

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

Monday, March 9, 2026

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. Commissioner Jensen seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the agenda is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Roger Schara, Circle Fire Chief, met with the Board to discuss Fire Department equipment purchases and a recent fire.

Dan Curtiss, North Road Foreman, met with the Board to discuss road grader repairs, vents for the North Shop, and road repairs.

Cary Phillips, South Road Foreman, met with the Board to discuss road maintenance, and personnel training.

The Board reviewed and approved county claims for the month of February, 2026. Voucher #1034 for the amount of \$433,589.33 was signed at this time. **(A copy of the claim register and voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files)**

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

The March 2, 2026 minutes were approved as amended.

There were no Committee Reports.

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

The Board tabled the second reading of the Resolution to increase the Stockyard Fees until March 16, 2026.

The Board discussed bids for the new Fairgrounds Building. Uriah Kirkegard, Kirkegard Construction, Doug Shennum, Shennum Construction, and Tandi Kassner, Extension Agent, attended the meeting. The Board will consider building the shell of the building with available funds and determine how to fund the completion of the building.

The Board reviewed the Property/Casualty Trust Renewal. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the Renewal. Commissioner Jensen seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the Renewal is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Paul Skyberg, Sheriff, met with the Board to discuss Law Enforcement issues. The Board approved the purchase of 5 refurbished laptops for approximately \$9,900 from his Supply or Equipment Budget Line Item to replace desk top computers.

Nancy Stempel, GIS Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss road gas tax maps, and voting address issues. Commissioner Stempel abstained from the discussion.

Kerry Eissinger, Deputy Clerk and Recorder, met with the Board to discuss County 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)

Alan Stempel, Presiding Officer

Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder