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

Monday, November 2, 2026

Roger Schara, Circle Fire Chief, met with the Board to discuss vehicle and equipment repairs, and lessons learned from the school evacuation.

The Board of Commissioners of McCone County, Montana, met in regular session with Ty Taylor, and Alan Stempel present. Presiding Officer Alan Stempel called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Stempel seconded the motion and the motion passed 2-0. **(A copy of the agenda is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The October 19, 2026 minutes were approved as amended.

There were no Committee Reports.

The officers' reports for October, 2026 were reviewed and approved for the District Court, Sheriff, Clerk and Recorder, and Justice Court. **(Copies of the reports are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed the county bills.

Commissioner Taylor motioned to allow Commissioner Jensen to purchase rugs to replace the rugs the county uses from the Vestis Cleaning Service. The cost will be approximately $900. This purchase will save the county money on cleaning bills.

The Board visited with the local G and G Garbage crew to request a trash pickup at the North Road Shop. Allie Solberg, G and G Garbage representative, will add the pickup to the route list.

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

The Board reviewed and approved the payroll for the month of October, 2026. Voucher #4 for warrants #83711 through #83714 was issued in the amount of $4,987.91. Voucher #1014 for automatic deposits in the amount of $122,380.75 for a total payroll of $127,368.66 was reviewed and approved. **(Copies of the voucher and payroll register are on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed and approved timesheets for October, 2026 for the employees and department heads under the supervision of the County Commissioners.

At the hour of 2 pm with Virginia Richardson, Frank Wright, and Jeanne Kirkegard, in attendance the Board reviewed the McCone County Employee Wage Resolution #26-09-30(B). The Board tabled the decision to approve the resolution and will review an amended resolution on November 9, 2026 at 2 pm. **(A copy of the resolution is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board discussed the school evacuation, current road conditions and potential road improvements, the intention to review the budget on November 9, 2026, and the audit.

The Board reviewed the decision made last week by Commissioner Stempel and Commissioner Jensen, who were in the courthouse at the same time last week, to allow the offices in the courthouse to close to give everyone an opportunity to attend a funeral on Friday afternoon. Similar closures have occurred in the past. They met with Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder, and Nita Crockett, Treasurer, separately, to discuss the issue. No meeting was scheduled and no minutes were taken.

The Board reviewed and approved county claims for the month of October, 2026. Voucher #1016 for the amount of $87,742.82 was signed at this time. **(A copy of the claim register and voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files)**

Voucher #1015 for warrants #83715 and #83716 in the amount of $44,644.20 was reviewed and approved. **(A copy of the voucher is on file in the Commissioners' files.)**

The Board reviewed the question received last week about a building permit for a building at the Fairgrounds.

The Board discussed the status on the Action Plan to address issues raised by the state. The Board continues to build a spreadsheet of daily/weekly/monthly/annual or longer requirements.

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:
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Alan Stempel, Presiding Officer

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Sherry Kluth, Clerk and Recorder