

TREASURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 16th, 2026

10:07 AM – Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioners, Marlo Moehr, Chairman; Ruth Baue, Vice Chairman and Ruth Baker, Board Member; Treasure County Clerk & Recorder, Marlee Scars; Treasure County Road Department Supervisor, Robin Rich; Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz; Treasure County Treasurer, Julie Pinkerton, Treasure County Sheriff's Department, Scott Upchurch; Treasure County Public Health, Deb French; Treasure County Counsel on Aging, Megan Metcalf and Treasure County Weed Board, Bart Icopini; Action for Eastern Montana Representatives, Brittany Christianson, Cindy Larson, Town & Country Representative, Earl Mitchell and Guests, Dave McNancy, Ruth Edlund.

10:10 AM – Minutes Approval, Claims & Payroll

- Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting June 9th, 2026.
- **Claims:** Claims for June 16th, 2026 were presented for payment in the amount of: \$39,421.39 for check numbers 32962 through 32982.
- Questions of the fees on claims for Torgerson's & Valley Farmers.
- **Payroll:** Payroll will be on next commissioner minutes.
- ***All Other Claims were approved & paid.**

10:30 AM – Treasure County Road Department Discussion, Robin Rich

- Discussions
 - **Fuel Bids –**
 - Treasure County received three bids for Fuel
 - Bid # 1 – was received from Cross Petroleum
 - Bid # 2 – was received from Valley Farmers Supply
 - Bid # 3 – was received from Town & Country
 - ****MOTION**** - Baue moved to approve the bid for Diesel and Propane for bulk buy through Town & Country and the gasoline bid for Cross Petroleum, Baker 2nd motion carries.
 - **Road Department Discussions**
 - Robin spoke with Torgerson's, the tractor is about 2-4 weeks from completion and delivery. Torgerson's will have a tractor that will be available if needed while the County waits for the new tractor to arrive.
 - Discussion on the Bridge on Wilson Rd
 - Budget Hearing – no requested budget increases
 - **Weed Department, Bart Icopini, also present was contractor Vince Thomas**
 - Discussion of shifting funds in different areas to satisfy the contract.
 - Discussion of addendum to contract to allow information.
 - Discussion of weeds within the county.

11:00 AM – Public Comment – Bart Icopini discussed Weed Department Budget

11:15 AM – Monthly Conference Call with Stahly Engineering Representative, Adam Hagel

- Building Better Local Bridges
 - Although the prior application was not successful, Adam is hoping to submit the application in the fall pretty much the same application submitted prior and hoping for a better outcome as there is more funding available this go round.

11:23 AM – Budget Hearings

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- County Attorney, Hanna Schantz
 - No major increases, Hanna would like to push Nicole to make what the deputies make within the county. Schantz did do a little of shifting to accommodate the raise.
- Treasure County Treasurer/ Superintendent of Schools, Julie Pinkerton
 - No major request for increase, Julie will be attending Superintendent of Schools Training next April
- Treasure County Commissioner/ C&R/ Elections/ District Court/
 - Commissioner Budget – Commissioners would like to raise their wage to 1,000.00 per month.
 - Clerk & Recorder/ Elections/ District Court – No big expenses planned. Just the suggested wage increase.
 - Facilities Budget – Discussion of having the interest from the land sale flow into the general fund to support the facilities increase in expenses.
- Treasure County Public Health (Deb French)/ Ambulance (Chrissy Hopf)
 - Deb is currently negotiating contracts for the updated master contract, no major expenses or updates or increase requests to the ambulance budget.
 - Deb purchased 10 life vacs for area businesses.

12:00 PM – Recess for Lunch –

1:05 PM –Reconvene after Lunch

- County Council on Aging, Megan Metcalf
 - Updates
 - Discussion regarding the Transit Coordination Plan Van – The Van should be ready the end of summer/ Early Fall.
 - Possibly Action has a little bit more funding for the category for the foot clinic.
 - Counsel on Aging and Transportation committee discussion.
 - Megan would like to possibly increase the suggested donations for both the foot clinic and the meal. She would like to increase the foot clinic from \$10.00 to \$15.00 and the Meal would like to see go from \$4.00 to \$5.00
 - ****MOTION**** - Baue moved to increase the suggested donation amounts from \$10 to \$15 for the Clinic and \$4 to \$5 for the Meal, Baker 2nd, motion carries.
 - Budget Request for CCOA
 - Increase budget for the match of the van and fuel costs for going to billings.
 - For the van there needs to be a 15% match for the van, approximately \$18,000.00.

1:30 PM – Action for Eastern Montana Focus Group

- Action presented an amended contract as our district representative Brittany Christianson had additional monies to disperse. Projected budget for the upcoming year is projected to be the same.
 - ****MOTION**** - Baue moved to approve the modified contract, Baker 2nd motion carries.
- Discussion of the community and the needs thereof.
- Discussion regarding the different obstacles and barriers that the town/county runs into (for example not having a grocery store) and discussion of why the struggle is there.

2:00 PM – Budget Hearings Continued

- Sheriff/ Coroner/ Justice of the Peace Budget Hearing

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- Sheriff Upchurch is going to start the hiring process. He has no requests for increase for purchases but would like to increase the budget to send a deputy to the Montana police academy and Upchurch would like to attend Coroner Training so to ensure that funding is available in the budget for coroner.
- His plan for hiring is to have the individual as a deputy for some time while all certifications and trainings are on going and completed and then have the possibility of shifting to and undersheriff.
- Justice of the Peace
 - No increase requests

2:30 PM – Commissioner Discussions Continued

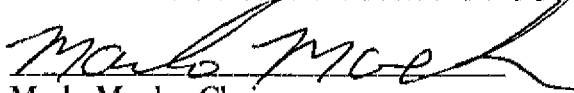
- Jury Pool
 - Justice Court, City Court, and District Court Jury Pool lists presented for approval by the commission
 - ****MOTION**** - Baue moved to approve the Jury lists, Baker 2nd motion carries.
- Post Election Audit Board Approval
 - ****MOTION**** - Baker moved to approve the Post Election Audit Board, Baue 2nd motion carries.
- Annual Library Agreement
 - Baker moved to approve the signature of the Library agreement with Rosebud County Library, Baue 2nd motion carries.
- Meetings to Report –
 - Ruth Baker – No Meetings
 - Ruth Baue – No Meetings
 - Marlo Moehr – No Meetings

- Next Meeting Agenda Items/ Reminders:

2:41 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 30th day of June, 2026.

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Marlo Moehr, Chair



ATTEST:

Marlee Sears, Clerk & Recorder

BY: _____

Dani Erickson, Deputy Clerk & Recorder

