

TREASURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

10:06 AM – Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioners, Ruth Baue and Ruth Baker; Marlo Moehr was absent. Treasure County Clerk & Recorder, Marlee Sears; Treasure County Road Department Supervisor, Robin Rich; Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz; Treasure County Treasurer, Julie Pinkerton; Treasure County Sheriff, Will Seastrom; Treasure County Conservation & Weed Board, Bart Icopini; Treasure County Volunteer Fire Department, Bill Hutchison; Treasure County Maintenance Department, Sean Sears and Guests, Rosebud County Sheriff Allen Fulton, Gary Van Haele, Dick Cunningham, and Scott Upchurch

10:08 AM – Minutes Approval, Claims & Payroll

- Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting for February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.
  - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baue moved to Approve the minutes for February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion Carries.
- **Claims:** Claims for February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 were presented for payment in the amount of: \$30,807.46 for check numbers 32726 through 32756.
- **Payroll:** Payroll will be on the next scheduled commissioner minutes.
- **\*All Other Claims were approved & paid.**

10:15 AM: Request for removal of the Scale House off of the tax roll

- Dick Cunningham is the individual that pays the taxes on the scale house but the ground is owned by BNSF. Mr. Cunningham is requesting tax abatement to have the scale house removed from the tax roll as it is not a scale house that creates revenue. There is an annual fee to keep it maintained.
  - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baker moved to abate the taxes on the scale house, Baue 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carries. A resolution will be created at the next scheduled meeting to officially remove scale house from the roll.

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

- No Update
- Weed Update
  - Contractor Discussion
    - The board of commissioners requested to see bids for the contractor.

11:00 AM – Public Comment – Gary Van Haele was present to discuss concerns with the weed department and the sheriff's department.

11:10 AM – Treasure County Department Heads

- Treasure County Health Board Update given by Clerk Sears on behalf of Deb French
  - Please see attached notes from Deb French

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

- Senate Bill 536 Discussion
  - No more projects
  - Will do quick fixes up to \$75,000.00
    - Discussion of possible “Quick Fix” Locations
      1. Kenny Rogers on the Yellowstone Irrigation District Canal

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2. On Pumphouse Road over the Yellowstone Irrigation District Canal
- **Transportation Grant Opportunity for Safe Streets**
    - This grant covers things like main street and the lighting, placement of sidewalks, etc.
  - **MCEP Planning Grant Update**
    - It was denied. - Adam is going to check in on this for the commission.

### 1:45 AM - Treasure County Department Heads:

- **Treasure County Clerk and Recorder / Elections Administrator, Marlee Sears**
  - Resolution 2026-0013 - Resolution to amend expenditures on the opioid fund
  - Resolution 2026-0014 - Resolution to Create the Opioid Settlement Fund
  - Resolution 2026-0015 - Creation and Designation of the Reimagining Rural Grant Fund including the budget
  - Resolution 2026-016 - Appropriate Unanticipated Revenue and Expenditures in the 2340 Fire Control Grant Fund
    - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baker moved to approve ALL presented resolutions, Resolution 2026-0013, Resolution 2026-0014, Resolution 2026-0015, and Resolution 2026-0016, Bauc 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carries.
  - Discussion regarding a raise for the Election Judges at the request of the Election Administrator
    - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baker moved to increase the wages for election judges to \$14.00/hour and for chief judges \$15.00/ hour.
- **Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz**
  - **Event Coordinator Job Description for review**
    - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baker moved to approve the job description for the event coordinator, Bauc 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carries.
  - **Joint Meeting**
    - Discussion of setting a joint town and county meeting. Hanna will look at March 24, March 25 & March 26 @ 5:30 PM.

### 11:55 AM - Recess for Lunch

### 1:12 PM -Reconvene after Lunch

- **Treasure County Department Heads,**
  - **Treasure County Sheriffs Department, Sheriff Will Seastrom & Rosebud County Sheriff, Allen Fulton**
    - Sheriff Seastrom presented the commissioners with his resignation effective March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.
    - Sheriff stated that he was working hard to wrap things up and get things prepped before his departure from the county. The grants he was awarded for Treasure County Sheriff Department for the boat, ATV and the new patrol, he placed Nicole Stephenson and Hanna Schantz as points of contact for the grants so that way it can still be updated and awarded.
    - Discussion regarding the next steps to fill the position. County Attorney Hanna Schantz was present and express that there would be an advertisement for appointment of sheriff, to consider all that are interested.
    - Sheriff Fulton, Rosebud County Sheriff, stated that Rosebud County would be willing to cover in the interim and assist and helping the transition go as smoothly as it can.

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- Sheriff Seastrom also will talk to Keith Raymond, Coroner for Rosebud County.
- Discussion of making an appointment at the first meeting in April.
- Discussion of the open filings and making a better determination on what is to come after the filing deadline for County Sheriff on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baker moved to accept Treasure County Sheriff, Will Seastrom's Resignation, Baue 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carries
- **Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz**
  - Hanna presented the Land sale listing agreement. There were three adjustments with the broker. Hanna was asking for permission to have the authority to sign on behalf of the Commissioner through docu-sign for the Realtor Agreement Paperwork.
    - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baue motioned to approved Hanna to accept the Realtor agreement through docu-sign, Baker 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carries.

### 2:00 PM - Commissioners

#### - Discussions

- Discussion regarding the District Court Security walkthrough with Supreme Court of Montana Representative Dave McAlpin
  - Discussion locking courtroom doors, adding bullet proof material on the judges podium with the clerk podium as well. Please See Attached for further recommendations
  - Discussions for the Mainstreet firehall
    - Removing the tripping hazard of the fire hydrant in the middle of the walk way. The insulation falling down in the building. Door insulation.
    - Upcoming events, March 7<sup>th</sup> in the Treasure belles Bingo and March 20<sup>th</sup> is the Farm City Banquet.
    - Flag lighting
    - New Flags at the firehall
    - Fire Extinguishers
    - Clerk to order supplies such as brooms, mops and mop bucket, trash bags etc.
  - Canister Site
    - Discussion regarding the mangled post at the canister site.
- **Meetings to Report -**
  - **Ruth Baker -**
    - MACO - Coffee & Chat, Mid-Winter, two Reimagining Rural meetings, Oil & Gas, Department of Justice, Economic Development.
    - Baker will be out of state March 31<sup>st</sup> through April 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Ruth Baue -**
    - MACO - Tax, Budget Finance Class, Economic Development, Mental Health, three Reimagining Rural Meetings.

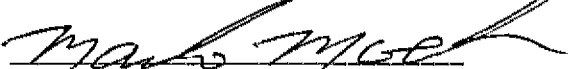
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- Marlo Moehr - NO Meetings
- Next Meeting Agenda Items:
  - Airport Manager Discussion
  - Avel Care - Sheriff
    - Public Health/ School

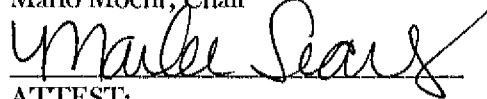
2:5 PM - Adjournment, being no further business to come before the Board, Ruth Baker moved for adjournment, Ruth Baue 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

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Marlo Moehr, Chair



ATTEST:

Marlee Sears, Clerk & Recorder

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Dani Erickson, Deputy Clerk & Recorder

