

# JOURNAL NO. 33

## ROOSEVELT COUNTY MONTANA

### ROOSEVELT COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PROCEDURES FOR FEBRUARY 2026

**February 10, 2026**

#### **Special Public Meeting**

**Present:** Commissioners Robert Toavs, Presiding Officer; Gordon Oelkers and Doug Marottek, Members; Lindsey McNabb, DES Coordinator; John Bach, Interstate Engineering; Ronnie Lindberg, RL Lindberg Construction LLC; Ryan Schaner, Bishop Inc; Ty Hickey COP Construction; Bryce Kirk and Apollo Kirk, Site Pro Construction LLC; Leon Clause, Heart 7 Excavation.

**Zoom:** None

Commissioner Toavs called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

#### **Brockton Community Hydrant Replacements Bid Opening**

It was noted that the county reserves the right to reject or waive any bids for the best interest of the county.

A motion was made by Commissioner Oelkers to accept all bids received and waive the informalities on the ten o'clock bid opening, seconded by Commissioner Marottek. Passed

John Bach verified and opened the following five bids:

1. Heart 7 Excavation in the amount of \$351,650.00
2. Bishop Inc in the amount of \$194,449.00
3. RL Lindberg Construction in the amount of \$243,160.00
4. COP Construction in the amount of \$336,890.00
5. Site Pro Construction in the amount of \$299,360.00

John Bach will check bids for accuracy and have a recommendation for the Commissioners by February 24, 2026 regular public meeting. Commissioners thanked the bidders for their participation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Oelkers to take the bids under advisement with Interstate Engineering and inform the bidders on February 24, 2026 regular public meeting, seconded by Commissioner Marottek. Passed

Commissioner Oelkers moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Marottek seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 A.M.

**February 10, 2026**

#### **Regular Public Meeting**

**Present:** Commissioners Robert Toavs, Presiding Officer; Gordon Oelkers and Doug Marottek, Members; Lindsey McNabb, DES Coordinator; Erika Fyfe, Clerk of Court; Bill Vanderweele, Northern Plains Independent Newspaper; Bill Juve.

**Zoom:** Alex Amonette, Citizens Climate Lobby.

Commissioner Toavs called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

**Public Comment:** None

**Commissioner Update:** Doug had nothing to report.

Gordon reported that he had a meeting with the National Association of Counties and the Tribal Affairs Subcommittee regarding efforts to secure a new federal PILT

payment for counties when land is placed into trust. When deeded land goes into trust status, the county loses approximately \$10,000 per year in property tax revenue for that land.

Gordon also attended the City of Culbertson council meeting to discuss the potential purchase of the OMS shop in Culbertson for use by the fire department. Possible funding sources discussed included fire department funds, oil revenue, and requesting funding assistance from the Governor.

Robert reported that he attended an informational Board of Health meeting; however, no quorum was present. He also worked on obtaining an MDU permit for lighting related to the Rodeo Road safety project.

Additionally, Robert attended the first MACo roundtable via Zoom, which focused on current MACo related issues. He reported that the Commissioners participated in financial training with the Sheriff's Office and the state in response to an audit finding concerning the Detention Center commissary account.

**Minutes:**

**Minutes for the Regular Public Meeting on January 27, 2026**

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve the minutes for the regular public meeting on January 27, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

**Minutes for the Month of January 2026**

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve the minutes for the month of January 2026, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

**Administrative Issues:**

**Maintenance Department Employee Brenda Abraham Retirement**

A motion was made by Commissioner Oelkers to acknowledge the retirement of Maintenance employee Brenda Abraham and to express gratitude for her 31 years of service, seconded by Commissioner Marottek. Passed

**Action on Clerk of Court Request to Purchase Chairs for the Courtroom**

A motion was made by Commissioner Oelkers to approve Clerk of Court request to purchase seven new chairs for the courtroom from Wills Office World in the amount of \$3,429.00 to be paid from the counting building fund, seconded by Commissioner Marottek. Passed

**Action on Letter of Support for Permitting Reform**

Commissioner Toavs opened it up for discussion.

Alex Amonette, a volunteer with the Citizens Climate Lobby, presented on the comprehensive permitting reform in Congress, emphasizing the need for transmission line improvements and community engagement. Commissioner Oelkers expressed concerns about the organization's goals, particularly regarding fossil fuel restrictions and emphasized the importance of all-of-the above energy policies for Montana.

Commissioner Oelkers advised Alex to seek support from specific Montana organizations before approaching counties, and Alex acknowledged receiving support letters from several counties. Commissioner Oelkers advised Alex to contact the MACO energy committee and Montana association of Oil, Gas and Coal committee to seek support for permitting reform before returning to the commission.

No motion was made regarding a letter of support for permitting reform. There being no motion, the matter was not considered further.

**Claims:**

**Claims for February 5, 2026 in the amount of \$148,556.03**

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve the claims for February 5, 2026 in the amount of \$148,556.03, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

**Pay Raises:**

**Six Month Pay Raise for Detention Center Employee Tasha Fourstar**

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve six month pay raise for Detention Center employee Tasha Fourstar, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

**New Hire:** None

**Additional Administrative Issues:** None

**New Business:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

Commissioner Oelkers moved to adjourn the meeting  
Commissioner Marottek seconded the motion.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:24 A.M.

## **February 24, 2026**

### **Regular Public Meeting**

**Present:** Commissioners Robert Toavs, Presiding Officer; Doug Marottek, Member; Lindsey McNabb, DES Coordinator; Bill VanderWeele, Northern Plains Independent Newspaper; Bill Juve.

**Zoom:** Commissioner Gordon Oelkers, Member; Clayton Vine, GIS Coordinator; April Keen, Hub Insurance; John Bach, Interstate Engineering.

Commissioner Toavs called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

**Public Comment:** None

**Commissioner Update:** Doug reported that he attended the MACO Midwinter Conference in Billings last week. While there, he participated in the Agriculture Committee meeting, the Reservation Counties Committee meeting, and the Public Safety Committee meeting.

Gordon reported that he is currently attending the NACO Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. He stated that once he returns to the office, he will provide a report regarding federal policies discussed at the conference.

Robert also reported attending the MACO Midwinter Conference in Billings last week. During the conference, he attended the Energy Committee meeting, where he learned about PCI precast concrete production in Sidney, Montana. He also attended the Agriculture Committee meeting and received information regarding the spread of new world screwworms affecting livestock near the Mexican border. Additionally, he attended the Reservation Counties Committee meeting and noted that Roosevelt County is fortunate to maintain a positive working relationship with the Fort Peck Tribes, as other counties are currently experiencing jurisdictional challenges.

Bill Juve inquired about the A&S Building fire in Poplar.

#### **Minutes:**

##### **Minutes for the Special Public Meeting on February 10, 2026**

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve the minutes for the special public meeting on February 10, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

##### **Minutes for the Regular Public Meeting on February 10, 2026**

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve the minutes for the regular public meeting on February 10, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

#### **Administrative Issues:**

##### **Action on DES Request to Purchase Everbridge Mass Notification System**

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve DES request to purchase Everbridge Mass Notification System in the amount of \$3,666.25 a year, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

#### **Discussion:**

It was noted that this system will replace the CodeRed mass notification system, which has been unavailable since the company was hacked in October 2025. The system has been approved by the 911 Board, and the cost will be covered by the dispatch fund. Lindsey stated that she will issue a public notice once the system is set up and fully operational.

##### **Action on Clerk and Recorder Request to Purchase a Copier for Lobby**

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve Clerk and Recorder request to purchase a copier for the lobby from Wills Office World in the amount of \$7,217.85, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

##### **Action on Brockton Hydrants Bid Award**

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve Bishop Inc. bid in the amount of \$194,449.00, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

**Discussion:**

John reported that five bids were submitted for the project, with Bishop Inc. as the lowest bidder. The project will involve replacing hydrants and valves and is expected to help address the water pressure issues. Commissioner Oelkers stated that the project will be funded using the Brockton funds.

**Claims:**

**Claims for February 19, 2026 in the amount of \$150,702.91**

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve the claims for February 19, 2026 in the amount of \$150,702.91, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

**Pay Raises:**

**Annual Pay Raise for Sheriff's Office Employee Tyson Nelson**

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve annual pay raise for Sheriff's Office employee Tyson Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

**New Hire:** None

**Additional Administrative Issues:** None

**New Business:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

Commissioner Marottek moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Oelkers seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 A.M.

**February 27, 2026**

**Special Public Meeting**

**Present:** Commissioner Robert Toavs, Presiding Officer and Lindsey McNabb, DES Coordinator.

**Phone:** Commissioners Gordon Oelkers and Doug Marottek, Members

A motion was made by Commissioner Oelkers to go into special public meeting, seconded by Commissioner Marottek. Passed

Meeting started at 1:58 P.M.

**New Hire:**

**Brandin Cantrell, Detention Center**

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve new hire Brendin Cantrell to the Detention Center, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

**Administrative Issues:**

**Promotion Raise for Road Department Employee Jonah Riediger**

A motion was made by Commissioner Oelkers to approve promotion and raise for Road Department employee Jonah Riediger from E-4 to E-5 for the position of Trucking Supervisor and Safety Coordinator, seconded by Commissioner Marottek. Passed

**Appoint Erin Leondorf to the Board of Health**

A motion was made by Commissioner Oelkers to appoint Erin Leondorf to the Board of Health for the Education board opening, seconded by Commissioner Marottek. Passed

Commissioner Oelkers moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Marottek seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:01 P.M.

**CLAIMS:** The Board has now completed the auditing of all claims presented for payment and ordered the following:

1000 GENERAL	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	90,256.68
2110 ROAD FUND (8 VOTED MILLS)	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	43,103.02
2130 BRIDGE FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	4,365.77
2140 NOXIOUS WEED	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	921.44
2160 COUNTY FAIR FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	543.52
2220 LIBRARY	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	5,223.00
2280 SENIOR CITIZENS	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	7,443.22
2290 EXTENSION SERVICE	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	4,289.15
2300 PUBLIC SAFETY (7 VOTED MILLS)	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	60,977.00
2360 ROOSEVELT CO MUSEUM	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,417.27
2390 DRUG FORFEITURE & SEIZURE	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	691.75
2460 MCCABE SPECIAL	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	92.60
2795 COMMUNITY OF BROCKTON	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	4,614.11
2850 911 EMERGENCY	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	689.96
2979 CFDC-BIOTERRORISM GRANT	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	5,526.94
5210 WATER OPERAT-BROCKTON	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	32.85
5310 SEWER OPERAT-BROCKTON	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	423.16
5410 SOLID WASTE OPER-BROCKTON	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	3,529.23
7200 RURAL FIRE DISTRICT 64	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	3,489.00
7380 WOLF POINT TV	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	386.43
7385 POPLAR TV	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	27.00

Total: 238,043.10

**TOTAL PAYROLL WITH WORKERS COMP & UNEMPLOYMENT: \$879,162.59**

**TOTAL CLAIMS AND PAYROLL FOR JANUARY 2026: \$1,117,205.69**

**ABATEMENTS APPROVED: 5854**

**FEES RECEIVED:** The following fees for the month of January were received from various offices:

Clerk and Recorder	\$13,556.50
JP Wolf Point	\$
JP Culbertson	\$
Clerk of District Court	\$2,477.74
Sheriff	\$

**INVESTMENT INTEREST:** County Treasurer Betty Romo reported the County had received investment interest for the month of January from the following:

Opportunity Bank Savings Interest	\$
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Opportunity Bank Checking Interest	\$
Opportunity Bank STIP Interest	\$131,286.28
Opportunity Bank Money Market	\$1,519.62
Independence Bank Savings Interest	\$257.31
Opportunity Bank CD Interest	\$
Buchanan Capitol (Charles Schwab) Interest	\$
MBS Inc Bond Interest	\$6,597.83

**DEPOSITS:** The following listed checks were deposited with the County Treasurer

\$284,352.88- County Oil and Gas Severance Tax 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to General Fund.  
 \$183,781.59- County Oil and Gas Severance Tax 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to Road Fund.  
 \$83,133.83- County Oil and Gas Severance Tax 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to Bridge Fund.  
 \$14,378.25- County Oil and Gas Severance Tax 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to Noxious Weed Fund.  
 \$20,573.14- County Oil and Gas Severance Tax 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to County Fair Fund.  
 \$11,701.45- County Oil and Gas Severance Tax 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to Airport Fund.  
 \$30,553.79- County Oil and Gas Severance Tax 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to Comprehensive Insurance Fund.  
 \$31,968.67- County Oil and Gas Severance Tax 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to Library Fund  
 \$24,664.82- County Oil and Gas Severance Tax 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to Senior Citizen Fund.  
 \$4,091.68- County Oil and Gas Severance Tax 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to Extension Service Fund.  
 \$219,612.50- County Oil and Gas Severance Tax 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to Public Safety Fund.  
 \$6,653.77- County Oil and Gas Severance Tax 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to County Museum Fund.  
 \$49,100.20- County Oil and Gas Severance Tax 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to Rural District 64 Fund.  
 \$28,259.38- County Oil and Gas Severance Tax 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to Hospital 1 & 9 Fund.  
 \$36,175.07- County Oil and Gas Severance Tax 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to Hospital 17, 64 & 65 Fund.  
 \$33,727.71- County Oil and Gas Severance Tax 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to Hospital 3 & 45 Fund.  
 \$270,448.39- County Oil and Gas Severance Tax 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to Elementary Retirement Fund.  
 \$200,725.54- County Oil and Gas Severance Tax 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to High School Retirement Fund.  
 \$74,625.24- County Oil and Gas Severance Tax 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to Transportation Elementary/ High School Fund.  
 \$1,591.02- Reimbursement from City of Wolf Point for JP Secretary to General Fund.  
 \$835.72- Reimbursement from US Treasurer to Community of Brockton Fund.  
 \$4,463.89- Oil Royalties from Phoenix Energy to General Fund.  
 \$2.00- Burn Permit Fee to General Fund.  
 \$28,801.35- Oil Royalties from Oasis Petroleum LLC to General Fund.  
 \$272.25- Oil Royalties from Foundation Energy to General Fund.  
 \$24,625.08- Oil Royalties from Continental Resources to General Fund.  
 \$4.00- Burn Permit Fee to General Fund.  
 \$200.00- Tower Rent from McCone County to General Fund.  
 \$19,468.78- FY 26 Monthly Fuel Tax from State of Montana to Gasoline Tax Fund.  
 \$899.92- Oil Royalties from Devon Energy to General Fund.  
 \$1,148.58- Oil Royalties from White Rock Oil & Gas to General Fund.  
 \$2.00- Burn Permit Fee to General Fund.  
 \$8.00- Burn Permit Fee to General Fund.  
 \$200.00- Tower Rent to General Fund.  
 \$675.47- Oil Royalties from RMCO LLC to General Fund.  
 \$1,395.16- Oil Royalties from Citation Oil & Gas to General Fund.  
 \$10.00- Burn Permit Fee to General Fund.  
 \$400.00- Tower Rent from State of Montana to General Fund.  
 \$187.31- Oil Royalties from Prima Exploration to General Fund.  
 \$29,109.24- Oil Royalties from Kraken Oil to General Fund.  
 \$139.44- Oil Royalties from Foundation Energy to General Fund.

\$567.86- Reimbursement from US Treasurer to Community of Brockton Fund.  
\$701.26- Oil Royalties from Darrah Oil to General Fund.

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**Presiding Officer**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**THE BOARD ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY CLERK AND CLERK OF**  
**OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**







