

TREASURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 10th, 2026

10:08 AM – Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioners, Marlo Mochr, Chairman; Ruth Baue, Vice Chairman and Ruth Baker, Board Member; Treasure County Clerk & Recorder, Marlee Sears; Treasure County Attorney, Hanna Schantz & Nicole Stephenson; Treasure County Treasurer, Julie Pinkerton; Treasure County Road Department Supervisor, Robin Rich; Treasure County Sheriff's Department, Scott Upchurch; Treasure County TV District, Bill Schoelkopf; and Guest(s), Dave McNaney and Chad Howard

10:11 AM – Minutes Approval, Claims & Payroll

- Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting July 21st, 2026.
 - ****MOTION**** - Baker moved to approve the minutes for July 21st, 2026, Baue 2nd motion carries.
- Claims: Claims for July 31st, 2026 in the amount of \$35,796.71. Claim numbers 33045 through 33072. The Nexus bill continues to be held.
 - Discussion of where the concrete in the sand room and which fund it was paid from, the road fund.
- Payroll: Payroll for August will be on the first month set of claims for September.
- *All Other Claims were approved & paid.

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

- The tractor was received and came with a loader
- Robin presented a bid for Don's Electric to replace 9 lights in the sand room
 - ****MOTION**** - Baue moved to accept Don's Electric Bid to fix the sand room lights, Baker 2nd motion carries.
- Discussion of dust control for Treasure County
- Discussion of culverts, ditches, & cattleguards
- Department of Transportation, regarding Pease Bottom Road discussion.
- Discussion of the Commissioner Road Tour, Dave McNaney would like to accompany the commissioners and show some specific areas. Possibly split the tour into two separate days. McNaney requested that the road tour not take place on a Thursday, he has prior scheduled engagements on Thursdays.

11:00 AM – Public Comment –

- Chad Howard & Dave McNaney
 - Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) discussion regarding the removal of railway crossings on privately owned land, BNSF has been sending correspondence offering a lump sum of \$5,000.00 to remove privately owned railway crossings. Mr. Howard has received three notices now and this is stating that BNSF is just going to take out the crossings.
 - Mr. Howard has major concerns with removing the railway crossings especially in the rural areas because of the Emergency Services such as Ambulance and Fire Control.
 - County Attorney Hanna Schantz, was present and informed Mr. Howard and Mr. McNaney that if it was on county owned property it would be more impactful. Given that these are privately owned crossings, the county could formulate a "letter of support" that requests the crossings stay for emergency services to have access in rural

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areas. Also, if the county asks that the crossings are not removed BNSF could potentially ask that the county maintain the crossing.

- ****MOTION**** - Baue moved that the Treasure County Commissioners would write a letter of support directed toward, Aecom, in regards to BNSF proposed crossing closings, that Treasure County supports private landowners in Treasure County, Baker 2nd motion carries.

11:15 AM – Department Heads:

- Treasure County Clerk & Recorder, Marlee Sears
 - Resolution 2027-001 – Increase Mileage Rates
 - ****MOTION**** - Baue moved to approve Resolution 2027-001 to increase the mileage rates for Fiscal Year 2027, Baker 2nd, motion carries.
- Treasure County Attorney Hanna Schantz,
 - Vacating Summit Street
 - Rolandson's will be acquiring 75 feet. The town of Hysham held two separate public meetings. Discussions were had in regards to the easement to the back of the Town Hall Building. The town will be retaining the street portion to hold onto the easement; therefore, the County would have no involvement in the final resolution of the situation.

11:50 AM – Recess for Lunch – Baue moved to adjourn for lunch, Baker 2nd, motion carries.

1:08 PM –Reconvene after Lunch

- Treasure County TV District, Bill Schoelkopf
 - Bill was present to discuss the licensing and renewal license for the TV District towers.
 - There was a pause in the renewal in 2021. Therefore, the Licensing department stated that it might be best to cancel the old permits and submit applications for new permits (even though they are existing towers). Susan Hansen has told Bill she could fill out the applications for a fee. They would be \$500.00 for both construction permits and for the actual applications it would be \$150.00.
 - The other option would be to pay the \$3,000.00 fine to renew existing license.
 - The board suggested to go with the new licensing and transition the name on the license to be under Treasure County not Treasure County Television District. Right now the license does not include Treasure County in the name.
 - ****MOTION**** - Baker makes the motion to proceed with Susan Hansen to file two new permit applications for FCC licensing @ \$500.00 and for two license applications @ \$150.00, Baue 2nd, motion carries.
- Treasure County Sheriff's Department, Scott Upchurch
 - Discussion of the grants for the sheriff's office. Upchurch has gotten both applications in on time but currently has received nothing at this moment in time.
 - New Hire - Upchurch has hired Anthony Martinez as a deputy for Treasure County.
 - Sheriff Upchurch has been getting a lot of call volume and plans to go have discussion with dispatch later this week.

1:45 PM – Commissioner Discussions

- Community Center Floors – Commissioner would prefer to not go with the Commercial grade carpet. This will be on a future agenda as the contractor has reached out to other companies for higher quality LVP flooring that is commercial grade.
- Road Tour Dates – Discussion regarding the best plan to go on a Road tour. Hoping to travel 1 day for the southern part of the county and 1 day for the northern half. Friday August 14th, 2026 @ 10:00 am is the discussed date.

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1:52 PM – Commissioner Meetings to Report –

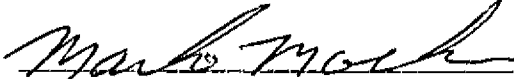
- Ruth Baker – Town of Hysham Board meeting & Planning Board
- Ruth Baue - No Meetings
- Marlo Moehr – No Meetings

- Next Meeting Agenda Items/ Reminders: Flooring

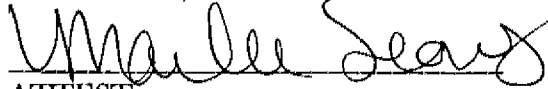
1:55 PM - Adjournment, being no further business to come before the Board, Ruth Baue moved for adjournment, Ruth Baker 2nd the motion, motion carries.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2026.

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Marlo Moehr, Chair



ATTEST:

Marlee Sears, Clerk & Recorder

BY: _____
Dani Erickson, Deputy Clerk & Recorder

