

ORIGINAL

September 15th, 2026

TREASURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

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10:08 AM - Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioners, Ruth Bauc, Vice Chairman and Ruth Baker, Board Member; Treasure County Clerk & Recorder, Marlee Sears; Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz; Treasure County Road Department Supervisor, Robin Rich; Treasure County Sheriff's Department, Scott Upchurch; Treasure County Council on Aging, Megan Metcalf; and Guest(s), Dave McNaney; Platinum Insurance Representative, Rick Call.

10:11 AM - Minutes Approval, Claims & Payroll

- Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting September 1st, 2026.
 - ****MOTION**** - Baker moved to approve the minutes for September 1st, 2026, Bauc 2nd motion carries.
- Claims: Claims for September in the amount of \$22,396.70. Claim numbers 33109 through 33137. The Nexus Bill was approved for payment at this meeting.
- Payroll: Payroll will be on the first set of meeting minutes for October.
- *All Other Claims were approved & paid.

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

- Pease Bottom Road
 - Discussion of maintenance of Pease Bottom Road, Rich says he is looking for a brush to get the gravel out of potholes prior to filling.
- Temporary Road Department Position for the purposes to fix/ improve Pease Bottom Road. This would be a job just to complete the project of Pease Bottom Road. Hire rate is \$20.00.
- Discussion on fuel and propane
 - Fuel and propane award. County did not violate state law purchases were less than 80,000, 7-5-2301 MCA. Steps taken and Town & County has already been awarded
 - Recommendation to proceed as planned. Then next year we will reopen bids to proceed with Fiscal Year 2028.
- Wilson Road Bridge
 - Discussion of Wilson Road Bridge
 - Discussion of size of Culverts, thirteen feet.
 - Hole has to be filled asap
- Discussion on Bench Road - Commissioner Bauc states the holes HAVE to be filled by the time they start construction for the re-rout of traffic on Old Highway 10

11:00 AM - Public Comment - No Public Comment

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

- Bridges

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- On the bridge progress, our bridge is a little over five tons. The bridges are categorized under the size of the bridges. Bridges under four tons takes first priority, bridges under five tons takes 2nd priority and then anything over five tons is the third priority.
- Adam will work to resubmit the application with the submission date being October 20.
- Discussion of the MCEP planning grant.

11:40 AM – Recess for Lunch – There is lunch provided for LEPC on this day. Baue moved to adjourn for lunch, Baker 2nd, motion carries.

1:15 PM –Reconvene after Lunch

- Platinum Insurance
 - Discussion of what Platinum Insurance has and what they have to offer. Platinum has policies comparable to Aflac. More benefits than Aflac. This is an HSA that is all yours there is no restrictions. 50 to 100 every single time something happens. This policy pays as well on top of other insurance policies such as Tri-Care. 0.16/ mile round trip. Nursing home insurance. The policy will allow you to be at home and get paid instead of having to go to a nursing home. NO actual HSA. There are screening benefits.

1:31 PM – DES Coordinator & Fire Department – Nicole Stephenson, Not Present

- Approval of the DNRC fire truck purchase. NO update on the generator.
 - ****MOTION**** - Baker motioned to purchase the firetruck from the Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$5,000.00.

1:34 PM – County Council on Aging, Megan Metcalf

- Action for Eastern Montana Contract
 - Signature of Contract and discussion regarding the different funding areas of the fund.
 - ****MOTION**** - Baker moved to sign the contract for Action for Eastern Montana Contract, Baue 2nd, motion carries.
 - Updates –
 - Sail classes have resumed – she has had thirteen different participants
 - Free training for care givers.
 - Having BINGO once a month.
 - The commuter van for the Seniors has been pushed back to next spring.

2:10 PM – Commissioner Discussions

- Community Center Floors – Commissioner Baue presented bid for the flooring costs at \$11,293.07 from the carpet garage for the community center flooring. ****NOTE**** - This does not include transition strips & Woodsman Design was previously approved to install the flooring at a prior meeting. We need to get an updated bid since the time has lapsed.
- Road Tour Dates – Previously scheduled meeting was canceled. Discussion on possible new date for road tour.
- Circle B Agricultural Survey – Special Meeting.
- Resolution 2027-006 – Treasure County Resolution of Intent to create a C-Pace Program –
 - ****MOTION**** - Baker motions to approve Resolution 2027-006 , Baue 2nd motion carries.

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2:35 PM - Commissioner Meetings to Report -

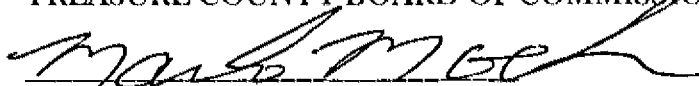
- Ruth Baker - Town Council Meeting, Kurt Alme Meeting
- Ruth Baue -
- Marlo Mochr - Absent

- Next Meeting Agenda Items/ Reminders: Flooring

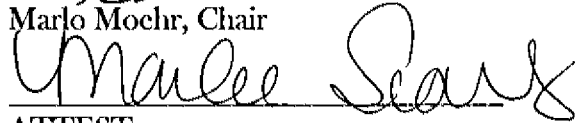
2:45 PM - Adjournment, being no further business to come before the Board, Ruth Baker moved for adjournment, Ruth Baue 2nd the motion, motion carries.

Dated this 16th day of October, 2026.

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Marlo Mochr, Chair



ATTEST:

Marlee Sears, Clerk & Recorder

BY: _____
Dani Erickson, Deputy Clerk & Recorder

