

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LAUREL  
CITY/COUNTY PLANNING BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

A City/County Planning board meeting was held in Council Chambers and called to order by County chair Richard Klose at 6:00 pm on February 18, 2026.

**Board Members Present:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Canape	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Herr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Thomaе
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Benner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Klose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Waters
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judy Goldsby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Klasna	

**Others Present:**

Amber Hatton – Deputy Clerk Treasurer  
Forrest Sanderson – Contract Planner  
Brittney Harakal – Administrative Assistant

**Public Input:** *Citizens may address the committee regarding any item of business that is not on the agenda. The duration for an individual speaking under Public Input is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the committee will not take action on any item not on the agenda.*

**Disclosure of Ex Parte Communication - None**

**Public Hearing - None**

**General Items**

1. **Minutes from January 21, 2026 –**  
Motion made by Judy Goldsby to approve January 21, 2026, minutes, seconded by Richard Herr. There was no public comment. Motion passed 8-0.
2. **Appointment of Mike Waters to the Laurel-Yellowstone City-County Planning Board**  
Mike Waters introduced himself. Commissioner Mike Waters, District 3 County Commissioner with Yellowstone County for over 1 year. He is happy to be here, and his goal is to have the commission more directly involved in Laurel Planning and the City activities. He is also interested in the City’s annexation process.

## **New Business**

### **3. Laurel Industrial Park Subdivision 2<sup>nd</sup> Filing**

Forrest Sanderson, Contracted Planner, reviewed the attached staff report.

The Board questioned under the proposed conditions of approval number 6, when the professional engineer designs a sidewalk section and the lot divisions are developed, when will the sidewalk be installed. Does that mean there will be no sidewalk until somebody develops it or is it only in front of that lot that the sidewalk will be done? Is it the entire section of the sidewalk, or is it just for that lot?

Forrest explained, the SIA addresses it where we're dealing with potential industrial development, the heavy truck traffic going across the sidewalks would destroy it. They were not requiring it to be installed upfront. They were requiring it to be installed after the lot was developed. The engineer would design entire section from Washington to the end of the subdivision. When LOT two was developed, they would build that section of sidewalk. So, in theory, you would see the construction go in four separate sections, all to the master engineering design.

The board is concerned based on past developments, if the sidewalk is not developed up front, they may be unfinished, and that section is developed without a sidewalk.

The board also asked about the ditch along East Railroad Street, whether it was an irrigation ditch or a drain ditch and will it be buried? According to Forrest, it's a stormwater transfer ditch. It could be left open or it could be piped, that would be at the owner or developer's discretion.

Ron Benner made a motion to approve and pass on to the City Council, with the amendment in proposed condition number 6, to state that with the development on any lot within the subdivision, the whole sidewalk would be completed with the development of the first lot. The second motion, by Judy Goldsby. There was no public comment. Motion passes 8-0.

## **Old Business**

### **4. Laurel-Yellowstone City-County Planning board Bylaws**

Ron Benner worked on updating the bylaws and presented the bylaws with a redline copy for the board to review. There were a few board members that did not have a chance to review the updated version of the bylaws. There is also a concern on the map in "exhibit A" as being the current map with the jurisdictional boundaries.

Judy Goldsby made a motion to table this until board members have an opportunity to review updated bylaws and current map. Motion was seconded by Richard Herr. There was no public comment. Motion passes 8-0.

**Other Items - none**

**Announcements**

5. Next Meeting: March 18, 2026, at 6:00 pm

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Jonathan Klasna to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ron Benner. There was no public comment. Motion passed 8-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amber Hatton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Amber Hatton  
Deputy Clerk Treasurer