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ROOSEVELT COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PROCEDURES FOR JUNE 2026

June 9, 2026

Gravel Bid Opening

Present: Commissioners Robert Toavs, Presiding Officer; Gordon Oelkers and Doug Marottek, Members; Lindsey McNabb DES Coordinator; Derek McNabb, Road Foreman.

Zoom: None

Commissioner Toavs called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Gravel Bid Opening

Picard Pit

Bishop Inc

\$5.50 per ton for 20,000 tons of 1 inch minus gravel crushing and stockpile with no mobilization fee for a total of \$110,000.00 to be completed by July 15, 2026. The certificate of contractor registration was included.

A motion was made by Commissioner Oelkers to accept Bishop's bid, seconded by Commissioner Marottek. Passed

Commissioner Marottek moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Oelkers seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 A.M.

June 9, 2026

Regular Public Meeting

Present: Commissioners Robert Toavs, Presiding Officer; Gordon Oelkers and Doug Marottek, Members; Lindsey McNabb, DES Coordinator; Derek McNabb, Road Foreman; Joe Moore, Sheriff's Office; Bill VanderWeele, Northern Plains Independent Newspaper; John Bach and Will Knienim, Interstate Engineering; Bill Juve.

Zoom: None

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 attended the District MACo meetings held across Montana last week. The primary topic of discussion was CI-134, a measure that would have reduced property taxes by 20%. The proposal was withdrawn by its sponsor due to legal concerns and opposition; however, it may be reintroduced during the upcoming legislative session. Gordon also reported that the recent elections went smoothly, with the County experiencing a low voter turnout of 22 percent. In addition, the Commissioners met with the Property Casualty Trust. Next week, Gordon will attend the Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties meeting.

Robert reported that he remained in the office during the week, responding to phone calls and keeping up with emails. He reported that the 1010 Bridge Project has been completed. He also noted that recent sandstorms have caused plugged culverts in the Froid area, which the Road Department is currently addressing. Robert further reported that claims were unusually high this month due to an intergovernmental

transfer involving tax funds sent to the state. These funds will provide additional funding for the nursing home.

Minutes:

Minutes for the Regular Public Meeting on May 26, 2026

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve the minutes for the regular public meeting on May 26, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

Minutes for the Month of May 2026

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

Administrative Issues:

Interstate Engineering Task Order 16 McCabe Road Scrub Seal

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve Interstate Engineering Task Order 16 for the McCabe Road scrub seal project, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

Discussion:

John explained that the project, which includes approximately \$32,000 in design fees and \$64,000 for RPR services, was recommended over a standard chip seal because of the road's condition after 10 years without maintenance. The project is expected to be bid this fall, with construction scheduled for 2027. The Commissioner asked John to provide a total cost estimate for inclusion in the 2026–2027 budget.

Sheriff's Office Request to Purchase 15 Toughbook's

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve Sheriff's Office request to purchase 15 Durabooks with mounting hardware from MACO in the amount of \$74,072.85, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

Discussion: Commissioner Toavs stated that the Durabooks are a cost-effective alternative to Panasonic Toughbooks and would be compatible with both body-worn and dash cameras.

Detention Center Request to Purchase Guardian RFID Software

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve the Detention Center request to purchase the Guardian RFID Software in the amount of \$5,334.00 for the first year, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

Discussion: Commissioner Toavs stated that the software was recommended by representatives of the Montana Association of Counties following the jail inspection. He explained that the software will improve inmate accountability and help reduce liability for jail staff. Commissioner Toavs also noted that the software requires an annual renewal fee of \$5,270.00.

Letter of Support for Fort Peck Rail Corridor Safety Study

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve signing a letter of support for the Fort Peck Rail Corridor Safety Study, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

Claims:

Claims for June 4, 2026 in the amount of \$854,111.66

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve the claims for June 4, 2026 in the amount of \$854,111.66, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

Pay Raises:

Annual Pay Raise for Road Department Employee Dennie Reum

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve annual pay raise for Road Department employee Dennie Reum from E-2 to E-3, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

Annual Pay Raise for Dispatch Employee Marissa Follet

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve annual pay raise for Dispatch employee Marissa Follet from Grade 1 Range 7 to Grade 1 Range 8, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

Annual Pay Raise for Detention Center Employee Thomas Blackeagle

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve annual pay raise for Detention Center employee Thomas Blackeagle Grade 1 Range 7 to Grade 1 Range 8, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

Annual Pay Raise for Detention Center Employee Ernesto Hernandez

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve annual pay raise for Detention Center employee Ernesto Hernandez from Grade 2 Range 7 to Grade 2 Range 8, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

Annual Pay Raise for Clerk and Recorder Employee Marlene Turner

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve annual pay raise for Clerk and Recorder employee from Grade 3 Range 5 to Grade 3 Range 6, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

Pay Raise for Clerk and Recorder Employee Josh Hutchinson

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve pay raise for Clerk and Recorder employee Josh Hutchinson from 70% deputy to 80%, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

Pay Raise for Clerk and Recorder Employee Vicky Boysun

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve pay raise for Clerk and Recorder employee Vicky Boysun from 85% deputy to 90%, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

New Hire:**Darold Wolf to the Weed Department**

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve new hire Darold Wolf to the Weed Department starting at Range 5, seconded by Commissioner Toavs. Passed
Commissioner Oelkers abstained from voting.

Additional Administrative Issues as Needed:**MOU Between Roosevelt County and Fort Peck Community College's James E Shanley Tribal Library**

A motion was made by Commissioner Oelkers to approve the MOU between Roosevelt County and Fort Peck Community College James E Shanley Tribal Library, seconded by Commissioner Marottek. Passed

MSU Extension Local Government Governance Support Package

A motion was made by Commissioner Oelkers to approve the MSU Extension local governance support package in the amount of \$3,500.00 which will provide board training and two live online training to the County, seconded by Commissioner Marottek. Passed

New Hire Jon Erickson to Mosquito Control

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve new hire Jon Erickson to the Mosquito Control as a fill in at \$22.00 an hour, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: None

Commissioner Marottek moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Oelkers seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 A.M.

June 11, 2026

Special Public Meeting

Present: Commissioners Robert Toavs, Presiding Officer; Gordon Oelkers and Doug Marottek, Members; Lindsey McNabb, DES Coordinator; Tracy Miranda, Clerk and Recorder.

Zoom: None

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

Election Canvassing

The Commissioners reviewed the canvassing results for the Roosevelt County primary elections. Commissioners confirmed the tallies were accurate.

Commissioner Oelkers moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Marottek seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 11:38 A.M.

June 16, 2026

Regular Public Meeting

Present: Commissioners Robert Toavs, Presiding Officer and Doug Marottek, Member; Lindsey McNabb, DES Coordinator/Administrative Assistant; Derek McNabb, Road Foreman; Bill Juve.

Zoom: Bill VanderWeele, Northern Plains Independent Newspaper.

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

Public Comment: None

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

Minutes:

Minutes for the Gravel Bid Opening on June 9, 2026

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve the minutes for the gravel bid opening on June 9, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Toavs. Passed

Minutes for the Regular Public Meeting on June 9, 2026

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve the minutes for the regular public meeting on June 9, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Toavs. Passed

Minutes for the Special Public Meeting on June 11, 2026

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve minutes for the special public meeting on June 11, 2026, for election canvassing, seconded by Commissioner Toavs. Passed

Administrative Issues:

Road Department Request to Purchase a Truck

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve Road Department request to purchase a 2011 Peterbilt semi-truck from Brad Johnson in the amount of \$40,000.00 to be used at the McCabe shop, seconded by Commissioner Toavs. Passed

MACo IT Service Agreement

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve the MACo IT service agreement in the amount of \$7,500.00 a month which includes remote support, endpoint security, email security, Wi-fi management and data backup services, seconded by Commissioner Toavs. Passed

Resignation from Health Department Employee Patty Presser

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to accept resignation from Health Department employee Patty Presser effective September 30, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Toavs. Passed

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Patty for her 19 years of dedicated service and extended their best wishes for her future.

Claims: None

Pay Raises: None

New Hire: None

Additional Administrative Issues: None

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: None

Commissioner Marottek moved to adjourn the meeting.
Commissioner Toavs seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

June 18, 2026

Compensation Board Meeting

Present: Commissioners Robert Toavs, Presiding Officer; Gordon Oelkers and Doug Marottek, Members; Lindsey McNabb, DES Coordinator/ Administrative Assistant;

Betty Romo, Treasurer; Tracy Miranda, Clerk and Recorder; Laurie Evans, Clerk of Court; Thomas Bleicher, County Attorney; Gary Jeide.

Zoom: None

Commissioner Toavs called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Compensation Board Discussion

Commissioner Oelkers explained the purpose of the Compensation Board process, noting that it applies only to elected officials. He stated that the salaries of elected officials, deputies, and department heads are based on the Clerk and Recorder's base salary. The current Consumer Price Index (CPI) is 2.69%, and the current Clerk and Recorder base salary is \$73,837.00.

Gary Jeide, a newly elected Compensation Board member, asked questions regarding the Compensation Board process and county budgeting procedures. Tracy Miranda explained vacancy savings and oil revenue as sources that affect the county budget. Tom Bleicher noted that one-half of his salary is reimbursed by the state and that fines and fees generated by his office also contribute to county revenue.

Tracy Miranda suggested increasing the Clerk and Recorder's base salary by \$3,500.00. Tom Bleicher agreed, stating that the proposed increase would cover the cost-of-living adjustment.

Compensation Board Recommendation

A motion was made by Thomas Bleicher recommends increasing the Clerk and Recorder's base salary by \$3,500.00. Gary Jeide seconded the motion. Passed

Board of County Commissioners Action

A motion was made by Commissioner Oelkers to accept the Compensation Board's recommendation to increase the Clerk and Recorder's base salary by \$3,500.00.

Commissioner Marottek seconded the motion. Passed

The Commissioners explained that the final vote on the salary increase would take place at the next regular public meeting.

Commissioner Oelkers moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Marottek seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 1:39 P.M.

June 30, 2026

Regular Public Meeting

Present: Commissioners Robert Toavs, Presiding Officer; Gordon Oelkers and Doug Marottek, Members; Lindsey McNabb, DES Coordinator/ Administrative Assistant; Derek McNabb, Road Foreman; Joe Moore, Sheriff's Office; Bill VanderWeele, Northern Plains Independent Newspaper; Bill Juve.

Zoom: Julie Bach, Aging Services Coordinator; Penny Henderickson, Justice of Peace Culbertson; Jonah Brownell, Axon Representative.

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

Public Comment: Bill VanderWeele asked the Commissioners about their position on the Bridger Pipeline Project.

Commissioner Update: Doug had nothing to report.

Gordon provided updates on several meetings, including improvements at the Culbertson Airport, a NACO meeting regarding Tribal ID voting requirements, and an energy summit that focused on data centers and renewable energy development. Robert reported that Doug met with the Fort Peck Tribes regarding public access to rights-of-way. The County has an existing contract with Bartlett & West, which is

working with the Fort Peck Tribes to develop a map identifying reservation roads with established rights-of-way.

Minutes:

Minutes for the Regular Public Meeting on June 16, 2026

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve the minutes for the regular public meeting on June 16, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

Minutes for the Compensation Board Meeting on June 18, 2026

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve the minutes for the compensation board meeting on June 18, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

Administrative Issues:

Sheriff's Office Request to Purchase Axon Package for Software and Equipment Replacement

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve Sheriff's Office request to purchase the Axon 10-year software and equipment replacement package, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

Discussion:

Jonah, Axon representative, presented a proposal to consolidate four separate contracts into a single 10-year agreement. The package includes body-worn cameras, Tasers, fleet management software, and a comprehensive virtual reality (VR) training suite. The program would provide 31 users with access to two VR headsets for various training modules, including use of force, community engagement, and correctional environments. The agreement includes mid-program upgrades for Tasers and body-worn cameras, and VR equipment all covered in one contract. Joe Moore explained that the VR training system will be used by deputies and detention officers to practice de-escalation techniques and weapon handling skills without the need for physical training cartridges. By combining the services and equipment into one contract, the county is projected to save \$342,360.00 over the 10-year term. The total cost of the agreement is \$634,612.58 over ten years.

Compensation Board Recommendation Raise for Elected Officials

A motion was made by Commissioner Oelkers to approve the compensation board recommended raise of \$3,500.00 for Elected Officials, seconded by Commissioner Marottek. Passed

Non-Elected and Non-Union Cola Raise

A motion was made by Commissioner Oelkers to approve non-elected and non-union cola raise of \$1.00 per hour, seconded by Commissioner Marottek. Passed

Claims:

Claims for June 18, 2026 in the amount of \$214,467.65

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve the claims for June 18, 2026 in the amount of \$214,467.65, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

Pay Raises: None

New Hire:

Rehiring Roger Chambers to the Road Department

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve rehiring Roger Chambers to the Road Department as a mower, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

Rehiring Rod Luft to the Road Department

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve rehiring Rod Luft to the Road Department as a mower, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

Additional Administrative Issues:

Wesley Weeks to the Sheriff's Office as Reserve Deputy

A motion was made by Commissioner Marottek to approve Wesley Weeks to the Sheriff's Office as a reserve deputy, seconded by Commissioner Oelkers. Passed

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: None

Commissioner Marottek moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Oelkers seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 A.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	113,252.17
2110 ROAD FUND (8 VOTED MILLS)	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	200,670.78
2130 BRIDGE FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,238.36
2140 NOXIOUS WEED	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	16,446.46
2160 COUNTY FAIR FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	4,173.14
2200 MOSQUITO CONTROL	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	948.99
2220 LIBRARY	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	11,917.00
2280 SENIOR CITIZENS	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	8,951.17
2290 EXTENSION SERVICE	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	9,031.31
2300 PUBLIC SAFETY (7 VOTED MILLS)	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	73,681.06
2360 ROOSEVELT CO MUSEUM	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	11,473.32
2460 MCCABE SPECIAL	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	82.64
2795 COMMUNITY OF BROCKTON	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	383.07
2979 CFDC-BIOTERRORISM GRANT	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,085.66
5210 WATER OPERAT-BROCKTON	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	47.72
5310 SEWER OPERAT-BROCKTON	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	666.59
5410 SOLID WASTE OPER-BROCKTON	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	2,765.00
7200 RURAL FIRE DISTRICT 64	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	18,208.00
7380 WOLF POINT TV	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	360.45
7385 POPLAR TV	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	27.00
7920 REFUNDS	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	63.00
Total:	475,472.89

TOTAL PAYROLL WITH WORKERS COMP & UNEMPLOYMENT: \$860,880.66

TOTAL CLAIMS AND PAYROLL FOR MAY 2026: \$1,336,353.55

ABATEMENTS APPROVED: 5871-5885

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

Clerk and Recorder	\$14,743.75
JP Wolf Point	\$
JP Culbertson	\$
Clerk of District Court	\$2,840.98
Sheriff	\$

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

Opportunity Bank Savings Interest	\$
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Opportunity Bank Checking Interest	\$
Opportunity Bank STIP Interest	\$143,851.17
Opportunity Bank Money Market	\$1,367.02
Independence Bank Savings Interest	\$249.84
Opportunity Bank CD Interest	\$
Buchanan Capitol (Charles Schwab) Interest	\$
MBS Inc Bond Interest	\$35,354.85

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

\$1,591.02- Reimbursement from City of Wolf Point for JP Secretary to General Fund.

\$4,804.46- Oil Royalties from Phoenix Energy to General Fund.

\$20,235.49- Oil Royalties from Continental Resources to General Fund.

\$12.00- Public Records Request Fee from Freedom Foundation to General Fund.

\$16,478.00- FY 26 Junk Vehicle Program to Planning Junk Vehicle Fund.

\$2.00- Burn Permit Fee to General Fund.

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\$38,207.96- Oil Royalties from Oasis Petroleum to General Fund.

\$17,659.56- FY 26 Monthly Fuel Tax from State of Montana to Gasoline Tax Fund.

\$95,184.31- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to General Fund.

\$65,719.75- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Road Fund.

\$13,003.80- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Bridge Fund.

\$3,821.04- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Noxious Weed Fund.

\$4,229.73- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to County Fair Fund.

\$1,665.44- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Airport Fund.

\$5,856.02- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Comprehensive Insurance Fund.

\$1,233.27- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Mosquito Control Fund.

\$11,674.97- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Library Fund.

\$3,454.91- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Senior Citizen Fund.

\$4,278.95- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Extension Service Fund.

\$56,813.80- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Public Safety Fund.

\$967.13- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Roosevelt County Museum Fund.

\$14,723.73- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Permissive Medical Fund.

\$4,383.12- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Community of Brockton Fund.

\$5,192.31- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Jail G.O. Debt Fund.

\$1,595.41- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Rural Fire District 64 Fund.

\$385.55- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Soil Conservation Fund.

\$632.27- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Hospital 1 & 9 Ambulance Fund.

\$3,649.74- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Hospital 1 & 9 Fund.

\$7,194.79- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Hospital 17, 64 & 65 Fund.

\$545.70- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Culbertson District EMS Fund.

\$4,138.92- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Hospital 3 & 45 Fund.

\$475.75- FY 26 4th Quarter Entitlement Share to Hospital 3 & 45 Ambulance Fund.

\$4.00- Burn Permit Fee to General Fund.

\$200.00- Tower Rent from McCone County to General Fund.

\$1,233.25- Oil Royalties from Devon Energy to General Fund.

\$154,229.91- SB 536 Reimbursement for Shotgun Creek Bridge to Bridge Fund.

\$1,921.19- Oil Royalties from White Rock Oil & Gas to General Fund.

\$200.00- Tower Rent to General Fund.

\$6.00- Burn Permit Fee to General Fund.

\$3,101.49- Oil Royalties from Citation Oil & Gas to General Fund.

\$249.85- Oil Royalties from Prima Exploration to General Fund.

\$4,067.11- Oil Royalties from Darrah Oil to General Fund.

\$275.86- Oil Royalties from Foundation Energy to General Fund.

\$420.01- Reimbursement from US Treasurer to Community of Brockton Fund.

\$45,005.15- Oil Royalties from Kraken Oil to General Fund.

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