

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS
MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Monday
June 1st, 2026
8:51 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.
Commissioner Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:51 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Ben Hurwitz, Vice-Chairman Errol Galt and Commissioner Brewer were present for the meeting.

Public Comment:

There is no public comment at this time.

Minutes Approval:

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve meeting minutes from February 17, 2026. Vice-Chairman Galt seconded the motion.

MACo PCT and Mid-Montana Insurance- Hope Barker and Jodi Tierney

Hope Barker entered the chambers at 8:51 a.m.

Jodi Tierney entered the chambers at 8:53 a.m.

Hope Barker presented the Commissioners with a packet of MACo insurance information. She ran through the current MACo adjustments and what the Commissioners can expect.

Jodi Tierney presented the Commissioners with a renewal proposal packet. Tierney walked the Commissioners through the packet and explained each liability and mod factors. She explained how the modification factor can potentially go down if there are less workers' compensation claims.

Road Report- Jake Kusek

Jake Kusek entered the chambers at 9:41 a.m.

Cory Claussen entered the chambers at 9:41 a.m.

Cory Claussen starts the conversation with an introduction of himself and DCI Engineers. He continues with helping to get state funds for a number of county bridges replaced. Cory believes there are certain bridges that would be more eligible for state funds than the bridges the commissioners have been currently looking at replacing. Cory and the Commissioners discussed the various bridge structures and what is best for different water way crossings. The Commissioners all agreed that the first bridge to work on will be in Ringling per Cory's recommendation. Commissioner Brewer suggested Cory and Jake seek grant money for the Cottonwood bridge near Martinsdale second to the Ringling bridge.

Jake Kusek continued the conversation with a regular monthly update. Kusek was asked to blade the road from Jackson Road to the shooting range gates. The Commissioners agreed and Jake will reach out to Scott Jackson who owns the road and property.

The gravel crushing is working at Fort Logan. Jake presents the Commissioners with an example of the quality of gravel. He said that he is happy so far.

Kusek added that the new hire Tanner Blair is picking up operating equipment well.

Red Ants Pants Music Festival- Sarah Calhoun

Sarah Calhoun entered the chambers at 10:30 a.m.

Calhoun started the conversation with the annual request to close a portion of Jackson Road and lowering the speed limit for the duration of Red Ants Pants Music Festival. The Commissioners agreed. She asked about Mag-Chloride on the road. The Commissioners replied that Jake will know more about the current situation for Mag-Chloride. She reported on the portable toilets at the transfer site. She owns the toilets and working with Tanner Blair to move the toilets off the transfer site property after the festival. Calhoun added that this is the 15th year and they have additional programs and activities to celebrate; including an additional day added to the festival. Sarah suggested Meagher County put a welcome notice into Meagher County News for the festival.

ACTION #1

Resolution FY 25.26 #88

Vice-Chairman Galt moved to approve the lower speed limit of 25 miles per hour and the of closure Jackson Road between the main entrance and the campground gates for the duration of Red Ants Pants Music Festival July 22 through 26, 2026. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Cemetery Report- Kathy Palmer

Kathy Palmer entered the chambers at 10:51 a.m.

Randy Harden entered the chambers at 10:51 a.m.

Kathy Palmer presented the monthly update on the cemetery with the addition of ten trees. Kathy advised that they took bids for fixing up the fence. They will likely take Menard Fencing's bid. Randy Harden stated that Menard Fencing thought they could turn this it a progressive project and work on the fence piece by piece over a few years. Harden stated that the south end fence is in poor condition from the neighbor's cattle so they are planning to fix the south end first. Randy added that the rock gate is getting tattered so that will be added to the list of repair projects. The discussion continued to the well drilling. Commissioner Brewer agreed to come to the Cemetery when H&L Drilling arrives to drill the new well.

Republic Services Update- Ryan Coffman

Scott Frasier entered the chambers at 11:26 a.m.

Eva Kerr entered the chambers at 11:32 a.m.

Ryan Coffman with Republic Services did not join the meeting.

Scott Frasier requests permission to post a job vacancy for the Custodian position.

ACTION #2

Resolution FY 25.26 #89

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the job posting for the Custodian position. Vice-Chairman Galt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The issue is hereby resolved.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Checks #63634 through Checks #63668 for the amount of \$69,748.29. All Checks were signed as presented.

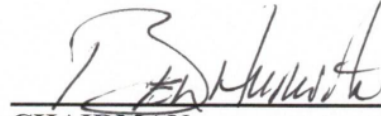
Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Monday, June 8th, 2026.


CLERK & RECORDER


CHAIRMAN


VICE CHAIRMAN


COMMISSIONER



Note: Minutes taken by Clerk to the Commission Taylor Johnson.
Distributed May 4th, 2026 to Chairman Hurwitz, Vice-Chairman Galt, Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Liv A. West.