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TREASURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

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10:09 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; Treasure County Sheriff's Department, Will Seastrom; Treasure County Disaster and Emergency Services Director, Nicole Stephenson. Guest(s) present were Scott Upchurch.

10:06 AM - Minutes Approval, Claims & Payroll

- Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting for October 21st, 2025.
 - ****MOTION**** - Baue moved to Approve the minutes for October 21st, 2025, Baker 2nd Motion Carries.
- **Claims:** Claims for October 31st, 2025 were presented for payment in the amount of: \$19,489.98, for check number 32541 through 32566.
- **Payroll:** Payroll for October in the amount of \$96,511.57 was approved on October 21st, 2025 for deduction check numbers 23554-23560 and then employee check numbers 23543-23553. Commissioner Moehr signed checks on October 21st, 2025.
- ***All Other Claims were approved & paid.**

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

- Trucks to Auction
 - The Military truck and the blue Chevy trucks are finally going to auction after the title work was received. The military truck will have a minimum bid of \$2,500.00 and the Blue Chevy will have a minimum bid of \$1,000.00.
- Concrete in the Sand Room in the County Shop
 - Commissioners would like to continue on with the concrete in the sand room at the county shop. The board asked for Robin to have bids at the next scheduled commissioners meeting.
- Storage Buildings
 - Discussion of storage buildings.
- County Shop
 - Response from Jess Cunningham with Baue Construction, reached out to another contractor, Centimark out of Billings quoted the roof repairs at \$7,930.00.
- Road Grader
 - The initial payment is to come from Federal Mineral Royalties. There will be reimbursement from the Coal Board Grant once the grader is paid for. Once the invoice is received, the grader can be purchased.
- Canister Site
 - Discussion regarding port-a-pottys. The board would like some information at the next meeting for new facility.

11:00 AM - Public Comment - NO Comment

11:05 AM - Treasure County Department Heads:

- Treasure County DES Director, Nicole Stephenson
 - Update after regional meeting
 - There is a FEMA rework group

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- The Homeland Security Grants have been moved to a one-year working completion.
- **Regional DES Call**
 - Discussions of an exercise in Miles City on possibly March 17th and 18th of 2026.
 - Discussions of an Operation Center located in Miles City for our region for potential ice jam situations, to include debris management.
 - There is a refresher training in Miles City in January that she would like to attend.
- **Cybersecurity**
 - Mandatory call with elections for security on November 24th, 2025 with Elections Admin. M. Sears.
- **Budget**
 - Stephenson suggests the Board of Commissioners begin looking at the budget for these disaster situations and to start holding money aside for “rainy day” disasters. As these disasters are quick to come, are costly for clean up and are unexpected.
- **Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz**
 - **Appraisal Information**
 - It was determined that the county would have to have an appraisal done before any discussions could be made regarding the sale of the county land.
 - Once the appraisal is completed then there could be possible discussion of a land swap in order to obtain and secure an easement.
 - There were two quotes received for appraisers one from Brenda McNaney with ROVE Valuations out of Billings Montana . The other was from George Luther with Luther Appraisal Services out of Miles City, MT.
 - ****MOTION**** - Bauc moved to approve the hire of George Luther with Luther Appraisal Services to complete the appraisal for Treasure County, Baker 2nd motion carries.
- **Treasure County Clerk & Recorder, Marlee Sears**
 - **County Credit Cards**
 - Clerk Sears is currently outreaching to find a different credit card services with better benefits for the County. One option discussed was through Costco. This card has great benefits but the County would have to provide memberships for all card users which would approximately cost 260.00 per year in annual fees. The county does not want to pay individual memberships per user. The board advised Clerk Sears to continue to search for a card with good benefits.
 - **Expense Transfer**
 - Commissioners okayed the transfer of funds for the purchase of the television and mounts from individual departments to facilities as this is a multi-use investment not just for the court systems. This charge will now be pulled 100% from facilities.
 - **Audit & Audit-in Lieu of Annual Financial Report – Update**
 - Clerk Sears has been in contact with the Nexus Group for the audit. All departments have been sending over an abundance of information regarding the fiscal year 2025 audit.
 - Clerk Sears has emailed out invitation to bid letters to 3 separate audit firms, Nexus group, Olness & Associates, and Strom & Associates. There has also been an add posted in the Yellowstone County News to receive bids by December 1st prior to the first scheduled meeting on December 2nd, 2025.

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- Audit-in-Lieu of AFR update is that the Local Government Services returned the request. There is now a signature line for the auditor to sign and acknowledge that the audit can be completed by March 31st, 2026. Clerk Sears had discussions with the Nexus Group Auditor, Jonathan Mahrt. After discussion with Jonathan there is no guarantee that they county would be able to have the audit complete by March 31st, 2026. Therefore, the request was withdrawn and the Clerk and recorders office will work with Nancy Everson of MACO Budget & Finance Department, and Nexus Group to get the AFR completed for Fiscal Year 2025. The AFR was not budgeted for and there is a short time frame to complete the document as it is due December 31st, 2025.

12:03 PM – Recess for Lunch

1:31 PM –Reconvene

- **Treasure County Department Heads:**
 - **Treasure County Sheriff's Department, Will Seastrom**
 - Purchase of a new computer that isn't currently compatible with first net.
 - When an undersheriff is hired, the department will need a new computer.
 - Seastrom has found multiple different options for purchase. He does have money in his budget
 - Spiro still assists when he can.
 - ****MOTION**** - Baker moved to purchase the new computer system, Baue 2nd motion carries.
- **Guest Scott Upchurch**
 - Scott is potentially looking to run for Sheriff in Treasure County in the upcoming 2026 election. He has 31 years in law enforcement and is currently employed with Rosebud County Sheriff's Department. He mentioned he would like to start attending the meetings so the board might see him from time to time.

1:35 PM –Commissioner Discussions

- **Main Street Firehall**
 - Discussion of purchase of a stove and refrigerator
 - Open house hours for the November 22nd, fundraiser is from 4-7 pm.
- **Commissioner Meetings Attended**
 - **Commissioner Moehr** – No meetings to report
 - **Commissioner Baue** –
 - **Commissioner Baker** –

1:59 PM - Adjournment, being no further business to come before the Board, Ruth Baue moved for adjournment, Ruth Baker 2nd the motion.

County Canvas of Town of Hysham Municipal Election

2:00 PM –Call to Order Commissioners, Ruth Baue, Ruth Baker, and Marlo Moehr Chairman.
Treasure County Clerk & Recorder- Election Administrator, Marlee Sears.

2:05 PM – The board of canvassers reviewed the election results looking at the tally books and the reconciliation of the ballots. The board conceded with the results obtained on the November 4th

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election. The results read that Mayor elect is Kenneth Rolandson. Town Council members elect - 2 seats:

1. Wes Duncan
2. Jessica Schwarzrock.

These are four-year terms that start January 1st, 2026 and end December 31st, 2029.

- o ****MOTION**** - Baue move to approve the canvass results of the Town of Hyslam Municipal Election held on November 4th, 2025 by all-mail ballot, Baker 2nd motion carries.

2:15 PM - Adjournment, being no further business to come before the Board, Ruth Baue moved for adjournment, Ruth Baker 2nd the motion

Dated this 18th day of November, 2025.

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Marlo Moch, Chair

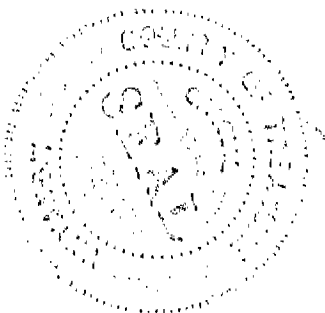
Marlee Sears

ATTEST:

Marlee Sears, Clerk & Recorder

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NOTICE OF AGENDA**TREASURE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING****Tuesday November 18th, 2025****Within the Treasure County Courtroom****10:00 AM - Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

- Approval of Minutes for November 6th, 2025
- Claims Review & Check Signing

10:30 AM – Treasure County Road Department

- Updates

10:45 AM – Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz

- County Owned Land Discussion: Appraisal, Luther Appraisal Service: Engagement Agreement Letter & Retainer

11:00 AM - Public Comment**11:15 AM – Monthly Conference Call, Stahly Engineering, Adam Hagel**

- Updates

11:45 AM – Treasure Co Pub Health, Deb French & Ambulance, Chrissy Hopf

- Updates

12:00 PM - Recess for LEPC Lunch @ Ambulance Hall**1:15 PM – Treasure County Department Heads:**

- Treasure County Clerk & Recorder, Marlee Sears
 - Discussion on County Credit Cards

1:30 PM – Commissioners

- Elliott Firehall; Discussion of Rental Policy, Fees & Cleaning
- Resolution 2026-005: Authorization to Submit MCEP Infrastructure Planning Grant Application
- MCEP Infrastructure Planning Grant Application
- Correspondence
- Report on any meetings attended.

2:30 PM – Adjournment

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