

**BIG HORN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

121 3rd St W
Room 301
Hardin, MT 59034



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COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
October 2, 2025
9:30 AM**

Members

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

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Vandersloot, Pro Tempore, calls meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Commissioner Vandersloot, Pro Tempore, and Commissioner Real Bird, member were both in attendance. Drew Lehr, City Finance, Mike Opie, Accountant, Jeanne Torske, County Attorney, Heather Ready, Deputy County Attorney, and Lawrence Killsback, were also in attendance.

3. Claim Approvals

Commissioner Real Bird entertained a motion to approve claims 1092 and 1093. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vandersloot and passed unanimously.

4. Approve Minutes and Supporting Documents

Commissioner Real Bird entertained a motion to approve minutes of September 25, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vandersloot and passed unanimously.

5. Personnel/Legal

6. Old Business

Chamber

Drew Lehr, City Finance Officer, gave commissioner Real Bird some background on the request the chamber came in with last week. Drew would like the City to be the requesting entity for the \$9,000 request to update the depot, since the City is the one who received the grant. County Attorney Torske, will draft an interlocal agreement.

7. New Business

Grant Proposal CBDG

Lawrence Killsback presents draft grant to submit for a planning grant to update the county's capital improvement plan. This grant will need a cash match. Commissioner Vandersloot entertained a motion to approve the planning grant proposal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Real Bird and passed unanimously.

Grant Proposal Women's Prison

Lawrence Killsback gives an update on the women's prison request for Hardin being the location for the women's prison. The next step will be to submit a bid to be in the site selection.

Appraisal

8. Public Comments

9. Discussion

Mike Opie, Accountant, would like a working group to formalize the step and grade that was created by Associated Employers. He will organize that and start working on it.

10. Adjourn

There being no other business, the board adjourned.

Approved: 
Lawrence Big Hair, Presiding Officer

Attest: Peri Schenderline
Peri Schenderline, Deputy Clerk & Recorder