

COMMISSIONER MEETINGS

All meetings take place in the Commissioners Conference Room (3107)
located in City Hall @ 316 North 26th Street (3rd Floor)
and are open to the public unless otherwise noted

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

8:45 Calendar

9:00 COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSION

PLEDGE

DEPARTMENTS

1. **RiverStone Health** - Introduction/Behavioral Health Improvements
2. **Devan Hoiness** - Marsh McLennan Agency Discussion
3. **Rod Ostermiller** - Bridgemont Programs Update
4. **Matt Deutscher & Brandy Sanders** - Alternatives Update
5. **HR** - Cobra Insurance
6. **MetraPark** - Non-renewal of Cleaning Contract MetraPark
7. **Public Works** -
 - a. 48th and Central Right of Way
 - b. Duck Creek Bridge Update
8. **Finance** - Summit Proposal to Refund County for Overcharging

COMMISSIONERS

1. Letter of Support - Bridgemont Regional Prevention Specialist Application
2. Commissioner Board Reports

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COUNTY BUSINESS

Public comment is an opportunity for individuals to address the Board, however, the Board cannot engage in discussion or take action on items not properly noticed on the agenda.

B.O.C.C Thursday Discussion

1.

Meeting Date: 09/11/2025

Title: RiverStone Health - Introduction/Behavioral Health Improvements

Submitted By: Erika Guy

TOPIC:

RiverStone Health - Introduction/Behavioral Health Improvements

BACKGROUND:

NA

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss

Attachments

BHSIM Role

Data Framework

Role Overview & Upcoming Work

Megan Gibson, Behavioral Health Systems Improvement Manager

As the Behavioral Health Systems Improvement Program Manager, I work as a community organizer and coalition coordinator with RiverStone Health and community partners to identify and improve service gaps for behavioral health systems in Yellowstone County. My role involves the following work and upcoming priorities:

- **Crisis Diversion Grant Management:** Provides oversight to data reporting for funding, leads ongoing subgrantee meetings, and communication of updates between partners.
 - Completion of quarterly reporting utilizing data from subgrantees but also community stakeholders regarding how our crisis response systems are working in correlation to the Crisis Now model
 - Ongoing communication and consultation with the state and MTPHI on best practice and grant needs
 - Mobile Crisis Response planning with stakeholders
- **Behavioral Health Coalition Coordinator (Previously SAC) – To be named:** Will oversee and act as the primary point of contact for the coordination, facilitation, and leadership of coalition through organizational development and ongoing support.
 - Bringing together the executive committee and coalition within the next two months
 - Planning the organization, timeline of coalition, and looking ahead at resource mapping and development of a strategic plan regarding behavioral health systems that is inclusive of substance use
 - Understanding of the many funding sources for behavioral health and how we can consolidate these efforts to ensure all funding is used strategically
- **Montana Opioid Abatement Trust – Staffing:** Provides organizational and coordination support to this committee. Will assist in linking goals and indicators of need identified by the coalition and the future strategic planning results.
 - Ongoing communication with applicants on committee's updated status and plan for use of strategic planning based on coalition efforts
 - Future planning for identified goals, timelines, and communication to community regarding committee updates
- **Community Collaboration:** Engages with providers, community organizations, and internal teams to align efforts and drive systemic change. Attends various related group meetings and consults with other organizations on their perspectives on behavioral health needs for the county.

Behavioral Health System Metrics: Data Collection Framework

Megan Gibson, Behavioral Health Systems Improvement Manager

Purpose - To establish a shared understanding of performance across our behavioral health and crisis response systems, this document outlines the key metrics we plan to use for progress monitoring and guide strategic improvements through coalition work. These metrics will serve as reference points for identifying gaps, setting priorities for funding, and measuring impact over time.

Key Benchmark Metrics

1. **Behavioral Health Population Data**
 - a. Percent of population impacted by behavioral health concern
 - b. Suicide rates per 100,000
 - c. Overdose frequency
2. **Crisis Call Volume & Response Times**
 - a. Total calls to crisis line (e.g., 988)
 - b. Percent of calls resolved without dispatch
3. **Mobile Crisis Team Engagement**
 - a. Number of mobile crisis deployments
 - b. Average response time
 - c. Percent of engagements resulting in diversion from ED or law enforcement
4. **Emergency Department Utilization for Behavioral Health and Crisis Center**
 - a. ED visits with behavioral health diagnosis and crisis center utilization
 - b. Medicaid claim frequency for behavioral health diagnoses
5. **Law Enforcement Involvement in Behavioral Health**
 - a. Number of behavioral health-related calls for service
 - b. Percent of calls resulting in arrest vs. diversion
 - c. Officer time spent on behavioral health calls
6. **Criminal Justice Information**
 - a. Number of individuals booked into jail with behavioral health diagnoses
 - b. Frequency of individuals with behavioral health diagnosis that return to detention center within 6 months of previous discharge
7. **Cost Saving Measures**
 - a. Review of cost savings when high utilizers are linked with correct services
 - b. Cost savings of diversion systems

Next Steps

- Finalize metric definitions and data collection protocols (data sharing agreements)
- Establish baseline data for each metric (in process with existing data)
- Share findings with coalition partners on a quarterly basis
- Begin development of a data dashboard for community use and transparency

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2.

Meeting Date: 09/11/2025

Title: Devan Hoiness - Marsh McLennan Agency Discussion

Submitted By: Erika Guy

TOPIC:

Devan Hoiness - Marsh McLennan Agency Discussion

BACKGROUND:

NA

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss

B.O.C.C Thursday Discussion

3.

Meeting Date: 09/11/2025

Title: Rod Ostermiller - Bridgemont Programs Update

Submitted By: Erika Guy

TOPIC:

Rod Ostermiller - Bridgemont Programs Update

BACKGROUND:

Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss

B.O.C.C Thursday Discussion

4.

Meeting Date: 09/11/2025

Title: Matt Deutscher & Brandy Sanders - Alternatives Update

Submitted By: Erika Guy

TOPIC:

Matt Deutscher & Brandy Sanders - Alternatives Update

BACKGROUND:

NA

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss

B.O.C.C Thursday Discussion

5.

Meeting Date: 09/11/2025

Title: HR - Cobra Insurance

Submitted By: Erika Guy

TOPIC:

HR - Cobra Insurance

BACKGROUND:

Discussion on Cobra Venders

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss

B.O.C.C Thursday Discussion

6.

Meeting Date: 09/11/2025

Title: Non-renewal of Cleaning Contract MetraPark

Submitted By: Teri Reitz, Board Clerk

TOPIC:

MetraPark - Non-renewal of Cleaning Contract MetraPark

BACKGROUND:

See attached.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss.

Attachments

In-House Cleaning Implementation

Authorizing and implementing in-house cleaning - MetraPark

MetraPark management recommends non-renewal of the CMS cleaning contract when it expires on January 31, 2026. Moving cleaning in-house is well within our capabilities and will save us money and give us better control over the outcome. Finance has evaluated our analysis from FY24 (attached) and agrees.

Cleaning will be housed in the Facilities Department and require no new FTE's. It will require a custodial supervisor which can be filled internally by elevating one of the current custodial housekeeping positions from a D to an E grade. The custodial supervisor will be a working position and responsible for recruiting, scheduling and supervising cleaning staff. The administrative support necessary for recruiting and scheduling will be provided by elevating our current Administrative Assistant from 3/4 time to full-time.

This will not add any new FTE's. The rest of the cleaning staff will be Temporary and activated on a scheduled and as-needed basis.

A pool of temp cleaning staff will be hired to handle scheduled cleaning. Any additional cleaners will come through labor ready to handle big post event cleans. The set up will mirror the way Food Services handles their staffing. This gives us the ability to surge people when we need them and to analyze and evaluate how everything works without committing to an increase in permanent, full-time positions.

Custodial-Housekeeping is currently a D grade. The hourly rates for this grade correspond to suggested rates for temp staffing.

We request authorization from the BOCC to:

1. Alert CMS that we will not be renewing their cleaning contract
2. Advertise and hire a Custodial Supervisor position internally.
3. Promote Production Department Administrative Assistant position to full-time
4. Hold a job fair to recruit temp cleaning staff

EVENT CLEANING COST PER EVENT TYPE

FY24	CMS \$ 24.50
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CONCERT	\$ 46,599.60
SPORT	
State tournaments	\$ 22,413.01
Bball tournaments	\$ 43,345.25
Wrestling tournaments	\$ 21,989.51
Bball games	\$ 8,738.13
Football	\$ 12,363.76
Volleyball	
Fights	\$ 6,942.13
Motorsport	\$ 8,789.51
RODEO	\$ 52,365.71
GRADUATION	\$ 4,975.25
FAIR	\$ 7,700.00
TRADE SHOWS	\$ 26,823.04
BANQUETS/PARTIES/SHOWS	\$ 32,898.15

PROPOSED IN-HOUSE

METRA RATE	\$ 21.60
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Reduction	
\$ 41,007.65	\$ 5,591.95
\$ 19,723.45	\$ 2,689.56
\$ 38,143.82	\$ 5,201.43
\$ 19,350.77	\$ 2,638.74
\$ 7,689.55	\$ 1,048.58
\$ 10,880.11	\$ 1,483.65
\$ -	\$ -
\$ 6,109.07	\$ 833.06
\$ 7,734.77	\$ 1,054.74
\$ 46,081.82	\$ 6,283.89
\$ 4,378.22	\$ 597.03
\$ 6,776.00	\$ 924.00
\$ 23,604.28	\$ 3,218.76
\$ 28,950.37	\$ 3,947.78

TOTAL CHARGE \$ 295,943.05 \$ 260,429.88 \$ 35,513.17

Estimated Hours 12,079 Efficiency reduction 10% 10,871 \$ 29,594.31

EVENT CLEANING EXPENSE SAVINGS \$ 65,107.47

Notes:

Rate increase from CMS

With 3% increase \$ 304,821.34 Savings \$ 73,985.76

CMS currently pays Cleaning Staff \$15.75 per hour.

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7. a.

Meeting Date: 09/11/2025

Title: 48th and Central Right of Way

Submitted For: Monica Plecker, Public Works Director

Submitted By: Monica Plecker, Public Works Director

TOPIC:

48th and Central Right of Way

BACKGROUND:

48th and Central right of way update provided by staff.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss.

B.O.C.C Thursday Discussion

7. b.

Meeting Date: 09/11/2025

Title: Duck Creek Bridge Update

Submitted By: Monica Plecker, Public Works Director

TOPIC:

Duck Creek Bridge Update

BACKGROUND:

Duck Creek Bridge Update regarding permitting status, next steps and GMP.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss

B.O.C.C Thursday Discussion

8.

Meeting Date: 09/11/2025

Title: Summit Refund Request

Submitted For: Jennifer Jones, Finance Director

Submitted By: Jennifer Jones, Finance Director

TOPIC:

Finance - Summit Proposal to Refund County for Overcharging

BACKGROUND:

Summit over charged YC for breakfasts at the detention facility for three years.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss.

B.O.C.C Thursday Discussion

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Meeting Date: 09/11/2025

Title: Letter of Support - Bridgemont Regional Prevention Specialist Application

Submitted By: Erika Guy

TOPIC:

Letter of Support - Bridgemont Regional Prevention Specialist Application

BACKGROUND:

See Attached

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss

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Letter of Support - Bridgemont Regional Prevention Specialist Application

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September 16, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners, we are pleased to offer this letter of support for Bridgemont Health & Wellness in their application for Regional Prevention Specialist (DPHHS-RFP-2026-0624NAV).

We recognize the critical need for prevention, outreach, and mental health resources in our community. Bridgemont Health & Wellness has consistently demonstrated leadership in this work, providing innovative, accessible, and collaborative services that address substance use, mental health, and overall wellness.

We have been supportive of Bridgemont on initiatives such as the Parent Education Folders, school programming, outreach campaigns, trainings, and community events. The positive impact of their efforts can be seen throughout the county. Their approach is data-driven, community-centered, and rooted in collaboration with schools, healthcare providers, law enforcement, elected officials, the business community and local organizations.

We believe Bridgemont's proposed project under DPHHS-RFP-2026-0624NAV will strengthen prevention efforts across Yellowstone County by:

- Expanding access and education on mental health and substance use.
- Building stronger community partnerships to reach youth, families, and adults.
- Providing sustainable resources that improve long-term outcomes for individuals and communities.

We are committed to supporting Bridgemont Health & Wellness in this initiative and their innovative approach to prevention in our county. We look forward to continued collaboration to ensure our communities are healthier, stronger, and more resilient.

Thank you for considering this application.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA

Mark Morse, Chair

Michael J. Waters, Member

Chris White, Member