

**JUDITH BASIN COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**

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REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 4, 2026

Present: Commissioner Hajenga  
Commissioner Moore  
Commissioner McDonald

Also present: Sheriff Richard Hayes  
County Attorney Joni Oja  
MACO HCT Pam Walling & Vera Pederson

Commissioner Hajenga moved to approve the February 4, 2026 Agenda, second, motion passed.

Commissioner Hajenga moved to approve the January 29, 2026 Minutes, second, motion passed.


Sheriff Hayes was in to update the commissioners on the drug dog's recovery.

Commissioners visited with MACO HCT Pam Walling and Vera Pederson presented a 5% rate increase and annual report of the County Employee's Health Insurance Plan. Commissioner McDonald moved to keep coverage with the trust, second, motion passed. Pam will meet the JB County Health Board to review plans on February 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Board will review and make recommendations to the Commissioners and then Commissioners will make a final decision at 2:00 p.m. on February 25, 2026.

Commissioners visited with County Attorney Oja and Sheriff Hayes; presenting the commissioners with an understanding of the Central MT Multi-Disciplinary Team. Reviewed a draft of the Interagency Agreement; Commissioners understand the importance of JB County's participation; however, they just want to make sure all agencies are providing funding to the operation in a fair and equal way. Final draft will be provided to the commissioners.

Claims and February 2026 Payroll was reviewed and approved by the board.

ATTESTED:

  
COMMISSIONER JAMES D MOORE

  
CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA KELLY