

**BIG HORN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

121 3rd St W
Room 301
Hardin, MT 59034



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

**BIG HORN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**
February 26, 2026
9:30 AM

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Vandersloot, Pro Tempore calls meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Commissioner District 3 Vandersloot, Commissioner District 2 Big Hair were all in attendance. Mike Opie, Accountant, AJ Espinoza, Road Superintendent, Sheriff Middlestead, Deputy County Attorney Heather Ready and County Attorney Torske were also in attendance.

3. Claim Approvals

Commissioner Big Hair entertained a motion to approve claims 1226. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vandersloot and passed unanimously.

4. Approve Minutes and Supporting Documents

Commissioner Big Hair entertained a motion to approve minutes of February 19, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vandersloot and passed unanimously.

5. Personnel/Legal

6. Old Business

7. New Business

COA Budget Adjustment and Money Transfer

Mike Opie, Accountant, explains he will be adjusting the COA budget to reflect the money from Area 2 that was received. This Resolution also covers the money transfer to the road department. Commissioner Big Hair entertained a motion to approve resolution 2026-19. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vandersloot and passed unanimously.

Amend meeting dates

Commissioner Big Hair entertained a motion to amend resolution 2026-1B. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vandersloot and passed unanimously. This resolution includes the Board being able to attend city council meetings in Hardin.

LEPC Bylaws

LEPC submitted their bylaws for informational purposes and records.

8. Public Comments

9. Discussion

10. Adjourn

There being no other business, the board adjourned.

Approved:
George Real Bird III, Presiding Officer

Attest:
Peri Schenderline, Deputy Clerk & Recorder

COUNTY OF BIG HORN, MONTANA

RESOLUTION 2026- 19

PREAMBLE:

A Resolution to approve budget adjustments for fiscal year 2026.

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 7-6-4006(4), the board of county commissioners may amend the budget during the fiscal year by conducting public hearings at regularly scheduled meetings. Budget amendments providing for additional appropriations must identify the fund reserves, unanticipated revenue, or previously unbudgeted revenue that will fund the appropriations.

It is necessary for the budget for fiscal year 2026 to be adjusted to increase the Coalition on Aging's cash reserves. It is also necessary for the cash transfer to reflect the transfer from Commissioner Vandersloot's Project Fund to the Road Department. The proposed budget adjustments are attached as Exhibit A.

The Legal Notice, attached as Exhibit B, was published on N/A, 2026 and N/A, 2026 to give notice to the public that this matter would be heard on _____, 2026.

THEREFORE:

The Board of Commissioners, Big Horn County, Montana, hereby approves the budget adjustments, attached as Exhibit A.

EFFECTIVE:

The budget adjustments shall be effective immediately.

ENACTED:

This 26th day of February, 2026, in Hardin, Montana.

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	Debit	Credit	
2120.313000.000		31.06	adjust for extra Rev
2120.521000.827	31.06		
2130.383000.000	3,935.94		Transfer In from 2894
2130.430230.110		3,935.94	
2162.383000.000		82,307.16	Transfer In from 2894
2162.460200.300	82,307.16		
2190.314200.000		17,362.82	adjust for extra Rev
2190.521000.820	17,362.82		
2272.334110.000		9,500.00	adjust for extra Rev
2272.440170.200	9,500.00		
2302.335230.000		481.41	adjust for extra Rev
2302.521000.820	481.41		
2305.341021.000		8,000.00	adjust for extra Rev
2305.411120.200	8,000.00		
2307.420160.120		25,000.00	reduce budgeted cash reserve
2372.311020.000		14,019.18	adjust for extra Rev
2372.521000.820	14,019.18		
2892.334120.000		107,022.35	Not in original budget
2892.430230.930	107,022.35		
2900.333040.000		2,867.22	adjust for extra Rev
2900.521000.820	2,867.22		
2971.331141.000		50,242.02	adjust for extra Rev
2971.440170.110	50,242.02		
2981.365010.000		2,867.22	adjust for extra Rev
2981.450322.110	2,867.22		
2983.450338.220	630.75		Not in original budget
3010.314200.000		7,568.94	adjust for extra Rev
3010.521000.820	7,568.94		
4311.331149.000		416,620.57	Not in original budget
4311.440000.790	416,620.57		
4312.331149.000		20,000.00	Not in original budget
4312.334060.000		30,000.00	
4312.450000.390	50,000.00		
4315.334000.000		65,948.72	Not in original budget
4315.420100.940	65,948.72		
4317.334060.000		120,000.00	Not in original budget
4317.420100.940	120,000.00		
4323.334060.000		270,000.00	Not in original budget
4323.420000.930	270,000.00		
4403.331990.000		10,201.56	Not in original budget
4403.430200.790	10,201.56		

COUNTY OF BIG HORN, MONTANA

RESOLUTION 2026- 1 ~~A~~ B

PREAMBLE:

A Resolution to establish regular meeting dates of the Big Horn County Board of County Commissioners and public notice.

RECITALS:

In accordance with MCA 7-5-2122: The board of county commissioners of a county shall establish by resolution a regular meeting date and notify the public of that date.

Except as provided in MCA 2-3-112(3) or in the event of an emergency affecting the public health, welfare, or safety, all meetings must be held on the date designated.

THEREFORE:

1. The Board of Commissioners, Big Horn County, Montana that the Board of Commissioners meetings days are as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Public Meeting	Every Thursday	9:30 AM
Administrative Staff Updates	Every Monday and Tuesday	9AM-10AM
Office Hours	Every Monday thru Friday	8AM-5PM

2. Unless otherwise stated, the location for such meetings shall be in the Big Horn County Courthouse, Hardin, Big Horn County, Montana. Meetings may be held at other County facilities located in Hardin, the county seat of Big Horn County. Meetings may also be held in the Hardin City Council Chambers and the Hardin Mayor's Office.
3. Such meeting time and place be posted on the regular agenda of the Big Horn County Commissioners.

EFFECTIVE:

This shall become immediately effective.

ENACTED:

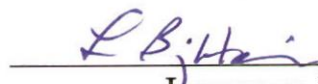
This 26 day of February, 2026, in Hardin, Montana.

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Dori Schenderline