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

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Cary Phillips, South Road Department Foreman, met with the Board to discuss a tractor rental, the potential purchase of a mower, and grading roads.

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 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 October 5, 2026 minutes were approved as amended.

Commissioner Jensen reported on the Fair Board meeting he attended on October 5, 2026 in Circle.

Commissioner Stempel reported on the Bridger Pipeline meeting he attended on October 7, 2026 in Glasgow.

Commissioner Stempel reported on the Petroleum, Oil, and Gas Association meeting he attended on October 8, 2026 in Miles City.

The Board reviewed the purchase of a new computer for the Dispatch Center for approximately $1,600. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the purchase and Commissioner Jensen seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the computer specifications 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. The Board will select a committee to vote on the new county logo. Commissioner Taylor abstained from the discussion.

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

Jeannie Kirkegard, Jeanna Massar, Frank Wright, Cody Haber, Duane White, Jason Kelley, and Marilyn Howell met with the Board to discuss the 911 Levy, audit issues, a vehicle repair issue, the budget, fees and funds held by the state and potential improvements moving forward to make changes and provide more visibility for county business. .

At the hour of 2 p.m. the Board opened the bids for the excess cattle guard. The Board accepted the best qualified bid for the cattle guard and the owner will pick it up at the North Road Shop.

Roger Schara, Circle Fire Chief, met with the Board to discuss current fire conditions, grain entrapment training, and Fire Department issues.

Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder, met with the Board to discuss audit issues and improvements.

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