

**Montana Coal Board
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2025
Billings, MT**

Roll Call of Board Members:

Hal Fuglevand - Present	Catherine Laughner - Present
Scott Rosenthal - Absent	Sandra Jones - Present
Tim Schaff - Present	Sandy Tutvedt - Present
Jon Wells - Present	

Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present:

Marta Bertoglio, Director Department of Commerce
Becky Anseth, Infrastructure Manager
Rachel Young, Administrative Officer
Anita Proul, Executive Assistant

Public Present:

Tom Stockert, Musselshell Co Road Dept.	Jim Atchison, SEMDC
John Williams, Mayor Colstrip	Mike Goffena, Musselshell Co Commissioner
Robert Lee, Rosebud Co Commissioner	Tobin Novasio, Superintendent Hardin Public Schools
Ruth Baue, Treasure Co Commissioner	Representative Gary Parry, HD 35
Julie Emmons Stoddard, SEMDC	Lon Sibley, City of Roundup
Chad Hanson, Great West Engineering	Robert Pankratz, Musselshell Co Commissioner
Dixie Seleg, Superintendent Forsyth Pub. Schools	Jeff Gruizenga, CON'EER Engineering
Ron Slinger, President Miles Community College	Rita Kratky, VP Academic Affairs Miles Comm College
Pat Zent, Public Works Director Colstrip	Eric Terrill, Superintendent Pryor Public Schools

Call Meeting to Order

0:05 Chair Wells called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
1:53 Ms. Young called the roll for Board members

Commerce Updates

02:18 Presenter: Ms. Young

Opportunity for Public Comment

04:40 Chair Wells asked for any public comments on items not on the agenda, but within the Board's jurisdiction:

- Tom Stockert, Musselshell County Road Dept. Supervisor
- Tobin Novasio, Superintendent Hardin Public Schools
- John Williams, Mayor Colstrip
- Mike Goffena, Musselshell County Commissioner
- Robert Lee, Rosebud County Commissioner
- Ruth Baue, Treasure County Commissioner
- Jim Atchison, SEMDC

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Budget Update

Cash Activity Detail – page 3 of binder

14:50 Presenter: Ms. Young

Project Updates

Open and Closed project status – page 5 of binder

16:00 Presenter: Ms. Young

#1003 – Musselshell County – Wier Building Update - page 7 of binder

17:44 Presenter: Ms. Young

#0987 – City of Hardin – Picture Garbage Truck - page 8 of binder

18:04 Presenter: Ms. Young

#1017 – Hardin Public Schools – Tennis Courts Letter and Invitation - page 9 of binder

18:20 Presenter: Ms. Young

New Applications

#1021 – Treasure County – Purchase of a Road Grader – page 11 of binder

0:19:58 Presenter: Ms. Young

#1023 – City of Roundup – Wastewater System Improvements Project – page 37 of binder

0:31:10 Presenter: Ms. Young

#1024 – Musselshell County – Purchase of a Road Grader – page 829 of binder

0:43:31 Presenter: Ms. Young

#1025 – Forsyth Public Schools – School Heating System Repairs/Upgrades – page 1056 of binder

0:56:34 Presenter: Ms. Young

#1026 – Custer County – Costs Associated with the Repairs of a Semi-Truck – page 1083 of binder

1:09:55 Presenter: Ms. Young

#1027 – City of Colstrip – Cemetery Paving Project – page 1137 of binder

1:31:51 Presenter: Ms. Young

#1028 – Pryor Public Schools – School Building Improvement Project – page 1256 of binder

1:49:36 Presenter: Ms. Young

Board Action Items:

Elections

Chair Election

2:05:05 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – nominate Jon Wells for Chair

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Second: Mr. Fuglevand

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Chair Wells abstained. Motion Passed.

Vice-Chair Election

2:05:56 Motion: Ms. Jones – nominate Tim Schaff for Vice-Chair

Second: Ms. Laughner

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes, except Vice-Chair Schaff abstained. Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes

June 5, 2025, MT Coal Board Meeting Minutes – page 1747 of binder

2:06:46 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – approve minutes

Second: Mr. Fuglevand

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Ms. Tutvedt abstained. Motion Passed.

Board Action on Grant Updates

#0989 – Hysham Public Schools – Extension Request – page 1750 of binder

2:08:04 Motion: Ms. Jones – approve extension request through December 31, 2026

Second: Ms. Tutvedt

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

Board Action on Grant Applications

#1021 – Treasure County – Purchase of a Road Grader – page 11 of binder

2:13:00 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – fund full amount, \$250,000

Second: Ms. Laughner

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

#1023 – City of Roundup – Wastewater System Improvements Project – page 37 of binder

2:14:05 Motion: Vice-Chair Schaff – fund full amount, \$500,000

Second: Ms. Tutvedt

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Ms. Jones abstained. Motion Passed.

#1024 – Musselshell County – Purchase of a Road Grader – page 829 of binder

2:15:23 Motion: Ms. Laughner – fund full amount \$320,000

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

Ms. Young called for a vote: N/A.

2:16:03 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – amend amount to \$250,000

Second: Ms. Jones

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Ms. Laughner and Vice-Chair Schaff. Motion Passed

2:18:31 Motion: Chair Wells – vote on original motion as amended

Second: N/A

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

#1025– Forsyth Public Schools – School Heating System Repairs/Upgrades – page 1056 of binder

2:19:26 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – fund full amount, \$247,096

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Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

#1026 – Custer County – Costs Associated with the Repairs of a Semi-Truck – page 1083 of binder

2:20:47 Motion: Mr. Fuglevand – fund full amount, \$48,100

Second: No second

Ms. Young called for a vote: N/A. Motion Failed without a second.

#1027– City of Colstrip – Cemetery Paving Project – page 1137 of binder

2:21:57 Motion: Ms. Jones – fund full amount, \$120,000

Second: Vice-Chair Schaff

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Ms. Tutvedt. Motion Passed.

#1028 – Pryor Public Schools – School Building Improvement Project – page 1256 of binder

2:23:13 Motion: Ms. Tutvedt – fund \$500,000

Second: Mr. Fuglevand

Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes except Ms. Jones and Vice-Chair Schaff. Motion Passed.

Opportunity for Public Comment

2:25:17 Chair Wells opened the meeting for any public comment:

Tom Stockert, Musselshell Co Road Dept.

Ruth Baker, Treasure Co Commissioner

John Williams, Mayor Colstrip

Mike Goffena, Musselshell Co Commissioner

Dixie Seleg, Superintendent Forsyth Public Schools

Eric Terrill, Superintendent Pryor Public School

Sandra Jones, Mayor Roundup

Board Matters

Confirmation of next meeting dates and location

2:28:51 Presenter: Ms. Young

Adjournment

2:34:56 Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.