

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

Monday, April 6, 2026

Cary Phillips, South Road Foreman, met with the Board, by phone, to discuss Road Department issues.

Dan Curtiss, North Road Shop Foreman, met with the Board to discuss bills and Road Department issues.

Roger Schara, Circle Fire Chief, met with the Board to discuss Fire Department issues, and an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources for equipment and truck locations.

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.)**

The March 23, 2026 minutes were approved as amended.

Commissioner Stempel reported on the phone meeting he had with Congressman Downing on March 26, 2026. Congressman Downing provided an update on the Community Project Funding Grants the Commissioners submitted. He said the Courthouse Security Grant request and the Law Enforcement Vehicle Replacement Grant request would move forward in the process. He will provide updates as they become available.

The Board reviewed and approved the payroll for the month of March, 2026. Voucher #9 for warrants #83663 through #83667 was issued in the amount of \$8,585.90. Voucher #1036 for automatic deposits in the amount of \$108,205.81 for a total payroll of \$116,791.71 was reviewed and approved. **(Copies of the voucher and payroll register are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

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

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

The Board tabled the decision to review and approve the CDBG Draw for the MCHC.

The Board reviewed the Zetron purchase request for approximately \$67,695.11. 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 Board reviewed the TAB Electronics dispatch system installation request for approximately \$9,700. 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 Board reviewed the Eastern Montana Drug Task Force Memorandum of Understanding for Fiscal Year 2027. Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the MOU and Commissioner Taylor seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the MOU is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed the Action for Eastern Montana Community Service Block Grant plan for 2026-2027. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the plan. Commissioner Jensen seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the plan is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed the Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) from the FAA for the Circle Town/County Airport Runway Reconstruction project. Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the CATEX and Commissioner Taylor seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the CATEX is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed the Stahly Engineering Service Agreement. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Jensen seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0 **(A copy of the agreement is on file in the Commissioners' files)**

The Board discussed Road Department issues. The Commissioners will work with the Road Foremen to develop cards that can be given to people who would like to provide input on road conditions, road improvements, work techniques or other issues that the Road Foremen are responsible for. Road Crew members will be able to provide the cards when they are stopped during work hours.

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

The Board reviewed and approved county claims for the month of March, 2026. Voucher #1037 for the amount of \$145,416.63 was signed at this time. **(A copy of the claim register and voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files)**

Uriah Kirkegard, Kirkegard Construction, met with the Board to provide an update on the Fairgrounds Building. The Commissioners signed the construction contract. **(A copy of the construction contract is on file in the Commissioners' files)**

Jeff Skyberg, Airport Manager, met with the Board to discuss a land lease agreement at the airport for a new hangar.

Nancy Stempel, GIS Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss GIS issues. The Commissioners approved the replacement of an outdated laptop computer for approximately \$2,000. Commissioner Stempel abstained from the discussion.

Kerry Eissinger, Deputy Clerk and Recorder, met with the Board to discuss county issues.

The Board approved the purchase of approximately \$1,120 of CPR Supplies using PHEP grant funds by the Public Health Nurse.

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