

**BIG HORN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

121 3rd St W
Room 301
Hardin, MT 59034



**BIG HORN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
June 5, 2025
9:30 AM**

Members

Lawrence Big Hair, Presiding Officer
George Real Bird III, Member
Larry Vandersloot, Member

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Big Hair, Presiding Officer calls meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Commissioner Big Hair, Presiding Officer, Commissioner Real Bird, member and Commissioner Vandersloot, member, were all in attendance. Mike Opie, Accountant, Denise Rios, Treasurer, AJ Espinoza, Road Superintendent, Heather Ready, Deputy County Attorney, Jeanne Torske, County Attorney, and Carol Sue Riley were also in attendance.

3. Claim Approvals

Commissioner Vandersloot entertained a motion to approve Claims 1337. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Real Bird and passed unanimously.

4. Approve Minutes and Supporting Documents

Commissioner Vandersloot entertained a motion to approve the minutes of May 29, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Real Bird and passed unanimously.

5. Personnel/Legal

6. Old Business

7. New Business

Lodge Grass Night Meeting

Commissioner Real Bird entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2025-21. The commissioners will be holding a night meeting in the Lodge Grass Senior Center on Tuesday, June 10th, 2025 at 6pm to discuss the preliminary budget and fire service areas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vandersloot and passed unanimously.

8. Public Comments

9. Discussion

Preliminary Budget

Mike explains we've been on the road tour this week and received questions. They went over the funds except the permissive levies at the meetings throughout the county. Ms. Riley would like a list of the top 25 taxpayers in the county for real property. She also requested the inventory list of vehicles the county owns.

Denise spoke with the new plant manager of the power plant, and they are behind on taxes. She explained that the previous miners left their taxes behind and now there's a new set of miners. Discussion over real property taxes and personal property taxes ensues.

10. Adjourn

There being no other business, the board adjourned.

Approved: Lawrence Big Hair
Lawrence Big Hair, Presiding Officer

Attest: Peri Schenderline
Peri Schenderline, Deputy Clerk & Recorder

COUNTY OF BIG HORN, MONTANA

RESOLUTION 2025- 21

PREAMBLE:

A Resolution that a quorum of the Board of Commissioners of Big Horn County will hold an offsite public meeting.

RECITALS:

In accordance with MCA 7-5-2101(1), the board of county commissioners has jurisdiction and power, under such limitations and restrictions as are prescribed by law, to represent the county and have the care of the county property and the management of the business and concerns of the county.

Pursuant to MCA 7-5-2122(5), a quorum of commissioners attending an event or meeting during which issues are discussed over which the commissioners have supervision, control or jurisdiction shall provide a report at the commission's next regularly scheduled public meeting.

A quorum of the Board of Commissioners desires to hold an offsite public meeting the June 10, 2025 at 6 PM in Lodge Grass Senior Center.

THEREFORE:

A quorum of the Board of Commissioners of Big Horn County hereby resolves to hold an offsite public meeting held on June 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM at 119 Harding Ave., Lodge Grass, Montana.

The Board further directs that notice shall be published in conformity with MCA 7-1-2121.

ENACTED:

This 5th day of June, 2025, in Hardin, Montana.

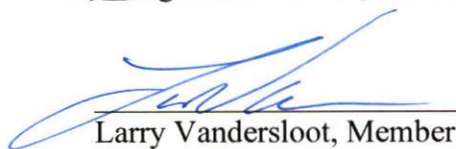
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Deputy Clerk and Recorder