

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

Monday, February 2, 2026

At the hour of 9 a.m. the Commissioners conducted job interviews for the North Road Shop. Dan Curtiss, North Road Shop Foreman attended the interviews.

Cary Phillips, South Road Foreman, met with the Board to discuss vehicle repairs, and moving the buildings from the Fairgrounds.

Roger Schara, Circle Fire Chief, met with the Board to discuss Fire Department issues.

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

Jeanna Massar, Greg Nagel, and Frank Wright, met with the Board to discuss the Mount Antelope Type I Zoning project. The public meeting will be held at 2 pm on February 23, 2026 in the courtroom of the courthouse.

Pam Walling, MACO Health Care Trust, met with the Board to discuss insurance rates for 2026. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the selection of insurance plans. Commissioner Jensen seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the insurance packet is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

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

The January 26, 2026 minutes were approved as amended.

There were no Committee Reports.

Christine Weder, Weder Consulting, met with the Board, by phone, to review the CDBG Grant and McKinstry payment request.

The Board attended the meeting with Textmygov, by phone, with Keri Taylor, DES Coordinator. Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the payment for the Textmygov notification system to replace Code Red for security reasons. Commissioner Stempel seconded the motion and the motion passed 2-0. Commissioner Taylor did not participate in the discussion. **(A copy of the agreement is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board opened bids for the construction of the new Fairgrounds Building. Uriah Kirkegard, Kirkegard Construction, and Doug Shennum, Shennum Construction, and Tandikassner, Extension Agent, by phone, attended the bid opening. The Bids were tabled until they can be sent to the insurance company.

The Board reviewed and approved the payroll for the month of January, 2026. Voucher #7 for warrants #83650 through #83654 was issued in the amount of \$8,571.31. Voucher #1028 for automatic deposits in the amount of \$112,823.15 for a total payroll of \$121,394.46 was reviewed and approved. **(Copies of the voucher and payroll register are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The officers' reports for January, 2026 were reviewed and approved for the Clerk and Recorder, Clerk of Court, Sheriff, and Justice Court. **(Copies of the reports are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed and approved county claims for the month of January, 2026. Voucher #1030 for the amount of \$173,332.61 was signed at this time. **(A copy of the claim register and voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files)**

The Board reviewed and approved timesheets for January, 2026 for the employees and department heads under the supervision of the County Commissioners.

The Board tabled the County Land purchase to show it was an easement granted to MDT for the Brockway Road Improvement Project scheduled to take place in 2027.

The Board reviewed the DNRC Water Right Notice. The notice was a notification of water rights, but the county's water rights will not be impacted.

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the CDBG draw for the MCHC Improvement Project. Commissioner Jensen seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the draw paperwork is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed a Resolution increasing the Stockyards Usage fee to \$1.50 per animal. The second reading will be held at 2 pm on February 9, 2026.

The Board held the second reading of the Resolution Setting the Office Hours for Calendar Year 2026. Commissioner Jensen moved to approve Resolution# 26-02-02(A). Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Payroll Deduction Voucher #1029 for warrant #83655 in the amount of \$42,694.10 was reviewed and approved. **(A copy of the voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

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)

Alan Stempel, Presiding Officer

Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder