

January 20th, 2026

ORIGINAL

TREASURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 20th, 2026

10:07 AM - Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioners, Ruth Baue, Ruth Baker, and Marlo Moehr Chairman. Treasure County Deputy Clerk & Recorder, Dani Erickson; Treasure County Road Department Supervisor, Robin Rich; Mid-Yellowstone Electric, Ryan Silva; Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz; Treasure County Conservation & Weed Board, Bart Icopini; Miles City Insurance, Joel Larson; Treasure County Public Health, Deb French; Guests, Gary VanHaele, Charley Jennaway, Becky Jennaway, Jack Jennaway

10:08 AM - Minutes Approval, Claims & Payroll

- Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting for January 6th, 2026.
 - ****MOTION****- Baue moved to Approve the minutes for January 6th, 2026, Baker 2nd Motion Carries.
- **Claims:** Claims for January 20th, 2026 were presented for payment in the amount of: \$31,981.14, for check numbers 32690 - 32711. *Claim; 32696 Was held for Clarification.
- **Payroll:** Payroll for July will be on the next commissioner meeting minutes.
- ***All Other Claims were approved & paid.**

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

- Road Business
 - Rich reports that the steps at the canister site are complete and built very well. Maintenance, Sean Sears built them to be versatile out of a synthetic grading.
 - Rich reports that the Road Dept will continue to work on roads, weather permitting. He is asked about a few roads and reports they will continue to get to what they can.
 - Mid-Yellowstone Electric Canister Site Key Request, Lineman Silva is present to request a Key as MYEC has been cutting down trees and has needed access to the canister well outside of the open hours.
 - ****MOTION****- Baue moved to Approve that Mid-Yellowstone Electric be granted a key their own key to check out with the Clerk & Records Office, Baker 2nd Motion Carries.
 - A letter from MDT is presented to the Commission stating; Pumphouse Bridge is satisfactory. Commissioners discuss other bridges in the County.

10:45 AM - Deputy Clerk & Recorder, Dani Erickson Presents Resolutions

- Resolution 2026-010: Amend Budget for Various County Funds
 - ****MOTION****- Baker moved to Accept Resolution 2026-010, Baue 2nd, Motion Carries.
- Resolution 2026-011: Setting Daily Rate of Credit for Incarceration
 - ****MOTON****- Baker moved to Accept Resolution 2026-011, Baue 2nd, Motion Carries.

11:49 AM - Public Comment - No Public Comment

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10:50 AM – Miles City Insurance Representative, Joel Larson

- Larson presents Commissioners with packet, listing currently covered County buildings, equipment, vehicles, boards etc., under the county policies. The Commission reviews the lists and makes several updates. They will work with Larson to get him accurate numbers to improvements made and to remove buildings that are no longer county property as well as add some new equipment. They will also get a total number of board members sitting on all county boards to Larson by the Feb 9th deadline to submit policy.
- Discussion on the County Pool policy that sits on Town Land. Larson states they cannot insure what the county does not own but that they do have an operational interest. It is discussed to hold another Town/County Meeting to discuss a possible Lease for the Pool area from the Town.

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

- **Discussion/Updates**
 - Hagel provided Correspondence by e-mail that is provided to commissioners:
- “We are waiting for the Montana Dept. of Commerce to notify Treasure County if they received Preliminary Engineering Grant money that was requested in December.
 - The Preliminary Engineering Grant will allow the County to pay for Stahly to create a Preliminary Engineering Report.
 - The Preliminary Engineering Report can be used to secure funding to replace one of their bridges.
- Once the County received a notification on the award of funding, we will reach out to the County to schedule a kick-off meeting.”

11:35 AM – Commissioners

- **Elliott Firehall Treasure Belles Event Discussion**
 - March 7th there will be a Non-Profit Fundraiser held at the hall. Rental fees are on a case by case basis so the fee for the event is discussed.
 - ****MOTION**** - Baue moved to waive the rental fee for Treasure Belles, Baker 2nd, Motion Carries.
- **Community Center Fee Review Discussion**
 - It is discussed the Treasure County Community Center Rental fee of \$25/Day has not been increased for at least 30+ years.
 - ****MOTION**** - Baker moved to increase the rental fee to \$50/Day and leave the deposit at \$100.00, Baue 2nd, Motion Carries.

11:40 AM – Treasure County Public Health, Deb French

- **Updates**
 - French provides updates on current Grants and Allocations

11:48 AM – Recess for Lunch: LEPC at the Ambulance Hall

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1:10 PM –Reconvene after Lunch

- **Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz**
 - **Treasure County Local Government Review Board**
 - Attorney Schantz reports that there are now 4 returned applications for the 3 person Board. Schantz also explains it is a good option to have a commissioner as an exo officio (non voting member)
 - ****MOTION**** - Baue moved to accept and appoint Bart Icopini's, Dan Story's & Lance Trusty's applications and Bill Hutchison as alternate, Baker 2nd and amends the 1st motion to appoint Commissioner Baue as Exo Officio, Moehr 2nd, Motion Carries.
Attorney Schantz will Contact Dan Clark with the MSU- Study Commission to coordinate trainings.
- **Treasure County Planning Board**
 - **3 applicants up for the 2 year Terms**
 - The Town applicant, Bill Hutchison has to be appointed by the Mayor
 - ****MOTION****- Baue moved to accept/appoint, Rich Welch's & Daren Reeder's applications Baker 2nd, Motion Carries.
- **Elliott Fire Hall Event Center Coordinator/Custodian**
 - Discussion on Keeping the position open until there are a few returned applications.
- **Unmaintained County Roads Discussion**
 - Continued Discussion from previous Public Comment with Gary VanHaele. Discussion with Commissioners and County Attorney on what constitutes as a County Road and why only some are maintained. Discussion on Noxious Weeds in the County. Commission instructs to have this item as a topic of formal discussion on next regular Commissioner meeting.

2:00 PM – Appraisal Review & Sale of Treasure County Owned Land, Attorney Schantz

- **Appraisal Conclusions:**
 - 1.5 Million Value without Easement Access
 - 2.5 Million Value with Easement AccessSchantz states the next required steps and the stipulations as well as what is needed to pursue a sale is to have an **Open Public Meeting at the next Feb 3rd General Meeting** to discuss hiring Real Estate Brokers and accepting offers process. Jennoway's have held the Lease on the land and are present for the discussions. The Commissioners state, that the County will maintain the mineral rights no matter what happens moving forward.

2:30 PM – Commissioners

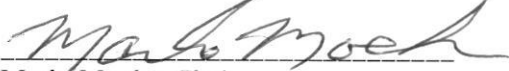
- **Meetings to Report – No Meetings to Report**
 - **Ruth Baker –**
 - **Ruth Baue –**
 - **Marlo Moehr –**

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2:31 PM - Adjournment, being no further business to come before the Board, Ruth Baker moved for adjournment, Ruth Baue 2nd the motion.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2026.

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Marlo Mochr, Chair



ATTEST:

Marlee Sears, Clerk & Recorder

BY: 

Dani Erickson, Deputy Clerk & Recorder



