

ORIGINAL

August 18th, 2026

TREASURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 18th, 2026

10:08 AM - Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioners, Marlo Mochr, Chairman; Ruth Baue, Vice Chairman and Ruth Baker, Board Member; Treasure County Clerk & Recorder, Marlee Sears; Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz & Nicole Stephenson; Treasure County Treasurer, Julie Pinkerton; Treasure County Road Department Supervisor, Robin Rich; Treasure County Sheriff's Department, Scott Upchurch; Treasure County Public Health Department, Deb French; Montana Association of Counties Health Representative, Pam Walling; and Guest(s), Dave McNancy

10:11 AM - Minutes Approval, Claims & Payroll

- Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting August 10th, 2026.
 - ****MOTION**** - Baker moved to approve the minutes for August 10th, 2026, Baue 2nd motion carries.
- Claims: Claims for August 18th, 2026 in the amount of \$21,692.47. Claim numbers 33073 through 33088. The Nexus bill continues to be held.
- Payroll: Payroll for August will be on the first month set of minutes for September.
- *All Other Claims were approved & paid.

10:30 AM - Treasure County Road Department, Robin Rich

- Discussion regarding the door at the sand room.
- Don's Electric was working on the lighting in the sand room.

11:00 AM - Public Comment -

- Letter to Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad - continuation discussion
 - County Attorney Hanna Schantz formulated a letter to BNSF regarding the removal of rural area railroad crossings.

11:05 AM - Department Heads:

- Treasure County Treasurer, Julie Pinkerton
 - Hysham School Budget presentation
 - ****MOTION**** - Baker moved to approve the budget for Hysham School, Baue 2nd, motion carries.

11:15 AM - Stahly Engineering, Adam Hagel - monthly conference call

- Discussion of new pool of monies available for a grant opportunity. The previous pool only had 3 million available, the current application process will have a pool of 10 million dollars. Commissioner Baue is going to work on getting letters of support for the project for Pumphouse Rd Bridge replacement from both the Town of Hysham and Fish, Wildlife, & Parks.

11:30 AM - Budget Discussions

- Loan payback for Road Grader and Compacter
 - The board discussed budgeting \$20,000 to be transferred from Road department to the Federal Mineral Royalty Fund. FMR monies were used to assist with the purchase of the Road Grader.

11:55 AM - Recess for Lunch - Baue moved to adjourn for lunch, Baker 2nd, motion carries.

1:08 PM - Reconvene after Lunch

- Montana Association of Counties Representative, Pam Walling - Health Care Trust

August 18th, 2026

- Discussion of a Health Reimbursement Account or HRA. All employees would be allowed to use it if they met the criteria to participate. HRA would be managed by either Health Equity or Allegiance. HRA's would be included in the permissive medical levy.
- Insurance Rate increase discussion. Insurance rates increased 5%. The commission will select up to 4 eligible policies at the next meeting.
- Discussion of the High Deductible Health Plans
- Discussion of a Flex Plan and what it entails.
- Discussion of the Montana Medical Account for retired employees.
- Discussion regarding Cash-in-lieu options for insurance for employees.
- For next meeting the Board needs to pick health plans to be offered to the employees.

2:30 PM – Treasure County Clerk & Recorder, Marlee Sears

- Budget Discussions
- Resolution 2027-002 – Baue moved to approve Resolution 2027-002 – Resolution to write-off borrowed loan balances in Weed Fund and County Council on Aging, Baker 2nd motion carries.

2:45 PM – Commissioner Discussions

- Community Center Floors – Clerk Sears had more flooring samples from both Carpet Barn and Carpet Garage. Will still be on future agendas.
- Road Tour Dates – Discussion regarding the best plan to go on a Road tour. Mutual day of availability was Friday August 28th, 2026 at 10 AM.

3:05 PM – Commissioner Meetings to Report –

- Ruth Baker – No Meetings
- Ruth Baue – No Meetings
- Marlo Moechr – No Meetings

- Next Meeting Agenda Items/ Reminders: Flooring

3:15 PM - Adjournment, being no further business to come before the Board, Ruth Baue moved for adjournment, Ruth Baker 2nd the motion, motion carries.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2026.

TREASURE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ruth Baue

Marlo Moechr, Chair

Marlee Sears

ATTEST:

Marlee Sears, Clerk & Recorder



BY: _____

Dani Erickson, Deputy Clerk & Recorder