



Yellowstone County Council Minutes February 5th, 2026

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Amy Ready at 6:41 pm

Pledges: Tatum Lynch led the pledges

Minutes: Minutes from the December 4th, 2025, meeting were read. Emily Lynch moved to accept the minutes as read, Chris Dykes seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Rochelle Smith reported \$95,146.97 in the account as of January 31st, 2026. Ag Banquet \$ is missing from the report. Rex Koivu moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Kathy Teter seconded, motion passed.

Discussion to present Brandi Butler with a \$100 gift card in appreciation for extra work while Leslie Idstrom was out due to illness, Rex Koivu motioned to do so, Chris Dykes seconded, Angie Murdick amended the motion to include flowers, Chris Dykes seconded, motion passed.

Correspondence: none

Roni requested all present introduce themselves as there were many new people present.

Old Business:

Fruit Sale: Discussion as to how fruit sale was going. Issue was raised as to clubs not receiving a percentage of Buy Out funds- should we allow them a percentage? Consensus was that county would make no changes. Changes could be made at the club level in the by-laws: they could set a higher buy-out amount than required by the county and keep the difference or require that kids sell a minimum number of boxes.

Committees:

Dept. N: Discussion of how to proceed since Chris Martin and Sherri Horsman have retired. Roni recommended splitting up into positions, thus making each person's responsibilities more manageable. Holly Parks reported on the January Make n Take workshop, next Make n Take scheduled for Wednesday February 25, from 6-7 pm at the 4-H building.

Events Day: Meeting held before Dept N. Schedule and workshops were reviewed. Helpers were assigned.

Dept. A:

AQA: teachers needed, workshop dates in the February newsletter are correct. Need to sign up for the Fruit Sale Buyers list.

Ambassadors/Teen Leaders: We have a new Team: Brooklyn Kuhr, Tate Ackerman, Samantha Lynch, Wade Bekkedahl, Grace Sedlacek and Emily Solberg. They are planning an Officer Training and helping with the Leadership Academy.

Rec Lab is \$110, County pays, will be held [in](#) Columbus March 27th-29th, workshops are ready, registrations will be coming out.

Exchange: Delaware finalized and we have names of the kids coming this summer.

New Business:

Camp: we have 53 Counselors and CIT's for the 2026 4-H Camp.

Agent Report:

Record Book Workshop: 60 people attended the Record Book workshop, very interactive, and learned how to set up their books.

Ag Chamber Fundraiser: 4-H received a great report- sold raffle tickets, 4 Ambassadors, 6 Exchange and 9 other 4-H members were there. They talked to people, helped seat. Kathy Teter reported that attendees commented as to how the 4-H members were more engaged than FFA members. Our kids presented the Pledges on stage; the performer did a 4-H song that the kids got to dance too.

Discussion as to how to use the funds. Give some back to the members that worked, then perhaps plan a county event-perhaps Movie Night at the Lake?

Rex Koivu was chosen for an 8-week Exchange program to Japan this summer (early June). He approached Council to request funds to help with trip expenses. He has already raised roughly \$6000 on his own through events such as a Bingo Night, selling raffle tickets, and working Rescued and Reclaimed.

Amy Ready motioned to give Rex \$1000, Sherry Antilla seconded, motion passed.

Angie Murdick moved to adjourn the meeting, Emily Lynch seconded, meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Next Meeting: April 2nd, 2026, following Dept N.

Submitted by

Angie Murdick

Secretary