

BLAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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RESOLUTION No. 2025-01

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA, ESTABLISHING THE REGULAR MEETING DATES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE HOURS OF COUNTY OFFICES OF BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA, PURSUANT TO MONTANA STATE LAW.

WHEREAS, Section 7-4-102, MCA, establishes that unless otherwise provided by law, each officer shall keep the officer's office open for the transaction of business during the office hours determined by the governing body by resolution after a public hearing and only if consented to by any affected elected county officer each day except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, and Section 7-4-2211 further stipulates and clarifies the above wording as set forth under Montana State Law, and

WHEREAS, as per 7-4-102, MCA, a public hearing was held in the Office of the Blaine County Commission on Monday, January 2, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Section 7-5-2122, mandates that the governing body of the County shall establish by resolution, regular meeting dates and notify the public of the dates established, and

WHEREAS, Section 7-5-2125, states that "All meetings of the Board of County Commissioners must be public" with the exception of those provided within Section 2-3-203, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners desire that their office be open to the public at all times; and further, encourages the public to attend and take an interest in the business as brought before the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the office hours for all county offices shall be established from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day, except for Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, for the transaction of business. Clerk & Recorders and Treasurers offices shall be established as 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, legal holidays excepted, these offices will close their windows to the public at 4:30 p.m. to reconcile balances. Elected officials may, if allowed by statute with the consent of the commissioners, close their offices from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. each business day. The commissioners may close the courthouse at other times as circumstances and necessity may require.

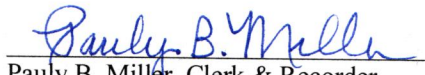
FURTHER, that the Blaine County Commission shall meet in Regular Session each day from 10:00 a.m. until noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays; and further, that scheduled meeting days with published agenda items being acted upon, and that the Schedule Calendar of the Commission is posted in the Office of the Blaine County Commission at the Blaine County Courthouse, Chinook, Montana and is available for public inspection at all times during the office hours as set forth in this Resolution.

FURTHER, that all meetings of the Blaine County Commission as may occur from day to day, are open to the public and public comment is encouraged, except for those meetings provided within Section 2-3-203, MCA.

By Order of the Board of Blaine County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 2nd day of January, 2025, at Chinook, Montana.


Miles G. Hutton, Chairman

ATTEST:


Pauly B. Miller, Clerk & Recorder


Shane Fox, Commissioner

(Seal)


Dolores Plumage, Commissioner

