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## GARFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**February 04, 2026**

Commissioners will hear public comments on any matter during the time allotted for public comment.

The Commissioners are unable to take any action on any matter not on the agenda.

To appear on the agenda please contact the Commissioner Secretary, Kerri Gipson.

The Commissioners will recess at the noon hour, unless noted on the agenda.

<b>OLD BUSINESS:</b>			
*REH	*Roads	*Groundskeeping	*PAC

Time	Name	Subject
9:00am	Public Comment – Old Business/New Business	
9:30am	Annette Thomas – Senior Center/Transit	Emergency Supplies
10:00am	Library Board	Library Status
11:30am	Dixie Pierson – DES	ERC Building
12:00pm	LUNCH	
1:00pm	Doug Ekberg – MT Wildlife Services	New Trapper/Predator Control
2:00pm	Pam Walling	MACo Trust
3:00pm	Bryan Wood – Road Dept.	2026 Road Planning
5:00pm	Adjourn	

# COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

## REGULAR SESSION

February 04, 2026

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN: KELLY WITT  
VICE-CHAIR: CARLA MCWILLIAMS  
MEMBER: JERRY COLLINS

MINUTES TAKEN BY: KERRI GIPSON

Chairman Witt called the meeting to order at 9:00am

### AGENDA

Motion by McWilliams, seconded by Witt to approve the agenda as posted 48 hours ago. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### ANNETTE THOMAS – SENIOR CENTER/TRANSIT – EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

Annette presented to the commissioners the need to purchase AED Machines and CPR masks for the center and transit. Commissioners agreed for Annette to go ahead and get an AED Machine ordered possibly through the Health Center and order the CPR Masks from Amazon.

### LIBRARY BOARD – LIBRARY STATUS

Those present were Sharon Nelson, Sonja Turner, Lynn Stanton, Chantel Benson, Carrie Murnion, Charlie Saylor, Tasha Powell and Theresa Murnion via phone. Commissioner Witt opened the discussion explaining the new Time Clock system that has been implemented county wide and that the library has a few employees that have decided not to utilize the system as required and that no exceptions are being made, he then opened it up for board/public discussion. Discussion was had about the status of 2 library employees, board feels like there was a lack of communication, library board not being an Advisory board but an Administrative board, any agreements between the library & county, what the board is accountable for, finding out how the library was set up and steps moving forward. More research needs to be done by all involved and meet again on Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

### DIXIE PIERSON – DES – ERC BUILDING

Commissioner Collins asked Dixie to come in to discuss possibly getting some kind of grant to use towards the purchase of a generator for the ERC Building to use the building during emergency power outage situations. Dixie will be doing some checking to see if we qualify or if there are other grants available.

Recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

DOUG EKBERG – MT WILDLIFE SERVICES – NEW TRAPPER/PREDATOR CONTROL

Doug Ekburg, Michael Uphues, Doug Wedding, Jack McRae, and Land Green were all present. Doug introduced Michael Uphues as the new Trapper for the area as of September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 after Maetzold retired. Doug also emphasized that they have to have permission to trap on Ranches, this includes when he is flying as well.

PAM WALLING – MACO TRUST

Pam went over last years stats and upcoming changes. She advised plans need to be elected by March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

BRYAN WOOD – ROAD DEPT. – 2026 ROAD PLANNING

Bryan went over with the commissioners his plan for maintaining the county roads for 2026 as well as looking as sending some equipment to Smith Sales for auction.

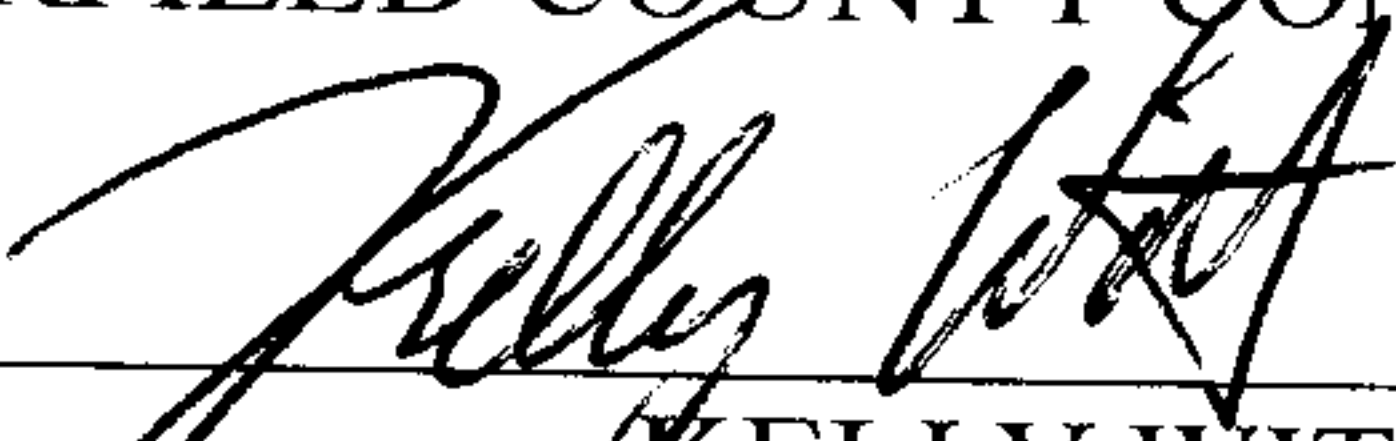
ADJOURN

McWilliams made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 5:00pm, Collins 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion to adjourn carried.

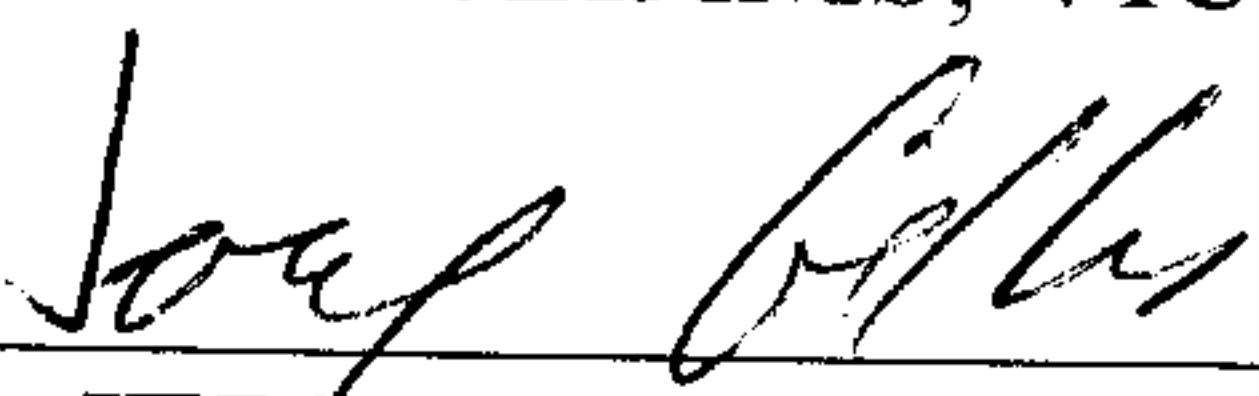
Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 11th, 2026, at 9:00am.

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDING MINUTES ACCEPTED & APPROVED BY:

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

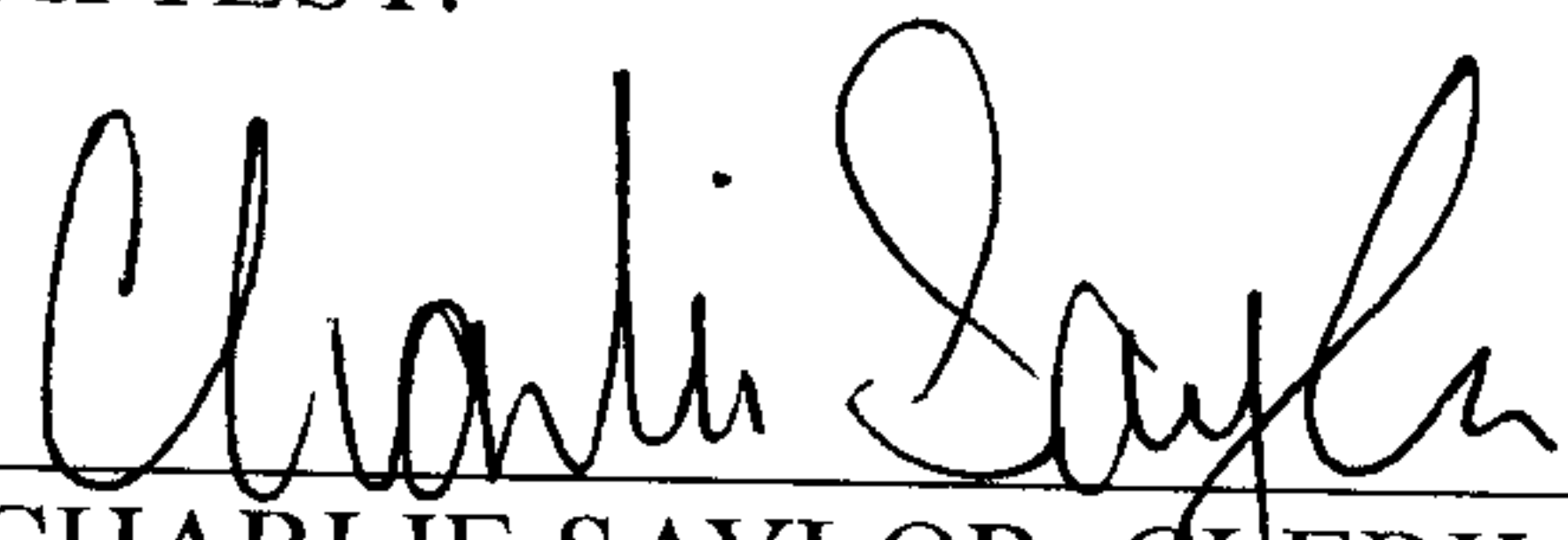
  
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ATTEST:

  
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CHARLIE SAYLOR, CLERK & RECORDER



United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

February 2, 2026

**Subject: Garfield County Predator Control Update**

Marketing and  
Regulatory  
Programs

USDA Wildlife Services (WS) – Montana services Garfield County for predator control work to protect livestock. WS enters into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Stockgrowers and Woolgrowers annually at the rate of \$0.50 a head for cattle and \$1.00 a head for sheep.

Animal Plant and  
Health Inspection  
Service

**Updates**

Wildlife Services

PO BOX 1938  
Billings, MT 59103

1. John Maetzold retired October 1, 2025
2. Hired Michael Uphues from New Mexico – Wildlife Services
  - a. Started Sep 10, 2025
  - b. Cell - 406-557-7294
3. Historic Take

Phone 406-657-6464  
Fax 406-657-6110

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Firearms	54	39	47	52	108	0
Fixed Wing	8	0	0	0	46	0
Helicopter	212	175	257	331	140	0
Snare	88	58	71	110	57	16
Foothold	4	7	0	1	2	0
Total	366	279	375	494	353	16

Thank you for your time,  
Douglas Ekberg  
Eastern District Supervisor  
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