Yellowstone County Council Minutes October 1, 2026

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm by Sheena Stenberg

Pledges*:* No leaders

Minutes: Minutes from the September 3rd, 2026, meeting were read by Angie Murdick. Sheena Stenberg moved to approve the minutes as read, Sherry Antilla second, motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Rochelle Smith reports that our account balance as of September 30th, 2026, was $101,322.07, Angie Murdick moved to approve the report as given, Sheena Stenberg seconded, and the motion passed.

Correspondence: Many Thank You cards were received this month; they were passed around to be read.

Old Business:

Family Fun Night: Reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

National 4-H Week: Will be October 4th thru the 10th**.** Office sent out a reminder email**.** Discussion as to what some clubs were planning**.** Blue Creek Jumping Bucks will be holding a Petting Zoo at TSC West on October 10th from 10 am to 2 pm. Ambassadors are doing a social media campaign- would like input on "Because of 4-H….. "

Committees:

Dept. N

Fair: Dawson and Jasmin hosted a Pizza Party for All Around Kids, Sherry Antilla praised Dawson and Jasmin for their work running Dept N. Discussion about Ice Crean Booth, how can we bring sales up, perhaps have tickets sold out on the fairgrounds, would like to start first shift later and update the club shift list, change clubs around
Events Day: (Showcase & Communication Day) Will be March 27th, 2027.
Make it & Take it Workshops: Two workshops are scheduled: Tuesday January 12th, 2027, from 6-7:30 pm and Saturday February 6th, 2027, 9am to around noon.
Activities/Workshops: Let office know of any that you are planning.

Dept. A:

Fair: Need ideas and plan to vote on rule changes
AQA: Need Teachers for the classes.
Nile Ag Ed: Volunteers needed October 12th through 14th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm., 4 of our members participated in the NILE Judging contests.

County Awards: Nominations due October 16th, Discussion groups will be Sunday November 8th and Tuesday November 10th. Facilitators and Record Book Checkers are needed. Club nominations are also needed; we have a 30 year (Alma Longmire) and 2 40-year leaders (Wes & Dixie Osborne). Discussion as to what to give to the 40-year leaders.

Nominating, Policy, and Budget Committee: Fair book still needs work, reviewed policy & received feedback, reminder that leader dues increased this year.

Ambassadors/Teen Leaders:

Fall Training: November 6th -8th in Butte.
Holiday Movie Night: December 11th at the 4-H Building- Wear your Pj's. snacks will be provided.
Meet & Greet: 5:30 pm Nov 22nd at the 4-H Building, before the Ambassador meeting. The 2027 Ambassador team will be chosen at the Ambassador meeting which will follow the Meet & Greet.

Exchange: Went on a tour of South-Central Montana- This group will go to Savannah Georgia next summer. Need to get a new group going to be ready to host in 2028.

New Business:

Yearly Calendar:

Fruit delivery is expected to be March 20th, 2027, however that date is not yet confirmed as an RV place has a hold on the Expo that day.

Please reach out to the office with dates of workshops and meetings so they can get them added.

Citizenship Seminar: January 16th – 18th, 2027

Montana 4-H Day (formerly Legislative Breakfast) January 19th, 2027, in Helena. The Heritage Building in Helena will have displays that spotlight 4-H.

Bill Writing Workshop: December 3rd- If you want help to write a bill and cannot make the workshop, please call the office.

2027 Rec Lab: Will be March 19th-21st, 2027 in Ekalaka MT.

Fruit Sale: Delivery is an issue; carriers are not willing to lock in delivery costs due to increasing diesel fuel prices.

Agent Report:

4-H Now App: Sheena Stenberg took on the task of facilitating the app
Coffee for a Cause: 4-H Extension staff were nominated and chosen as the September winner of Coffee for A Cause. Chantel Hale, Tenille Odekoven and Caroline Brito along with their kids came to the 4-H office and talked about 4-H.
Simply Local Magazine: They are doing an article on 4-H, Roni needs lots of 4-H pictures.
Yellowstone County 4-H Spotlight: Roni is planning to highlight our teen volunteers in her report.
Workshops and other activities: Reach out to Leslie and Brandy at the 4-H office you are planning any and to check on available dates.

Before adjourning there was a brief discussion on what 4-H could do to support the family of Camden Olmstead- it was decided to send flowers to the service.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm

Next Meeting: November 5th, 6:30 pm, following Department N

Submitted by

Angie Murdick
Secretary