

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

ORIGINAL

TREASURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
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10:04 AM - Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioners, Ruth Baue, Ruth Baker, and Marlo Mochr Chairman. Treasure County Clerk & Recorder, Marlee Sears, Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz, Treasure County Public Health, Deborah French & Lani McNancy; Treasure County Ambulance Chrissy Hopf; Treasure County Treasurer, Julie Pinkerton, Treasure County Volunteer Fire Department, Bill Hutchison and Treasure County Sheriff, Will Seastrom. Also present were guests, Ruth Edlund, Bart Icopini, and Weed Board Secretary Tyla Keil.

10:14 AM - Minutes Approval, Claims & Payroll

- Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025
  - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baker Moves to approve January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 minutes, Baue 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
Motion Carries
- **Claims:** Claims for January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 were presented for payment in the amount of \$153,468.35, for check number 32037 through 32066. A second claim batch was submitted for payment for the County Commute car Claim number 32067 in the amount of \$13,000.00.
- **Payroll:** Payroll in the amount of .
- \*All Claims were approved & paid.

10:30 AM - Treasure County Road Department Discussion, Robin Rich, not present

- Road Business
  - The road department was moving snow and did not make it to the meeting.

10:45 AM - Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz

- Weed board Organization discussion, Secretary Tyla Keil
  - Secretary Keil was present to discuss with the commissioners the correspondence between the Weed Board and the Road Department.
  - Secretary Keil inquired about the Road Department having a certain number of hours per month and if there were any stipulations to ensure someone comes to a weed board meeting.

11:00 AM - Public Comment -

- Weed Board Organization, Secretary Tyla Keil
  - Nicole stopped in to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Plan. There is a resolution on the agenda for the next commissioner meeting for approval.
  - This is a resolution that has to be completed to remain in good standing to receive grant funding.
  - The mitigation plan now is covered in Districts, we are the Eastern District.
  - There is a March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Grant Submission deadline approaching.
  - The county can adopt this resolution now or it can adopt the resolution in the future once the Eastern Plan is approved, Road Hazard Mitigation was also included in the plan.
- Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz
  - Mrs. Schantz wanted to inform the board of commission that the Town of Hysham is updating their growth policy.

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- Great West Engineering firm is helping with the project.
- Discussion of the County Planning Board could potentially review the Town of Hysham's Growth Policy.
- County Attorney Schantz, is checking into it currently.
- Treasure County Sheriff, Will Seastrom
  - Discussions regarding the new patrol pickup
  - Mention of having a special meeting if needed to sign checks for the purchase of the Sheriff's Vehicle.
  - Commissioners told Will to return around 1:30 to have discussions under department heads.

### 11:15 AM - Stahley Engineering Conference Call, Adam Hagel

- Gibson Road Bridge:
  - Pre-Construction Agenda
  - Bill Castle is the Project Representative
  - Discussions regarding payment, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month
    - Invoices should be turned in no later than the Thursday before the meeting.
  - Chris was going to come to build site to stake the Bridge tomorrow
  - Discussion regarding the surrounding land owners
  - TCA Group has provided the proof of insurance and bonding for the project.
  - Completion date currently sits at March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - There could be a potential for excess funds. The suggestions were for riprap to protect the bridge structure and for gravel over and around the bridge.
  - Discussion regarding the culvert placement for the detour route.
  - Commissioner Moehr offered to be at the bridge site on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as well.
- River Rd Bridge
  - Discussion regarding the River Road Bridge issues including the Southeast wing wall, the structure in the middle of the bridge leaning over and the unreinforced concrete.
  - Senate Bill 536 Funding from Montana Department of Transportation. They will have complete run over the construction and engineering of the project.
- Tullock Bridge
  - Construction has not yet begun due to weather conditions.

### 11:45 PM - Treasure County Department Heads:

- Treasure County Public Health Department, Deb French
  - Discussion of Medical Director replacement for Treasure County.
  - The Department currently has limited capabilities
  - Ambulance is operating as usual
  - Deb drafted a medical director agreement and has reached out to Brady Ruff to inquire about interest in working with Treasure County Public Health.
    - He suggested a fee of \$6,000 for this year to keep the department up and running.
    - \*\* MOTION\*\* - Baue moved to hir Brady Ruff at \$6,000.00 for the year, Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passes.
  - Discussions to set up telehealth and possible clinic days.
- Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz
  - Auction Update for 309 Elliot

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- Discussions of recommendations on the amount of reserve monies the County should ask for the building
- Musser Brothers suggested no reserve on the building
- The board of commissioners would like to at least set up the auction and sell the building at no additional costs to the county if possible.
- Commissioners suggested \$2,000.00 Minimum
  - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baker motioned to amend the reserve amount to \$2,000.00, Baue 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carries.

12:24 PM - Adjourn for lunch

1:05 PM - Treasure County Department Heads:

- Treasure County Fire Department, Bill Hutchison
  - Discussion regarding the lighting at the fire hall.
    - Clerk Sears to contact Don's Electric to service the lighting
    - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baker moved to call Don's Electric to fix the lighting at the fire hall, Baue 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passes.
  - Repainting the lettering on the fire hall door.
    - Bill discussed possibly getting a stencil for the door to paint.
  - The doors and remotes aren't working at the fire hall as well so this needs to be addressed as well.
  - Keypads on the doors need to be replaced. Clerk Sears will have Sean Sears, Maintenance, replace the keypads.
- Treasure County Sheriff Department, Will Seastrom
  - Sheriff had a couple different options for vehicles. The vehicle chosen was the F-150 from Lithia Dodge at \$38,900.00
    - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baue moved to purchase the White Ford F-150 at \$38,900 and to make sure to get a government discount if applicable, Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passes.

2:05 PM - Commissioners,

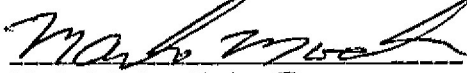
- Discussions
  - Reminder email about the \$500.00 Limitation without pre-approval anything over has to be approved by the Board of Commission.
  - Discussion of chair options. It was determined to buy 7 chairs for the County Courtroom and for Clerk Sears to ask if others wanted/needed replacement chairs. The current quotes received ranged from \$250-270.
  - Chairs were found at \$200.00 so those were the chairs that were purchased.
  - Commute Car for County Employees
    - Discussions regarding the purchase of the county commute car. The absolute bottom dollar she would take for the vehicle would be \$13,000.00.
      - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baker moved to but the 2016 Ford Taraus for the County Commute Car at \$13,000., Baue 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passes.
- Meetings to Report
  - Ruth Baker -
    - 911 Meeting

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- Ruth Baue -
  - Mental Health Meeting
- Marlo Moehr -

3:10 PM Adjournment of regular business: being no further business to come before the Board,  
Ruth Baker moved for adjournment, Ruth Baue seconded the motion.  
Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

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Marlo Moehr, Chair



ATTEST:

Marlee Sears, Clerk & Recorder

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dani Erickson, Deputy Clerk & Recorder

