

**JUDITH BASIN COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**

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REGULAR MEETING  
January 8, 2025

Present: Commissioner Cody McDonald  
Commissioner James Moore  
Commissioner Don Hajenga

Also present: Road/Bridge/Weed Supervisor Roger Riley  
Sheriff Tim Wilhelms  
Dick Gondeiro  
Michael Kochivar & Jim Kulish  
USDA Forest Ranger Jason Oltrogge

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the January 8, 2025 Agenda, second, motion passed.

Commissioner Hajenga moved to approve the December 30, 2024 Minutes, second, motion passed.

Commissioners meet with M Kochivar & J Kulish to discuss the possibility of an individual building a "Feed Plant" or "Pellet Plant" for processing Sanfoin. Sanfoin is the initial plant that they are looking at, but the future could possibly add other crops. This is very positive news for all producers in Judith Basin County and the surrounding area. Growers have to be able to make a living if they want to stay in business. New business is always good news. Commissioner McDonald stated that it sounds like this plant could possibly have an impact on the road that would service the plant and would want to make sure the county makes provisions for any road maintenance. The County Planning Board will be meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the Courthouse meeting room and invited Jim and Michael to attend the meeting and share the good news and ask questions to the Planning Board and the JB County contracted Planner Jim Yeagley.

Road Supervisor R Riley was in to discuss snow removal and possible road impacts for the proposed pellet mill.

Commissioner McDonald moved to accept December 2024 County Reconciliation Report, second, motion passed.

There was some confusion with holiday closure this year between the Commissioner Resolution and the Judith Basin County Personnel and Policies Handbook. Commissioners agreed to make a change to the County Policies Handbook. On page 26; section B at the bottom of the County Observes the Following Holidays: \*\*the paragraph concerning Federal election day will be omitted from the handbook. Rather than reprinting a memo will be sent to everyone to strike the paragraph from their handbooks.

Commissioners will make decisions concerning Federal election day by resolution on the years that a Federal Election is held.

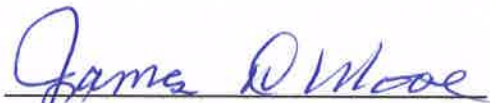
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USDA Forest Service Ranger Jason Oltrogge stopped in to update the commission of a logging project in the Little Belts that is scheduled to start in 2027.

Sheriff Wilhems was in to discuss a settlement check that the JB County received from Chrysler for case #992190/Vin #1C4SDJFT7PC603928 (UNDERSHERIFF HAYES/SUV). The department is in need of updating the in-car camera systems. So, for right now it was decided to deposit the check in misc. revenue in the general fund. This is unanticipated revenue which can be used to amend the budget for spending.

ATTESTED:

  
COMMISSIONER JAMES D MOORE

  
CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA KELLY