

**BIG HORN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

121 3rd St W
Room 301
Hardin, MT 59034



**BIG HORN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
November 26, 2025
9:30 AM**

Members

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

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Real Bird, Pro Tempore calls meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Commissioner Real Bird, Pro Tempore and Commissioner Vandersloot, member were both in attendance. Heather Ready, Deputy County Attorney was also in attendance.

3. Claim Approvals

Commissioner Vandersloot entertained a motion to approve Claims 1136. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Real Bird and passed unanimously.

4. Approve Minutes and Supporting Documents

Commissioner Vandersloot entertained a motion to approve minutes from November 6, 2025 and November 20, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Real Bird and passed unanimously.

5. Personnel/Legal

6. Old Business

7. New Business

MCEP Planning Grant

Lawrence Killsback, presents a resolution which authorize submission mt coal endowment program, also committing \$10,000 match to for a request of \$30,000 with the project cost totaling \$40,000. They will be using this planning grant to update the comprehensive capital improvements. Commissioner Vandersloot entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2024-40. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Real Bird and passed unanimously.

8. Public Comments

9. Discussion

10. Adjourn

There being no other business, the board adjourned.

Approved: 
Pro Tempore

Attest: 
Peri Schenderline, Deputy Clerk & Recorder

COUNTY OF BIG HORN, MONTANA

RESOLUTION 2025- 40

PREAMBLE:

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Big Horn County authorizing submission of an MCEP Infrastructure Planning Grant Application.

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 in all cases where no other provision is made by law.

Big Horn County is applying to the Montana Department of Commerce for financial assistance from the Montana Coal Endowment Program to update the Comprehensive Capital Improvements Plan.

Big Horn County agrees to comply with all State laws and regulations and the requirements described in the "MCEP Administrative Guidelines and Application for Infrastructure Planning Grants" specifically, and those that will be described in the "MCEP Project Administration Manual" generally.

Big Horn County commits to provide \$10,000 in matching funds as proposed in the MCEP application.

Big Horn County commits to provide any funding from other grant sources listed in the application budget if not awarded by those grant sources.

THEREFORE:

The Board of Commissioners of Big Horn County hereby authorizes Lawrence Jace Killsback, Director of Economic Development and Housing, to submit this application to the Montana Department of Commerce, on behalf of Big Horn County, to act on its behalf and to provide such additional information as may be required.

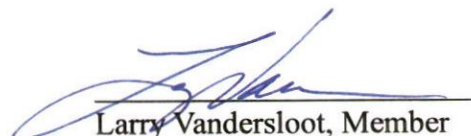
ENACTED:

This 26th day of November, 2025, in Hardin, Montana.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BIG HORN COUNTY, MONTANA

Lawrence Big Hair, Presiding Officer


George Real Bird III, Member


Larry Vandersloot, Member

ATTEST:


Peri Schenderline
Deputy Clerk and Recorder



BIG HORN COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 26, 2025

Montana Department of Commerce
301 S. Park Avenue
P.O. Box 200523
Helena, MT 59620-0523

RE: Letter of Commitment for Local Matching Funds

Dear Montana Department of Commerce:

The Big Horn County Commissioners hereby formally document a firm commitment of \$10,000.00 in local matching funds for the proposed MCEP Infrastructure Planning Grant Application project to update the Big Horn County Comprehensive Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). This commitment ensures the required 20% match for the \$30,000.00 requested from the Department of Commerce, bringing the total project budget to \$40,000.00. These local funds have been designated and secured in the County's current fiscal budget and are available for the duration of the project period.

The \$10,000.00 local match is specifically allocated for Professional Planning Activities in the amount of \$7,000 and Grant Management Activities in the amount of \$3,000; Totaling \$10,000 in a firm match.

The Big Horn County Commissioners recognize the critical need for an updated and comprehensive CIP to strategically plan, finance, and prioritize public infrastructure investments, supporting long-term economic stability and development in our community. We look forward to partnering with the Department of Commerce on this vital initiative.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Pete Big Hair
Presiding Officer



Larry Vandersloot
Commissioner



George Real Bird III
Commissioner

P.O. Box 908, Hardin, MT 59034