construction, met with the Board to discuss the removal of the damaged Fairgrounds Buildings.

Roger Schara, Circle Fire Chief, met with the Board to discuss Fire Department issues. The Fire Department will host HAZMAT training on January 6, 2026.

The first readings of resolutions for 2026 were held for re-organizing the Board of Commissioners, and setting the meeting days for 2026. The second readings of the resolutions for 2026 will be held on Monday, January 12, 2026. **(Copies of the draft resolutions are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed and approved timesheets for December, 2025 for the employees and department heads under the supervision of the County Commissioners.

The officers' reports for December, 2025 were reviewed and approved for the Sheriff, Justice Court, Clerk of Court, and Clerk and Recorder. **(Copies of the reports are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed the Bill Stordahl Encroachment Permit. Commissioner Taylor moved to conditionally approve the permit and Commissioner Jensen seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the permit is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Voucher #1022 for the amount of \$25,000 for the Law Enforcement pickup was signed at this time. **(A copy of the voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files)**

The Board reviewed the KLJ Runway Project Reimbursement request #4 for \$2,917.04. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the request. Commissioner Jensen seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0 **(A copy of the request is on file in the Commissioners' files)**

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

The Board reviewed and approved the payroll for the month of December, 2025. Voucher #6 for warrants #83642 through #83648 was issued in the amount of \$11,510.83. Voucher #1023 for automatic deposits in the amount of \$114,054.68 for a total payroll of \$125,565.51 was reviewed and approved. **(Copies of the voucher and payroll register are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Payroll Deduction Voucher #1024 for warrant #83649 for the Health Care Trust in the amount of \$42,694.10 was reviewed and approved. **(A copy of the voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed and approved county claims for the month of December, 2025. Voucher #1025 for the amount of \$191,405.11 was signed at this time. **(A copy of the claim register and voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files)**

Keri Taylor, DES Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss DES issues. The Board approved the submission of a grant to acquire a generator for the Courthouse. Commissioner Taylor abstained from the discussion.

Tandi Kassner, Extension Agent, met with the Board to discuss the future Fairgrounds Building and removing the damaged buildings.

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](http://www.mcconecountymt.com).

McCone County Commissioners

Attest:  
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Alan Stempel, Presiding Officer

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Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder