

June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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TREASURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

**\*\*BUDGET REQUEST Meeting Minutes #2\*\***

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10:02 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 Road Department, Robin Rich; Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz; Town of Hysham Mayor, Kenneth Rolandson, Contractor David Rickett, Platinum Plumbing Contractor Rich Bowen, Treasure County DES Coordinator, Nicole Stephenson, Treasure County Weed Secretary, Tyla Keil, Jenny Calovis from Valley Farmer's Supply for the Fuel Bid Discussion, Federal Parks and Wildlife Representative, Steve Atwood for the FWP Discussion, Treasure County Treasurer, Julie Pinkerton, and Treasure County Television District, Bill Schoelkopf. Also were guests, Gary Van Haele, Bart Icopini.

10:12 AM - Minutes Approval, Claims & Payroll

- Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting for June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.
  - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baker moved to Approve the minutes for May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Baue 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carries.
- Claims: Claims for June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 were presented for payment in the amount of \$47,802.03 for check number 32283 through 32316.
  - Claim # 32315 - For roundup should have been pulled from the Road department not the weed department. Adjustments will be made.
- Payroll: Payroll amounts for June will be on the next regular commissioner meeting minutes.
- \*All Claims were approved & paid.

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

- Fuel Bid
  - Valley Farmers Representative Jenny Calovis was present to give the fuel bid for Treasure County. Please see attached bid paperwork.
  - Cross Petroleum also submitted a bid to Treasure County- also attached paperwork.
  - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baue moved to accept the fuel bid from Valley Farmers, Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carries
    - Beginning July 1, 2025 the County Fuel bid will be with Valley Farmers Supply.
  - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baue then motioned to lease a tank for red dye diesel at the county shop for the contracted price in the amount of 4,000 gallons for \$2.85 per gallon, Baker 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carries.
- Runway Lights
  - Discussion regarding the lights at the Hysham airport as there were some damages.
- Road Equipment
  - Discussion regarding the values of the current road equipment. Commissioner Baue is looking into presenting a request for a new road grader for the road department through the Coal Board Grant. Values are needed for the current equipment to use as collateral or match for the purchase of the machine. The Volvo is estimated at between \$65-75,000 and the John Deere is estimated at \$30,000. The only issue with the Volvo is it is harder to work on and it has become a challenge to buy or find parts for that machine.

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- Road Discussions

- Complaint on Sumatra Road.

**11:00 AM – Public Comment – Gary Van Haele**

- Gary Van Haele was present at the meeting to Thank the Board of Commission for the meeting on Tuesday and touring the location of the curb stop in questions on the main street firehall project.

**11:15 AM – Conference call with Stahly Engineering, Adam Hagel**

- Discussion of the Coal board meeting that Commissioner Baue attended regarding the budget modifications on the Gibson Road Bridge Project.
- Adam stated that he would have Kathy notate the changes and request 100% reimbursement.
- Discussion regarding the Tullock Bridge Culvert Replacement. Treasure County has received the reimbursement funds for that project earlier this month. Discussion regarding the MCEP (Montana Coal Endowment Program) for the Planning Grant and to proceed with that.

**11:30 AM – Treasure County DES/ Floodplain Administrator Budget Requests**

- Neither department had any specific requests so department heads weren't present

**11:45 AM – Treasure County DES Coordinator, Nicole Stephenson**

- Billing Contract
  - Nicole presented the commission with a contract for billing services for the Ambulance service. The pas contractor was Solestone. The new contract is going to be with Gold Cross Services, Inc.
  - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baker moved to sign the new contract for ambulance billing services with Gold Cross Services Inc, Baue 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carries.

**11:50 AM – Treasure County Clerk & Recorder, Marlee Sears**

- Resolution 2025-027 – Resolution to appropriate unanticipated revenue and expenditures in the Bridge Fund
  - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baker moved to approve Resolution 2025-027, Baue 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carries.
- Resolution 2025-028- Resolution to amend the budget for the general fund
  - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baker moved to approve Resolution 2025-028, Baue 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carries.
- Resolution 2025-029- Resolution to amend the budget for the general fund – local government services review
  - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baker moved to approve Resolution 2025-029, Baue 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carries.
- Wool Growers Signature
  - The Memorandum of Understanding was presented to the commissioners for the annual cooperative services agreement between the USDA APHIS Wildlife Service program and the Montana Wool Growers Association.
    - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baue motioned to approve the signature on the Montana Wool Growers Association Agreement, Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carries.

**11:57 AM – Adjourn for lunch**

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**1:05PM -Reconvene**

- **Treasure County Weed Department Budget Requests, Tyla Kiel and Bart Icopini**
  - Discussion regarding the Budget and budget process. The Weed Department would like to potentially increase the Secretary Stipend to \$300.00 per month. So there was an increase in that line item request other than that there were no big expense requests.

**1:30 PM Federal Wildlife and Parks, Steve Atwood**

- Atwood was present to discuss lease option for block management and for a Habitat Conservation Lease option. The Block Management is available right now but the Habitat Conservation Lease Option would come at a later date. There are attached documents full of information about both options and the amounts that Treasure County would receive in revenues from both options. In order to receive the block management the county would have to make a decision today to be available for the upcoming hunting season.
  - **\*\*MOTION\*\*** - Baker motioned to proceed with the Block Management, Baue 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carries.
  - Atwood needed a filled out W9 which was provided at that time.
  - For block management the county should receive \$4,242.00 in December every year for that property.
  - The Habitat Conservation lease has the potential to pay \$380,000.00 for a 40-year lease. This is being considered but is not currently available at this time.

**2:00 PM - Treasure County Rancher Cemetery Budget**

- There are no changes to the Budget so the Department was not present

**2:15 PM - Airport/ Museum and TV District**

- **Airport**
  - NO changes requested
- **Museum, Dana Cunningham**
  - The museum would like to have the county maintenance look at the roof in the museum. It is currently leaking.
  - Discussion regarding the submission of a claim for reimbursement per the auditor's suggestion. Dana will be submitting a claim for reimbursement for the bills paid for the museum.
- **TV District**

**2:30 PM - Treasure County Treasurer, Julie Pinkerton**

- Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Justice.
  - Julie needs a commissioner signature to approve the MOU. It states that the Counties will be going to be responsible for the upkeep and replacement of equipment purchased by the DOJ.

**2:45 PM - Treasure County Volunteer Fire Department ,Jared and Lara Halvorson**

- **Budget Request**
  - The department would like to request and increase in purchased services for the SCBA testing and for engine testing. The department would also like to increase the payout for fireman participation to increase from \$3,000 to \$5,000. The department is looking at changing the By-laws to pay all fireman.

**3:00 PM - Meetings to Report**

- **Ruth Baker -**
  - MACO in Forsyth - 06-16-2025.

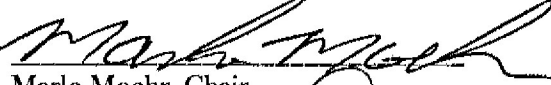
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- Ruth Baue -
  - MACO in Forsyth - 06-16-2025
  - Budget and Finance Meeting - 06-10-2025
- Marlo Moehr -

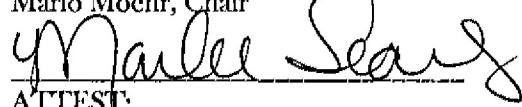
4:51 PM Adjournment, being no further business to come before the Board, Ruth Baue moved for adjournment, Ruth Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2025.

TREASURE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Marlo Moehr, Chair



ATTEST:

Marlee Sears, Clerk & Recorder

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

