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

Monday, October 5, 2026

The Board attended the Safety Board meeting at 9:00 am.

Cary Phillips, South Road Department Foreman, met with the Board to discuss gravel pits, mowing, and digging graves at the Circle Cemetery.

Roger Schara, Circle Fire Chief, met with the Board to discuss vehicle and equipment repairs, and maintenance on the Fire Hall doors.

The Board of Commissioners of McCone County, Montana, met in regular session with Lonny Jensen, Ty Taylor, and Alan Stempel present. Presiding Officer Alan Stempel called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the agenda is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The September 21, 2026 minutes were approved as amended.

Commissioner Stempel reported on the Library Board meeting he attended on September 23, 2026 at the Library.

Commissioner Stempel reported on the Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Board meeting he attended on September 24, 2026 in Miles City.

Commissioner Stempel and Commissioner Taylor reported on the MACO meeting they attended, in Helena, from September 26 through September 30, 2026.

The Board reviewed and approved the payroll for the month of September, 2026. Voucher #3 for warrants #83704 through #83707 was issued in the amount of $5,816.14. Voucher #1010 for automatic deposits in the amount of $133,621.30 for a total payroll of $139,437.44 was reviewed and approved. **(Copies of the voucher and payroll register are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

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

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

The Board reviewed the FY 2027 Extension Services Agreement between Montana State University and McCone County. Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the agreement is on file in the Commissioners' files)**

The Board reviewed the deed that finalizes the transfer of county land with the football field on it to the Circle School system. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the deed. Commissioner Jensen seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the deed is on file in the Commissioners' files)**

The Board reviewed and approved the Community Development Block Grant pay requests which will allow the county to receive partial reimbursement for completed work on the county wide zoning document by the Planning Board.

The Board reviewed and approved the DES time certification form for FY27. Commissioner Taylor abstained from the discussion.

The Board tabled the Pratt County Road petition to gather additional information.

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

The Board reviewed the Elected Officials Salary Resolution #26-09-30(A). Commissioner Taylor moved to approve Resolution #26-09-30(A) and Commissioner Jensen seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the resolution is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed the McCone County Employee Wage Resolution #26-09-30(B). Commissioner Jensen moved to approve Resolution #26-09-30(B) and Commissioner Taylor seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the resolution is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder, met with the Board to discuss the budget portal being down last week and still not up today plus widespread issues accessing multiple state sites.

The Board reviewed and approved county claims for the month of September, 2026. Voucher #1011 for the amount of $307,975.99 was signed at this time. **(A copy of the claim register and voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files)**

Voucher #1012 for warrants #83708 to #83710 in the amount of $47,551.13 was reviewed and approved. **(A copy of the voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Keri Taylor, DES Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss the status of the potential new county website. The Board tabled the decision to adopt the new website until exit costs and time frame can be determined. Commissioner Taylor abstained from the discussion.

Uriah Kirkegard, Kirkegard Construction, met with the Board to discuss the Fairgrounds Building.

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:
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Alan Stempel, Presiding Officer

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Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder