

TREASURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 20th, 2025

10:05 AM – Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioners, Ruth Baue, Ruth Baker, and Marlo Moehr Chairman. Treasure County Clerk & Recorder, Marlee Sears, Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz; Treasure County Road Department, Joe Watson; Treasure County Public Health Department, Deb French; Treasure County Sheriff's Department, Will Seastrom; Treasure County Council on Aging, Megan Metcalf, Treasure County Weed Board Secretary, Tyla Keil and Treasure County DES Coordinator, Nicole Stephenson. Also present were guests Bart Icopini, Tommy and Karen Van Haele.

10:14 AM – Minutes Approval, Claims & Payroll

- Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting for May 6th, 2025.
 - ****MOTION**** - Baue moved to Approve the minutes for May 6th, 2025, Baker 2nd motion carries.
- **Claims:** Claims for May 20th, 2025 were presented for payment in the amount of \$118,002.42, for check number 32227 through 3258.
- **Payroll:** Payroll for April will be on the next commissioner meeting minutes.
- ***All Claims were approved & paid.**

10:30 AM – Treasure County Road Department Discussion, Joe Watson (Robin Rich Absent)

- Road Business
 - Discussion regarding Pinkerton Cattleguards.
 - Robin suggested waiting until the blacktop warms up to cut the millings, for placement of the Cattleguards
 - Commissioner Moehr requested that the completion of the cattleguard placement should be by July 1st.
 - Discussion of weed spraying at the Cemetery and school football field. It was suggested that with the current Road/Weed employee that the cemetery should spray their own areas.
 - Discussion of the Dust pods.
 - Conversation regarding using the dust pods on the beet dump road much like the Pease bottom road that was reconstructed with the dust pods.
 - The Dust pod representative claimed he would return around June 30th to rework any bad areas on Pease Bottom Rd, then to blade, pack and seal it.
 - Purchase of Roundup

11:00 AM – Public Comment –

- Water/Sewer Line Issues – Tommy and Karen Van Haele
 - Mrs. Van Haele was present to give a complaint regarding the Main Street firehall renovation project. A subcontractor damaged the sewer line that runs to Van Haele's home. Mrs. Van Haele requested the piece of the pipe from the subcontractor for evidence. The Contractor did not give the piece of pipe to Karen. It is assumed that the contractor put a new piece of pipe onto the damaged line. It is assumed that the piece of pipe is buried by the line where the damage occurred.
 - Discussion regarding the sewer line and water line.
 - This is up for discussion in the afternoon with the town, Tommy and Karen mentioned they would return for the afternoon conversation.

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

- **Gibson Road Bridge**
 - Clerk Scars is to forward on the claim payoff for the TCA Group for the final payment, with a copy of the check, and voucher sheet.
- **Tullock Creek Project**
 - Clerk Scars is to place the emailed letter for reimbursement on County Letterhead and return to Kathy Thompson with Stahly Engineering.

11:30 PM – Treasure County DES Coordinator, Nicole Stephenson

- Nicole reported that she did not go to the training in Miles City due to illness.
- Nicole presented a Memorandum of Understanding for Treasure County and Town of Hysham for mutually beneficial actions in the Provisions of Disaster and Emergency Services.
- Nicole also reported that Solestone, the Ambulance Billing vendor, sold to a new company and that it will be transitioning and seems like a much more user-friendly system for reporting.

11:45 PM – Treasure County Public Health, Deb French

- Deb currently has administrative support in her budget, so was thinking of pulling Brady's \$6,000.00 from her county budget.
- Various grant updates
- Updates regarding Measles in Montana, there are currently confirmed cases in Montana. It is spreading. Treasure County public health does have vaccinations available.

12:05 PM – Adjourn for lunch

1:11 PM –Reconvene

- **Treasure County Council on Aging**
 - **Meal Bid Opening**
 - CCOA received one bid for meals, from Mary Baue in the amount of \$14.00 per plate served, which is the same as last years bid.
 - ****MOTION**** - Baker moved to approve the meal bid for the Senior dinner on Wednesday nights at the Community Center, Moehr 2nd Motion carries
 - **** Baue abstained from decision due to family relation.**

1:20 PM Treasure County Weed Board Secretary, Tyla Keil

- **Bozeman Training**
 - Discussion regarding a training in the fall that will take place in Bozeman Montana. She included a package containing estimated costs for the Trainings. Tyla believes that Joe should go as well.
 - The Conservation district will be providing for Tyla a vehicle and fuel therefore the county would just need to cover the registration and the hotel stay.
 - ****MOTION**** - Baue moved to approved Tyla to attend the applicator training in Bozeman in the fall with the county weed fund covering the tuition and hotel stay and that the Conservation District cover transportation and fuel costs, Baker 2nd motion carries.
 - Discussion of possible raise. It was advised to Tyla by the board of commission that this is budget phase of the year and that now is the time to request one, however it will not be enforced until next fiscal year if approved.
- **Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz**

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2:00 PM – Montana Association of Counties – Property & Casualty Trust

- Hope Barker was present to go over the Property & Casualty Trust numbers this year, along with Joel Larson the County Insurance Agent.
- The insurance premium went down 8.74% with approximately \$10,000.00 of savings for the County.
- Workman's Compensation, however, increased from approximately \$11,000 to \$17,000 due to a claim that occurred in 2023. Mr. Larson said that it takes approximately 4 years for a claim to "fall off" therefore to expect rates to stay a little bit higher than normal.

2:30 PM – Firehall Water with Town representatives, Mayor Kenny Rolandson and Town Council Member, Wesley Duncan

- Present were guests Tommy and Karen Van Haele and County Attorney Hanna Schantz
- Water on the Main Street firehall project.
- There are issues regarding where to connect the main firehall water in regards to curb stops. There are multiple curb stops close. One issue is that the county does not want to go through private property to connect to a curb stop. One curb stop was/is decommissioned. There were various suggestions and recommendations given by town representatives and the commission. Commissioner Mochr actually went and looked at the site with Kenny and Wes. Ultimately this discussion was tabled.

Treasure County DES Nicole Stephenson,

- Discussion regarding the Pushover App for Emergency Medical Services and Fire Department. There is a \$5.00 charge for the app. Nicole was requesting on how to or if the county would like to reimburse for the application.
 - ****MOTION**** - Baue moved to approve the reimbursement of the push over application for only EMT's at this time to ensure they like the application, Baker second, motion carries.

Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz

- **Town – County Interlocal Agreement**
 - Discussions regarding the local agreement with the County and the Town with the use of the fire department facilities and water charges.
 - The town would like to place four new meters to show the water used. The town offered to cover half of the cost of the four new meters if the county would cover the other half. It was questioned that the town should cover the whole cost of the meters.
 - Attorney Schantz suggested a special meeting between the County and the Town Council

4:10 PM – Treasure County Clerk & Recorder, Marlee Sears

- **Auditor Signature for Transfer of Company**
 - ****MOTION**** - Baue moved to approve the signature of the Transfer of Company for the Auditing firm from Denning, Downey & Associates to Nexus Group, Baker 2nd, motion carries
- **Review of Audit Draft**
 - Clerk Sears is to complete the Corrective Action Plan and to sign the required Audit Draft documents.
- **Longevity Discussion**
 - Per recommendation of the Compensation Board, Clerk Sears prepared Longevity figurations at \$0.05 and \$0.10 per employee per hour per year of service. Through discussion with the Board of Commission, Clerk Sears is to check with MACO to see if

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Longevity is started if they are able to develop a policy that can be modified, the discussion was tabled until further information is given.

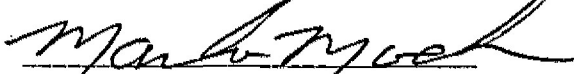
4:50 PM – Commissioners

- Discussions
 - Main Street Firehall
 - Discussion regarding enforcement of a rental fee and also a rental agreement. This agreement needs to include an event insurance policy, to ensure the county is protected from liabilities. Clerk Sears offered to relay information to County Attorney to aide with the development of a policy.
- Meetings to Report
 - Ruth Baker –
 - Ruth Bauc –
 - Marlo Moechr –

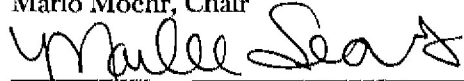
4:51 PM Adjournment, being no further business to come before the Board, Ruth Bauc moved for adjournment, Ruth Baker 2nd the motion.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2025.

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Marlo Moechr, Chair



ATTEST:

Marlee Sears, Clerk & Recorder

BY: _____
Dani Erickson, Deputy Clerk & Recorder

