

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
McCONE COUNTY, MONTANA
CIRCLE, MONTANA**

Monday, September 14, 2026

At the hour of 9 a.m. the Board attended the Compensation Committee Meeting in the Courthouse with Nita Crockett, Treasurer, Savannah Hanson, Clerk of Court, Paul Skyberg, Sheriff, Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder, Cary Phillips, South Road Department Foreman, Mary Heide, Farmers Union Oil, and Dave Miller, Cenex Harvest States.

Cary Phillips, South Road Foreman, met with the Board to discuss the Snow Rodeo, road repairs, and budget issues. The Board approved the purchase of grader tires for approximately \$2,500.

The Board of Commissioners of McCone County, Montana, met in regular session with Lonny Jensen, Ty Taylor, and Alan Stempel present. Presiding Officer Alan Stempel called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Commissioner Jensen moved to amend the agenda to add Reimbursement request Number 5 for AIP 3-30-0016-013-2025, and the AWOS Annual Maintenance Agreement. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the agenda is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The September 8, 2026 minutes were approved as read.

There were no Committee Reports.

The Board reviewed the contract with Dawson County for the Sanitarian. Commissioner Taylor motioned to approve the contract for 2026-2027 and Commissioner Jensen seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the contract is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed and approved the Midrivers Encroachment Permits for crossing county roads in the South Road Department to install cable. **(Copies of the permits are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Dan Curtiss, North Road Foreman, met with the Board to discuss the budget, the vehicle purchased on the recent auction, and road repair issues. The Board approved the sale of an outdated and used cattle guard which will be sold by auction.

The Board reviewed Reimbursement Request Number 5 for KLJ for the Circle Town/County Airport. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the request and Commissioner Jensen seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the request is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed the AWOS Annual Maintenance Contract for the Circle Town/County Airport. Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the request and Commissioner Taylor seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the contract is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board will continue to work to recover the recorded minutes from September 8, 2026 which showed they recorded, but are not currently available due to technical problems.

The meeting was opened to public participation at 1:00 p.m.

Tara Hubing, Superintendent, and Rachelle Kirkegard, Circle Schools District Clerk, met with the Board to discuss funding to ensure the school receives their funds in a timely manner, and the deed for the football field.

Paul Skyberg, Sheriff, and Virginia Richardson, TAC, met with the Board to discuss audit findings, levies and the budget.

Paula Pederson, Deputy Treasurer, met with the Board to present the updated Cash Reconciliation and Investment Report for August 2026. Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the report and Commissioner Taylor seconded. The motion passed 3-0. **(A copy of the report is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

Uriah Kirkegard, and Rick Hogan, Kirkegard Construction, met with the Board to discuss the Fairgrounds Building.

Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder, met with the Board to discuss the 26-27 Budget.

Roger Schara, Circle Fire Chief, met with the Board to discuss Fire Restriction stages, and Fire Department issues.

Correspondence occupied the Board for the rest of the day.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

The minutes are also available on the Commissioner page of the McCone County website at www.mcconecountymt.com.

McCone County Commissioners

Attest:
(Seal)

Alan Stempel, Presiding Officer

Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder