



406 North Cheyenne
Hardin MT 59034
(406) 665-9260

**Finance Committee Meeting
AGENDA**

April 21, 2026
Council Chambers
401 North Cheyenne

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Law Enforcement Committee Meetings

5:30 p.m.

- Animal Control
 - Update on cats and discussion on solutions
 - Aggressive dogs
- K-9 house usage or donation

Meeting adjourned at _____ P.M.

Meeting will be Audio Recorded ONLY - Montana Legislature House Bill 890

AGENDA

*The City of Hardin
406 N. Cheyenne Avenue
Hardin, MT 59034*

April 21, 2026

AUDIO RECORDING BEGINS

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mayor: _____

Alderspersons: Steven Hopes _____ Clayton Greer _____ Chris Sharpe _____

George Toyne _____ Jeremy Krebs _____ Antonio Espinoza _____

CONSENT AGENDA:

Law Enforcement 04/07/2026 Council Meeting 04/07/2026 **Claims**

PUBLIC COMMENT (agenda items only):

MAYOR:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Personnel Committee/City Policy:** Mayor
- **Sewer & Water:** Hopes
- **Streets & Alleys:** Hopes
- **Law Enforcement:** Toyne
- **Parks & Playgrounds:** Krebs
- **Finance/Landfill:** Greer
- **Resolutions and Ordinances:** Sharpe
- **Economic Development:** Toyne

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Hardin Police Department Dispatch – Closed
- Bike Rodeo

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- K-9 Dog Decision: Options for donation or sale

NEW BUSINESS:

- Cat/ Feral Cat discussion
- Interlocal Dispatch Agreement with Big Horn County – Clarification
- Weed Mowing Bid – Big Sky Lawn Care & Plowing LLC
- Police Commission Appointment
- Interim Chief Appointment
- Website for Big Horn Country MT through the PILOT Grant
- Grant sponsorship – Friends of the Depot
- Friends of the Depot – LBHD Promotion
- Indexed savings account for cash reserve
- LHSB CD 5/10/2026

STAFF REPORTS

- **Public Works:**
- **Finance:** Quarterly Investment Account Update
- **Police:**
- **Legal:**
- **Economic Development:**

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Ordinance NO. 2026-01 – Second Reading: Amending City Code Reflecting Legislative Changes to Accessory Dwelling Units and Mobile Homes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Notice to Destroy Weeds: April 30th to November 30th

Police Department Special Olympics Torch Run Sunday May 10th 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Sump Pump Reminder: April through September

Request for Proposals: Employee Group Benefits Coverage are due by 3:00 p.m. Friday, April 24, 2026

Local Government Review Study Commission Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month, TBD Council Chambers

City of Hardin Job Openings: Full-time position: Police Chief.

Meeting adjourned at _____ P.M.

AUDIO RECORDING ENDS

*Additions to the Agenda can be voted on by Council to add to the Agenda for the next Council meeting.
Agenda items will need to be submitted by Wednesday noon before a Tuesday Council meeting.*

CITY of HARDIN

Law Enforcement Committee Meeting

April 7, 2026

The Law Enforcement Committee meeting began at 5:37 p.m. In attendance were Committee members George Toyne, Chris Sharpe, Clayton Greer and Steven Hopes. Council members Antonio Espinoza, Jeremy Krebs and Mayor Riley Ramsey were also present. City Staff members present were Finance Officer/ City Clerk Andrew Lehr, Public Works Director Michael Hurff, Deputy City Clerk Angela Zimmer, Attorney Jordan Knudsen, and Police Chief Paul George Jr., and several members of the public virtually by Zoom and in person.

Public Comment: During the meeting.

Toyne reported he called the meeting to talk about Animal Control. The city does not have a place to house animals when they are caught. The 4-H has a building they are taking bids for; it has electric heat and an air conditioner. Janelle Weinberg, President of H.E.P. (Help Every Pet) Club and local business owner, provided a review of the building and reported it would work if cats were in kennels. There was discussion about where the building would be located. There was further discussion about the problem of cats in town. Espinoza asked where the cats will go after they have been in the building. Toyne reported he is currently working on it and noted he has looked into the State; a license can be obtained for euthanasia facility. He noted the only way to do euthanasia is with drugs, but can be done with gas (Co2). His research shows that is the only way other states are allowed to do it. Toyne reported for about a \$1,000 a gas facility can be set up; if the state were to sign off on it. The cheapest found to put a cat down is about \$100 per cat. He noted Knudsen can look into it to make sure we are compliant with the state.

Loretta Barnes, with H.E.P., noted you would need to be careful; you are not just euthanizing feral cats, you would be euthanizing sick feral cats. If you start euthanizing healthy feral cats you will be blacklisted. She noted she knows it is a problem; people are not taking responsibility for what they are doing, she and Weinberg provided examples. Mayor Ramsey noted the point of this is to figure out how to control the population correctly. Debbie Winburn, resident and local business owner, asked if there could be an ordinance that makes it illegal to be feeding the cats. It was noted there is an ordinance. Toyne noted the City has to get a facility and have an exit strategy before educating the public and start implementing enforcement of the ordinances. Sharpe read City Ordinance *Title 6, Chapter 2, Section 12(A): Attracting Animals*. It was noted that is not being called in to the proper authorities. Sharpe explained he has let people know to take pictures and call it in. Loretta Barnes noted there are a lot of people that support feral cat colonies. Toyne noted everything the City would do needs to be legal and clarified. Knudsen noted the City is authorized to euthanize by state law; both dogs and cats. There was further discussion. Toyne noted the City needs a set policy; five days to claim the cat; pay a fine for being at large and if no one claims the animal it is put down. Winburn noted

when this is up and running and there are tame strays she will run an ad for them under announcements with a description in the Original Briefs at no charge. Knudsen noted he has a call into the executive director of the Board of Veterinary Medicine, what they will regulate, and what is outside the scope of their regulation. Police Chief Paul George, Jr. noted the Police Service Aide took over the Animal Control; his recommendation is to not associate the cat business with the Police Department.

Sharpe asked when the 4-H needed the bid by. Toyne noted he was going to contact them after the meeting. Knudsen explained the purchase of a building wasn't properly noticed on the agenda to make the purchase; the recommendation is to have the property noticed to the public.

Toyne noted his intention was to ask Council if they want to go forward and create a department to take care of this problem, investigate, and do the euthanasia in house. Sharpe noted he would like to have Knudsen look at the legal, what the City can and can't do and have it written how the excess cats will be handled. He wants a clear policy and not have it turn into a shelter; adding the building cannot be purchased tonight. Enzminger provided options for the friendly cats; they have resources. Sharpe noted he would like to see it on paper first; a motion would be needed to buy the building. Knudsen noted his concern is that the notice on the agenda is vague. There was discussion about another committee meeting.

Toyne expressed his opinion that part of the problem with the people on the streets is the over sales of alcohol in facilities in the City. He would like to see over sales to people who are intoxicated to be enforced. Knudsen noted the City can prosecute sales to intoxicated persons; it is a misdemeanor. Police Chief Paul George, Jr. noted the majority of the folks who are intoxicated that are getting alcohol are getting other people to purchase it for them or stealing it; they are not being sold the products. Knudsen reviewed the possible legal consequences of selling to an intoxicated individual. Hopes noted the first approach would be communication. Toyne agreed, the Police Chief and Sheriff could go to each individual place of sales to let them know they will be enforcing the laws. Shannon Pitsch, resident, noted every year they have to be certified with Safe Serve to sell the alcohol; and when you first become a server, you have a short amount of time to get the certification. Two representatives from Town Pump were present. She noted that the cashiers are certified, they do not work a till unless they take the responsible alcohol sales class and added they do their due diligence to keep the public safe. The state requires the certification every three years; Town Pump requires it every year. Krebs noted it would be good to send out letters.

Toyne will visit with the 4-H to see if they can hold off going out to bid for the building until the Council meets again. The consensus of the committee is to have another committee meeting on the same night of the next Regular Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

George Toyne, Law Enforcement Chairmen

ATTEST:

Andrew Lehr, Finance Officer/City Clerk

**THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY of HARDIN, MONTANA**

COUNCIL MEETING: The Regular Council Meeting for April 7, 2026 was called to order at 6:39 p.m. with Mayor Riley Ramsey presiding by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Aldermen were present: Steven Hopes, George Toyne, Clayton Greer, Jeremy Krebs, Chris Sharpe, and Antonio Espinoza.

Also present: Finance Officer/City Clerk Andrew Lehr, Public Works Director Michael Hurff, Jr., Deputy City Clerk Angela Zimmer, Attorney Jordan Knudsen and Police Chief Paul George, Jr.

Also present physically and by virtual meeting: Several Members of the Public

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS & CLAIMS: Greer motioned to approve the Law Enforcement meeting of February 17, 2026 as written. Motion seconded by Sharpe. On a voice vote the motion passed. (5/0) Espinoza stepped out of the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Hopes motioned to approve the Special Council Meeting of March 12, 2026. Motion seconded by Greer. On a voice vote the motion passed. (5/0) Espinoza was not present. Greer made the motion to approve the Council minutes as written for March 17, 2026. Motion seconded by Hopes. On a voice vote the motion passed. (5/0) Espinoza was not present. Espinoza re-joined the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Greer motioned to approve the Closed meeting minutes of March 17, 2026 as written. Sharpe seconded. On a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Greer made a motion to approve the claims for April 7, 2026.

	CLAIM No.	Monthly Total
February, 2026	33577	\$ 7,029.36
March, 2026	33555, 33578-33579, 33581-33589, 33592. 33593, 33595-33644	1,718,466.90
February, 2026	33558-33577, 33590-33591	<u>2,475.12</u>
Claims Total (Expenditures)		\$ 1,725,496.26
March, 2026		<u>275,742.78</u>
TOTAL Submitted		\$ 2,001,239.04

Toyne asked for clarification on the claim for the K-9 Working Dog International LLC. Lehr noted it is the second to final payment for the dog.

Hopes seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

MAYOR:

Mayor Ramsey reported the City should be switching over tomorrow for the dispatch system with the County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel Policy/City Policy:

Sewer & Water:

Hopes reported he took a small tour of the wastewater treatment plant to check it out. He provided an update on the progress.

Streets & Alleys:

Hopes reported the City crew had the street sweeper out before the snow; they are doing alley clean-up; they have been putting garbage cans together, and cleaning stormwater drains.

Law Enforcement:

Toyne reported the committee discussed animal control and getting a facility to house cats and start investigating a euthanasia program for animals that are left after five days. The consensus is to send a notice out to all people selling alcohol in the city to not sell to people who are intoxicated. Knudsen noted he will look into euthanasia; he has a call into the Board of Veterinary Medicine and will do what he can to find out legally what the options are.

Toyne noted there is a gentleman in town that is working at the drain granaries and fairgrounds helping them get rid of pigeons; he catches them and sells them.

Parks & Playgrounds:

Krebs reported everything for the South Park Project is getting wrapped up; the cornhole boards did come in; they haven't been set. He noted he would like to start the planning for a Grand Opening. He reviewed some tentative dates that would not interfere with other events in town.

Finance/Landfill:

Greer reported he and Hurff are working on the septic tank at the landfill.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Economic Development:

Toyne reported the City Economic Development Director, Tina Toyne, is currently attending a Montana Economic Development Association (MEDA) meeting in Helena; she attended the Certified Regional Development Corporation meeting with Beartooth RC&D, held in Hardin; she continued discussions with local business owners regarding potential use of buildings for onsite signage and advertisement opportunities; she met with Destination iQ to discuss promotional strategies for Little Big Horn Days; she is exploring several program options that may provide future funding opportunities for the Visitor Information Center; working ongoing collaborations with Travel Story in preparation for a mid-June launch; working on the Infill and Redevelopment for Housing Project and working on the Industrial Park Development Initiative.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Ramsey reported the City received correspondence back from the Big Horn Hospital regarding the offer from the City made in good faith to settle in full in the amount of \$25,000 for detainees. The letter said it is well below what their cost is. Espinoza noted the City doesn't have to pay it. Krebs asked if there is an obligation to pay. Knudsen reviewed State Law; provided examples of circumstances; hospital regulations; and the conflict of Federal and State Laws. Knudsen references a discussion the City had with the hospital last fall noting the hospital acknowledged the City is not responsible. The hospital sent the first offer for fifty-three percent and Council responded asking if they would take less; \$25,000. The hospital rejected the counter-offer. There was further discussion about billing, etc. Chief Paul George, Jr. noted they combined all the bills that generated this. There was further discussion. Sharpe noted his proposal is to pay \$25,000 now and a payment of \$5,000 bi-annually. Knudsen proposed to send a contract with the check. Sharpe motioned to send check for \$25,000 and a payment of \$5,000 bi-annually. There was further discussion of the dates for the bi-annual payments. Greer seconded. Sharpe amended the first motion to pay the amount of \$25,000 with the amount of \$10,000 in December of each year with a contract of four years. It was clarified they will be made in good faith. Greer seconded. Toyne noted he feels the City should pay more to the hospital. After further discussion there was a voice vote. The motion passed. (5/1) Toyne voting Nay.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hurff reported he received pricing for a butterfly valve for the water intake building in the amount of \$6,737.85. He received another quote in the amount of \$7,658.15. He requested approval of the quote in the amount of \$6,737.85; the City will have to cover delivery, wiring and installation. Richard Jefferson, Water Treatment Plant Operator, provided information about the current pumps. Krebs motioned to approve. Espinoza seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Ramsey reported a few people have approached him about a towing rotation. Greer noted he read the documents and agrees with how it is written and he is with the Police Chief; it is

up to the Police Chief to meet those criteria's and the handling of how it is done, the letter was well written; adding he is going with the Chief of Police. Sharpe and Espinoza both voiced they side with Greer and the Chief. Toyne asked for clarification; if everyone is held to the same standard; given the opportunity to correct the problem. He asked if this was given to that one company. Police Chief Paul George, Jr. noted multiple times and provided a review of the issues. Sharpe noted the letter noted there were several confrontations that were recorded on body cameras. Krebs noted there should be a committee meeting about this. He would like to see a policy. Knudsen reported by law the City is not required to have an equitable rotation system. Chief Paul George, Jr. noted that doesn't mean they haven't been operating in the sense of equitableness; they had both companies on subject to call; equity was not an issue. Hopes noted he would like to look at the policy. Sharpe noted the Chief has written the policy and made decisions; weighed the benefits and cons; we are abiding by our policy. Knudsen noted it is not a legal issue, the issue is how far the policies of a board that sits up here will go down into the discretion of any office; that can cause repercussions in any department. Corrina Kirschenmann-Kuntz, via Zoom, asked if the towing companies have signed guidelines, if not, they can sign the rules and regulations and if not followed they would be removed from the list. Espinoza asked of the tow company can come in when a new Chief is in place; he and Krebs agreed that they shouldn't take any action now. Krebs motioned to table. Espinoza seconded. Sharpe noted he stands behind it today; he would rather vote on it today. On a voice vote, the motion passed. (4/2) Greer and Sharpe voting Nay.

Cole Kirschenmann, Pastor of Gateway Christian Center, noted two years ago they held the Take Him With You event at Wilson Park and they plan to do it again; give away bikes and encourage kids and families to have communication skills. He requested road closure from 10th Street to the end of the Mormon Church property and noted they will take care of the portable restrooms. Krebs motioned to approve the request to include the portable restrooms. Espinoza seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Ramsey noted Rocky Mountain Power requested for the Landfill Agreement suspension of services. Krebs reviewed the timeline of when they came into the City; tax exempt for the first ten years and then were re-assessed where they paid lower taxes, etc. He is not in favor of it at all if they can't pay their back taxes in addition to the amount they still owe for ash. Hopes agreed. Lehr reported they are behind \$3.2 million dollars in taxes to the City, a little over \$1,300 across the scale and they owe \$193,706 for the monthly fee. There was discussion about their request. Sharpe noted they are in breach of contract. Krebs noted he does not want to suspend services. Toyne made the motion to send them a demand letter to pay in full to include taxes. Espinoza seconded. There was further discussion. Knudsen asked Council to consider a closed session. Toyne amended his motion to authorize Knudsen to send a demand letter that the City will not consider suspending their contract without them paying their bill in full. Espinoza seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Krebs motioned to approve Pay Application #9 from Northcon, Inc. in the amount of \$927,804.19 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades. Sharpe seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Hopes motioned to approve Pay Application #7-2 from Western Municipal Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$604,288.87 for the Lodge Grass Project. Lehr reported that this will be the final pay application from Western Municipal since all equipment has been purchased. Greer seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Ramsey reported there have been discussions to give the Police Department Officers a wage increase. He reviewed the proposed Police Department Wage Matrix; adding the new matrix would add \$2.00 to the current pay for all officers. Chief Paul George, Jr. noted the current matrix is outdated and examples of how officers would experience a wage increase under the current matrix. He created a pay scale; getting rid of one officer position in the department to spread the money between the current positions. There was discussion about how the matrix works. Ramsey noted the matrix needs an amendment to change \$3.00 per hour to \$2.00 hour for current officers and for officers that complete the academy. Espinoza motioned to approve with the amendment. Sharpe seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Officer Edward Stafford (via Zoom), on behalf of Officer Jake Kinder, reported Kinder was approached with the opportunity for the community to host the Special Olympics Torch Run. He reviewed details of the temporary road closures as the officers, volunteers, and athletes take to the

streets. Officer Laurie Welch noted the school will be involved. The event is scheduled for May 10, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Knudsen noted he wanted Council to be aware of the event. Sharpe motioned to approve. Greer seconded. On a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Lehr reviewed the new Letter of Credit from Little Horn State Bank as a pledge to funds held at the institution. Hopes motioned to accept the Letter of Credit. Greer seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

Public Works:

Hurff reported he attended a conference in Great Falls last week 45th Annual MACRS Conference. He shared some of the content from the conference that included advice on leadership, how to encourage growth and investment of our employees, and communication with employees and the public. There were classes on roads and road rehabilitators.

Finance:

Lehr reported the city submitted and received the fifth request of the Pilot Tourism Grant in the amount of \$17,802.65 and will be submitting the sixth request this week. Lodge Grass signed their return to work certification for the contractor to continue working on their project and the City will be submitting their first quarter request that will include the payment of \$604,288.87 to Western Municipal Construction, Inc. for that project. He noted the project target end date is June 18, 2026 with final completed of July 18, 2026.

Police:

Police Chief Paul George, Jr. reviewed calls for service. Officer Joshua Garcia graduates the Montana Law Enforcement Academy (MCLA) on April 21, 2026. He reported the Easter Egg Hide was an outstanding success, eighty-five kids; forty housed participated.

Police Chief Paul George, Jr. announced he is leaving Hardin; his last day is April 23, 2026. He noted he extended an offer to stay on part time as a resource and to help the City find a new Chief of Police. The City has a great team at the Police Department. He voiced he has had a good honest three years here; loves the community; has been invested in the community since day one and will be invested even once he leaves.

Legal:

Knudsen reported the total case numbers in City Court last year ended at nine hundred and twenty-five total; eight hundred and eighty-five by officer cases. In the first fourteen weeks of this year the court is at two hundred and ninety-two cases if that kept up it would be almost eleven hundred cases just by officers. He wanted to let it be known the good work the police department is doing and extended a "Thank You" to the Chief for his time here; for his work; adding the numbers prove what he has done, Thank You.

Economic Development:

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Resolution NO. 2431: Establish Wages for Hardin City Police Department Employees. Knudsen noted the effective date on the resolution is incorrect; it can be amended to a different date if Council chooses. There was discussion regarding the effective date. Hopes motioned to approve for the effective date to be April 5, 2026. Greer seconded. On a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance NO. 2026-01: Amending City Code Reflecting Legislative Changes to Accessory Dwelling Units and Mobile Homes. Knudsen reported these are the changes presented to the City by the City-County Planning Board; previously approved by Council. Carol Foxe asked what the changes were. Knudsen provided an overview. Sharpe motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-01. Greer seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Ramsey reported the Sump Pump Reminder is from April through September; Weed Mowing Bids are due Wednesday, April 8, 2026 by 2:00 p.m.; the Hardin Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, April 9th – 12:45 to 5:45 p.m. at First Alliance Church; Letters of

Interest to serve on the Police Commission are due April 16, 2026; Request for Proposals for Employee Group Benefits Coverage are due Friday, April 24, 2026 by 3:00 p.m.; and Local Government Review meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

The City of Hardin has the following Job Openings: Full-time position – Police Chief

Greer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Sharpe seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Riley Ramsey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrew Lehr, Finance Officer/City Clerk

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City of Hardin

Submitted for Approval

April 21, 2026

Month	CLAIM No.	Monthly Total
January, 2026	33556, 33671	\$ 2,325.00
March, 2026	33645-33656	35,109.56
April, 2026	33657-33660, 33663-33667, 33669-33670, 33673-33678	56,704.24
TOTAL Submitted		\$ 94,138.80

Claims or Expenditures over \$5,000
per Resolution #2189

Vendor	Purpose	Check #	Amount
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTU	Monthly Debt Payment 2020 RD Loan	-99324	6,024.00
<i>Exempt from Resolution 2189</i>			
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	Electric utilities	42599	20,824.46
<i>Approved Previously at March 12, 2026 Meeting</i>			
REDTAIL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	Repeater - dispatch with BHC	-99319	28,356.00

CITY OF HARDIN

Claims Report

For the Accounting Period: January, 2026

Vendor	Claim #	Check	Amount
DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CL 33556	42514	2,310.00
PAYA SERVICES INC	CL 33671	-99320	15.00
			2,325.00

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Claims Report

For the Accounting Period: March, 2026

Vendor	Claim #	Check	Amount
THE ORIGINAL BRIEFS	CL 33645	42602	1,336.00
BIG HORN COUNTY ELECTRIC	CL 33646	42591	3,284.89
BIG HORN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION	CL 33647	42592	50.00
IBS, INC.	CL 33648	42596	529.81
SCL Medical Group - Billings LLC	CL 33649	42600	30.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	CL 33650	42599	20,824.46
BIG SKY EXPRESS WASH	CL 33651	42593	73.80
BOB SMITH FORD INC	CL 33652	42594	2,645.35
DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CL 33653	42595	1,395.50
INTOXIMETERS INC.	CL 33654	42597	258.75
TOWN & COUNTRY SUPPLY ASSN	CL 33655	42603	265.00
SK GEOTECHNICAL	CL 33656	42601	4,416.00
			35,109.56

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For the Accounting Period: April, 2026

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MOSES GONZALES	CL 33657	42598	30.00
REDTAIL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	CL 33658	-99319	28,356.00
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	CL 33659	-99324	6,024.00
ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT	CL 33660	-99323	3,459.06
DWIGHT KOEHN	CL 33663	42605	1,200.00
DESTINATIONIQ	CL 33664	42604	3,083.00
TINA M TOYNE	CL 33665	42606	96.28
LATRISH STEWART	CL 33666	42614	15.00
INTOXIMETERS INC.	CL 33667	42613	4,444.00
BILLINGS CLINIC	CL 33669	42608	950.00
HAWKINS, INC	CL 33670	-99322	1,771.04
IN CONTROL, INC	CL 33673	42612	1,569.25
DALE & JAX DOOR & GLASS INC	CL 33674	42610	3,185.00
BIG SKY TIRE & SERVICE CO LLC	CL 33675	42607	900.00
BOB SMITH FORD INC	CL 33676	42609	94.93
STAPLES	CL 33677	-99321	1,433.40
ECOLAB INC	CL 33678	42611	93.28
			56,704.24

CITY OF HARDIN

Check Report

4/21/2026

Vendor	Claim #	Check	Amount
DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CL 33556	42514	2,310.00
BIG HORN COUNTY ELECTRIC	CL 33646	42591	3,284.89
BIG HORN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION	CL 33647	42592	50.00
BIG SKY EXPRESS WASH	CL 33651	42593	73.80
BOB SMITH FORD INC	CL 33652	42594	2,645.35
DIS TECHNOLOGIES	CL 33653	42595	1,395.50
IBS, INC.	CL 33648	42596	529.81
INTOXIMETERS INC.	CL 33654	42597	258.75
MOSES GONZALES	CL 33657	42598	30.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	CL 33650	42599	20,824.46
SCL Medical Group - Billings LLC	CL 33649	42600	30.00
SK GEOTECHNICAL	CL 33656	42601	4,416.00
THE ORIGINAL BRIEFS	CL 33645	42602	1,336.00
TOWN & COUNTRY SUPPLY ASSN	CL 33655	42603	265.00
DESTINATIONIQ	CL 33664	42604	3,083.00
DWIGHT KOEHN	CL 33663	42605	1,200.00
TINA M TOYNE	CL 33665	42606	96.28
BIG SKY TIRE & SERVICE COLLC	CL 33675	42607	900.00
BILLINGS CLINIC	CL 33669	42608	950.00
BOB SMITH FORD INC	CL 33676	42609	94.93
DALE & JAX DOOR & GLASS INC	CL 33674	42610	3,185.00
ECOLAB INC	CL 33678	42611	93.28
IN CONTROL, INC	CL 33673	42612	1,569.25
INTOXIMETERS INC.	CL 33667	42613	4,444.00
LATRISH STEWART	CL 33666	42614	15.00
REDTAIL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	CL 33658	-99319	28,356.00
PAYA SERVICES INC	CL 33671	-99320	15.00
STAPLES	CL 33677	-99321	1,433.40
HAWKINS, INC	CL 33670	-99322	1,771.04
ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT	CL 33660	-99323	3,459.06
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	CL 33659	-99324	6,024.00
			94,138.80



HARDIN, MT PD DISPATCH CENTER

CLOSING

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH AT 11:59PM

THE HARDIN, MT PD DISPATCH CENTER
WILL BE **CLOSING**.



THE NUMBER

406-665-7900

SHOULD NO LONGER BE USED.

NON-EMERGENCY CALLERS NEEDING
AN **HPD OFFICER** SHOULD CALL

BHC DISPATCH AT
406-665-9780

• NEW NUMBER • CONTINUED SERVICE • SAME COMMITMENT

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT.

FREE

BIKE

Rodeo

For Kids



Saturday **May 16th**
12PM-3PM

Big Horn Center
200 N Mitchell Ave

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Bike Safety

**FUN RIDING COURSE
& CHALLENGES**



Bicycle Tune-ups

Every child with a bike will
be provided a free helmet



Big Horn Hospital Association
CHOOSE HEALTH



THE CARING
FOUNDATION OF
MONTANA



BIG HORN COUNTY
Public Health

Community Cat Coalition of Hardin (CCC Hardin)

Humane TNR Partnership Proposal

Program Overview:

- 240 community cats trapped annually
- Spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and returned (TNR)

Cost Breakdown:

- Cost per cat: \$112.50
- Total annual cost: \$27,000

Shared Investment:

- City contribution (50%): \$13,500
- Coalition contribution (50%): \$13,500

Low Euthanasia Impact:

City is responsible for euthanasia costs only when medically necessary (estimated 5–10% of cats), making this cost minimal and predictable.

Why This Works:

- Stops reproduction immediately
- Reduces long-term costs
- Improves community health and safety
- Humane and proven nationwide

Proven Cost Savings & Local Impact:

Euthanasia-only approaches lead to continued reproduction and rising costs. TNR reduces intake year after year, lowering long-term expenses.

Estimated Local Impact:

TNR of 240 cats per year can prevent approximately 700–1,000 kittens annually in the Hardin area, significantly reducing future population growth and shelter burden.

Impact:

- Prevents hundreds of future kittens
- Reduces shelter intake and euthanasia

- Stabilizes and decreases cat populations over time

Our Commitment:

The Community Cat Coalition of Hardin will fundraise, organize, and coordinate efforts to ensure program success alongside the city.

Together, we can create a sustainable, humane solution.



BIG HORN COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 9, 2026

Hardin City Council &
Mayor Ramsey
406 N. Cheyenne Ave.
Hardin, MT 59034

Via email and hand delivery

Re: Amendment to Section 6 of Interlocal Agreement Creating 9-1-1 Advisory Board

Dear Council Members and Mayor Ramsey:

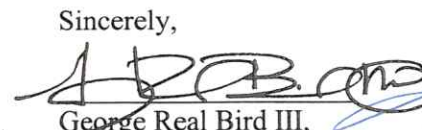
The Big Horn County Board of Commissioners would like to add an addendum to the recently executed Interlocal Agreement related to dispatch. This Board would like to add a voting member to the 9-1-1 Advisory Board to represent the rural volunteer fire departments in the County. This single member would represent all of the rural volunteer departments.

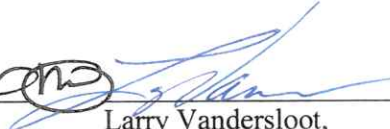
The Lodge Grass Volunteer Fire Department currently uses dispatch services provided by Big Horn County. This Board is working to establish rural fire districts and/or rural fire service areas across the County. As these districts/service areas are created, they will likely use dispatch for communication. This Board believes that representation from the rural volunteer fire departments is necessary as they likely have a different set of needs than the Hardin Volunteer Fire Department, and operate independently from Big Horn County.

For purposes of appointing 9-1-1 Advisory Board members, this Board would like to clarify the meaning of “one [member] from the County appointed by the County, one [member] from the City appointed by the City . . .” in Section 6. It is this Board’s understanding that these two positions were to be filled by a commissioner and a council person, respectively. However, that may not be the City’s understanding.

If possible, this Board would like to join you at the next City Council Meeting to discuss these two issues so that this Board can continue fulfilling its duties under the Interlocal Agreement.

Sincerely,


George Real Bird III,
County Commissioner


Larry Vandersloot,
County Commissioner

Lawrence Big Hair,
County Commissioner

Cc: Hardin City Attorney Jordan Knudsen; County Attorney Jeanne Torske

P.O. Box 908, Hardin, MT 59034

Big Sky Lawn Care & Plowing LLC

14722 Highway 47 North
Hardin Montana 59034

Bid proposal

PREPARED FOR

City of Hardin

406 N Cheyenne Ave
Hardin Mt 59034

PREPARED DATE

March 21st 2026'

EXP. DATE

Oct 31, 2026'

ITEM	
Large Lots	\$200.00 an hour or any other lot that the tractor is used on
Small lots	\$100.00 an hour per worker
Miscellaneous clean-up	\$45.00

***Minimum of an hour will be charged**



Equipment list

2 dr premium walk behind field and brush mowers 26 inch width

1 husqvarna push trimmer

2 stihl weed trimmers fs 56rc

1 John deere z540m zero turn mower 48 inch cut

1 john deere 4720 tractor w 5 ft brush hog

1 husqvarna push mower

2 stihl leaf blowers 1 bg56 and 1 Br800C



Services Agreement

This Agreement is made between _____ ("Client"),
with a principal place of business at _____,
and Global Vista Technologies, Inc. dba VistaWorks dba DestinationIQ ("Consultant"), with a principal place of business at
PO Box 4629, Buena Vista, CO 81211.

1. Services to be Performed

DestinationIQ will design, develop, and write the primary "Destination Home Page" for Montana's Big Horn County digital hub/Landing Page. This page will serve as the official trusted source for travelers, showcasing the area's authentic cultural and natural assets.

Scope of Work

DestinationIQ will provide professional copywriting and strategic web design to create a high-impact, user-friendly home page. The project includes:

- Top Attraction Showcases: Dedicated copy and design highlighting "must-see" county pillars (e.g., Little Bighorn Battlefield, Bighorn Canyon, and Tongue River Reservoir; final attractions to be selected in collaboration with the County).
- Cultural & Heritage Narrative
- Navigation System: A clear, intuitive menu structure that directs visitors to specific regions or interest categories (e.g., History, Fishing, Agritourism), throughout the homepage
- Interactive Call-to-Action:

Strategic integration of the Big Horn Country Activity Passport to drive visitor engagement and movement across the county.

Strategic integration of the TravelStorys to drive visitor engagement and movement across the county.

-Future Asset Integration: Flexible design placeholders to easily accommodate additional community assets, business listings, and media as the City provides them and sees fit.

Deliverables

- Responsive Home Page Design: A mobile-optimized, web-safe layout utilizing Montana's Big Horn County brand guidelines.
- Primary Content Copy: Engaging, SEO-optimized narratives for the finalized major county attractions and heritage sites.
- Link to Digital Activity Passport & TravelStorys Integration

Any additional details regarding these services will be in the document entitled,
" Project Timeline: Website Home Page

_____ hereafter referred to as Exhibit A, and will be attached to this Agreement.



2. Payments

To secure the development timeline and allocate agency resources for Montana's Big Horn Country Destination Home Page, the Client agrees to remit payment for the project in full prior to the commencement of work.

- Upfront Payment: An invoice for the total project amount of \$7,000.00 will be issued immediately upon the execution of this contract.
- Terms: Payment is due upon receipt of the invoice.
- Commencement of Work: Project onboarding, copywriting, wireframing, and design work will officially begin as soon as the upfront payment has been received and processed by DestinationiQ.



3. Invoices

Client shall pay the amount due within 30 days of the date of each invoice.

4. Late Fees

Late payments by Client shall be subject to late penalty fees of 2 % per month from the due date until the amount is paid.

5. Expenses

Consultant shall be responsible for all expenses incurred while performing services under this Agreement.

Client may reimburse Consultant for all reasonable travel and business-related expenses necessarily incurred by Consultant while away from Consultant's regular place of business to perform pre-approved services under this Agreement. Only pre-approved services may be reimbursed by Client. Consultant shall submit an itemized statement of such expenses. Client shall pay Consultant within 30 days from the date of each statement. All travel and related expenses must be pre-approved by the Client.

6. Materials

Consultant will furnish all materials, equipment and supplies used to provide the services required by this Agreement.

8. Term of Agreement

Effective date of this Agreement shall be upon contract execution.

9. Terminating the Agreement

With reasonable cause, either party may terminate this Agreement effective immediately by giving written notice of termination for cause. Reasonable cause includes:

- a material violation of this agreement, or
- nonpayment of Consultant's compensation after 20 days' written demand for payment.

10. Releases

Client shall obtain all necessary copyright permissions and privacy releases for materials included in the marketing designs at Consultant's request. Client shall indemnify Consultant against all claims and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, due to Client's failure to obtain such permissions or releases.

11. Copyright Notice and Credit Line

A copyright notice and credit line in Consultant's name may accompany any reproduction of Designs.

12. Independent Contractor Status



Consultant is an independent contractor, and neither Consultant nor Consultant's staff is, or shall be deemed, Client's employees. In its capacity as an independent contractor, Consultant agrees and represents, and Client agrees, as follows:

Consultant has the right to perform services for others during the term of this Agreement subject to non competition provisions set out in this Agreement, if any.

Consultant has the sole right to control and direct the means, manner, and method by which the services required by this Agreement will be performed.

Notwithstanding regular monthly meeting locations, Consultant has the right to perform the services required by this Agreement at any place or location and at such times as Consultant may determine.

Consultant will furnish all equipment and materials used to provide the services required by this Agreement, except to the extent that Consultant's work must be performed on or with Client's computer or existing software.

The services required by this Agreement shall be performed by Consultant, or Consultant's staff, and Client shall not be required to hire, supervise or pay any assistants to help Consultant.

Consultant is responsible for paying all ordinary and necessary expenses of its staff.

Neither Consultant nor Consultant's staff shall receive any training from Client in the professional skills necessary to perform the services required by this Agreement.

Neither Consultant nor Consultant's staff shall be required to devote full time to the performance of the services required by this Agreement.

Client shall not provide insurance coverage of any kind for Consultant or Consultant's staff.

Client shall not withhold from Consultant's compensation any amount that would normally be withheld from an employee's pay.

13. Local, State, and Federal Taxes

Consultant shall pay all income taxes and FICA (Social Security and Medicare taxes) incurred while performing services under this Agreement. Client will not:

- withhold FICA from Consultant's payments or make FICA payments on Consultant's behalf
- make state or federal unemployment compensation contributions on Consultant's behalf, or
- withhold state or federal income tax from Consultant's payments.

The charges included here do not include taxes.



14. Intellectual Property Ownership

Client shall retain ownership and intellectual property rights in anything created or developed by Consultant for Client under this Agreement. This ownership is conditioned upon full payment of the compensation due Consultant under this Agreement.

15. Moral Rights Waiver for Works of Art

Consultant waives any and all moral rights or any similar rights in the work created or developed by Consultant under this Agreement ("Work Product") and agrees not to institute, support, maintain, or permit any action or lawsuit on the grounds that Client's use of the Work Product:

- constitutes an infringement of any moral right or any similar right
- is in any way a defamation or mutilation of the Work Product
- damages Consultant 's reputation, or

contains unauthorized variations, alterations, changes or translations of the Work Product.

16. Consultant's Materials

Consultant owns or holds a license to use and sublicense various materials in existence before the start date of this Agreement ("Consultant's Materials"). Consultant may, at its option, include Consultant's Materials in the work performed under this Agreement.

Consultant retains all right, title, and interest, including all copyright, patent rights, and trade secret rights, in Consultant's Materials. Subject to full payment of the consulting fees due under this Agreement, Consultant grants Client a nonexclusive worldwide license to use Consultant's Materials.

The license shall have a perpetual term and may not be transferred by Client. Client shall make no other commercial use of Consultant's Materials without Consultant's written consent.

17. Confidentiality

During the term of this Agreement and for 1 year afterward, Consultant will use reasonable care to prevent the unauthorized use or dissemination of Client's confidential information. Reasonable care means at least the same degree of care the Consultant uses to protect its own confidential information from unauthorized disclosure.

Confidential information is limited to information clearly marked as confidential or disclosed orally and summarized and identified as confidential in a writing delivered to Consultant within 15 days of disclosure.

Confidential information does not include information that:

- the Consultant knew before Client disclosed it
- is or becomes public knowledge through no fault of Consultant
- Consultant obtains from sources other than Client who owe no duty of confidentiality to Client, or
- Consultant independently develops.

18. Warranties



THE GOODS OR SERVICES FURNISHED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT ARE PROVIDED AS IS WITHOUT ANY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS (UNLESS NOTED IN ANY ATTACHED EXHIBITS); INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

19. Limitation on Consultant's Liability to Client

- In no event shall Consultant be liable to Client for lost profits of Client or special, incidental, or consequential damages (even if Consultant has been advised of the possibility of such damages).
- Consultant's total liability under this Agreement for damages, costs, and expenses, regardless of cause, shall not exceed \$1000.
- Client agrees that it will indemnify and hold the consultant harmless from and against any and all claims for injuries, damages, or losses arising out of or directly related to the client's use, application, implementation, or operation of any services or benefits provided to the client by the consultant. Said indemnification shall include, but not be limited to, any and all damages arising out of any such claims along with costs and expenses associated with the defense of such claims, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney fees.
- Consultant agrees that it will indemnify and hold the client harmless from and against any and all claims for injuries, damages, or losses, that are the direct result of any services provided to the client by the consultant. Said indemnification shall include, but not be limited to, any and all damages arising out of any such claims along with costs and expenses associated with the defense of such claims, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney fees.

20. Contract Changes

Client and Consultant recognize that:

- Consultant's original cost and time estimates may be too low due to unforeseen events, or to factors unknown to Consultant when this Agreement was made
- Client may desire a mid-project change in Consultant's services that would add time and cost to the project and possibly inconvenience Consultant, or
- Other provisions of this Agreement may be difficult to carry out due to unforeseen circumstances.

If any unintended changes or any other events beyond the parties' control require adjustments to this Agreement, the parties shall make a good faith effort to agree on all necessary particulars. Such agreements shall be put in writing, signed by the parties, and added to this Agreement.

21. Resolving Disputes

If a dispute arises under this Agreement, the parties agree to first try to resolve the dispute with the help of a mutually agreed-upon mediator. Any costs and fees other than attorney fees associated with the mediation shall be shared equally by the parties. If the dispute is not resolved within 30 days after it is referred to the mediator, any party may take the matter to court.

22. Exclusive Agreement



This is the entire Agreement between Consultant and Client.

23. Applicable Law

This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Colorado.

24. Notices

All notices and other communications in connection with this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be considered given as follows:

- When delivered personally to the recipient's address as stated on this Agreement
- Three days after being deposited in the United States mail, with postage prepaid to the recipient's address as stated on this Agreement, or
- When sent by fax or electronic mail, such notice is effective upon receipt provided that a duplicate copy of the notice is promptly given by first class mail, or the recipient delivers a written confirmation of receipt.

25. No Partnership

This Agreement does not create a partnership relationship. Neither party has authority to enter into contracts on the other's behalf.

26. Assignment and Delegation

Either Consultant or Client may assign rights or may delegate duties under this Agreement.

27. Signatures



Client: _____ Date: _____

By (Typed or Printed Name): _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Consultant: **Global Vista Technologies, Inc. dba VistaWorks dba DestinationIQ**

Date: _____

By (Typed or Printed Name): _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Taxpayer ID Number: _____

PROJECT TIMELINE: Website HOME PAGE

Phase 1: Project Kickoff & Asset Gathering (Week 1)

- **Kickoff Meeting:** DestinationiQ and the City of Hardin/Big Horn County team meet to finalize the strategic direction, confirm the "must-see" attractions to feature, and align on the cultural narrative.
- **Asset Collection:** The County provides any existing brand assets, the Activity Passport materials, and any specific community guidelines. DestinationiQ pulls professional photography/videography from our media library.

Phase 2: Copywriting & Content Creation (Weeks 2 - 3)

- **Drafting the Narrative:** DestinationiQ writes the SEO-optimized copy for the entire scrolling page, including the hero introduction, attraction showcases, and cultural heritage sections.
- **Copy Review (Round 1):** Submitted to the County for review.
- **Copy Revision (Round 2):** DestinationiQ refines the copy based on feedback and submits the final written content for official approval.

Phase 3: Wireframing & User Experience (UX) Strategy (Week 4)

- **Wireframe Development:** DestinationiQ creates a structural blueprint (wireframe) of the single page. This outlines the anchor navigation menu, where images will live, how the page scrolls, and where the Activity Passport and future asset containers will be placed.
- **Wireframe Approval:** Submitted to the County for review and sign-off before full visual design begins.

Phase 4: Visual Design & Web Development (Weeks 5 - 6)

- **Full Page Build:** Our development team brings the wireframe to life using the approved copy, Montana's Big Horn Country brand colors, typography, and media assets.
- **Interactive Integration:** The "jump-down" anchor navigation is built, and the web-based Big Horn County Activity Passport is integrated into the Call-to-Action hub.
- **Mobile Optimization:** The page is rigorously tested to ensure it looks and functions beautifully on mobile devices and tablets.

Phase 5: Final Review & Launch (Weeks 7 - 8)

- **Design Presentation:** The fully developed, private staging link of the home page is presented to the County for review.
- **Final Design Revision:** The County has one (1) round of consolidated revisions on the page design and layout.
- **Final Polish:** DestinationiQ implements the final design adjustments.

- **Project Handover & Go-Live:** The home page is officially launched and made public. We will also provide a brief walkthrough on how the "future asset" containers work so the County knows how to seamlessly add business listings or events down the road.

**** Note: This timeline is dependent on receiving timely feedback and approvals from the Big Horn Country team at each designated milestone.*

MAYOR
Riley Ramsey

POLICE CHIEF
Paul M. George Jr.



PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
Michael Hurff Jr.

FINANCE OFFICER/CITY CLERK
Andrew Lehr

April 17, 2026

Hardin City Council
406 N Cheyenne Ave
Hardin, MT 59034

Re: Friends of the Depot 2026 Destination Event Grant

Dear Mayor Ramsey and City Alderman,

On March 12, 2026, the Friends of the Depot were awarded a grant from the Destination MT division of the Montana Department of Commerce in the amount of \$25,000. The grant is to fund promotional activities related to Little Bighorn Days in 2026.

Due to the grant being a reimbursement type grant the Friends of the Depot have asked the City to sponsor this grant, similar in nature to what has been done for the City County Planning Board in the past for growth policies, or downtown revitalization plans. The City will not be required to match any funds to this grant, only administrative time to make payments and record transactions for the grant. All other activities of the grant will be tasked to members of the Friends of the Depot, with no additional time or effort required by City staff.

City Staff Review: After reviewing the grant details and the little amount of effort that will be required by city staff, it is recommended that the city assist the Friends of the Depot with their efforts to promote Little Bighorn Days by sponsoring this grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Lehr".

Andrew Lehr
Finance Officer/ City Clerk

#1 META advertising launch: \$1,000

#2 Management fee (3 months): \$3,000

#3 Ad buy Costs (3 months X \$500): \$1,500

#4 Brochure Design: \$1,800

#5 Poster: \$1,500

#6 Billboard: \$1,000

#7 Website Updates: Not to exceed \$2,000 (will be billed hourly, not to exceed \$2,000)

Total Cost: not to exceed \$11,800

CITY OF HARDIN

Analysis of Return on reserve funds

As of April 15, 2026

Current Reserve Balance:	333,256.80
Interest rate in REPO Acct	1.05%
Return on REPO Acct	3,499.20
Interest rate on Indexed Money Market	1.88%
Return on Money Market	6,265.23
Difference in Return	2,766.03
Projected Reserve Balance at 06/30/2026	428,247.74
REPO Acct Interest earned from balance at 6/30/26	4,496.60
Interest earned in FY27 from Money Market - balance from 6/30/26	8,051.06
Difference	3,554.46
% Difference	79.05%

SPECIFIC ACCOUNT DETAILS

FIRST INTERSTATE BANK

PO BOX 30918

BILLINGS, MT 59116-0918

Terms following a " " apply only if checked.

Acct: STATE COUNTY MUNICIPALITY INDEX MNY MKT

Acct #:

Date: Rate(s) accurate as of this date.

EARNINGS

Interest: Variable Rate OR Fixed Rate

The interest rate for your account is _____ %.

The interest rate(s) may change.

We will pay the rate(s) on this account _____

We will not decrease this rate unless we give you at least _____ days' notice in writing.

Tiered rate: The interest rate for your account depends upon the applicable rate tier(s).

Initial rate: The initial interest rate _____

Variable Rate Determination

At our discretion, we may change the interest rate(s).

The interest rate(s) See additional terms.

Variable Rate Change Frequency

We may change the interest rate(s) on your account daily

Variable Rate Change Limitations

The interest rate will not be less than _____ %.

The interest rate will not be more than _____ %.

Credit Against Fees: This account earns a credit that may be applied against _____

If the amount of the credit exceeds the amount of these fees, you will not receive any credit for the difference.

The earnings credit will be calculated by applying the _____ rate of _____ to the _____ balance in the account for each _____

The _____ earnings credit rate for this account is _____

At our discretion and at any time, we may change the rate.

Accrual of Earnings on NonCash Deposits

Earnings begin to accrue no later than the business day we receive credit for noncash items (for example, checks).

For deposits of noncash items (for example, checks), earnings begin to accrue _____

Interest Compounding and Crediting

Interest will _____ be compounded monthly _____

Interest will be credited to the account on the last day of the interest cycle _____

Effect of closing - If you close your account before interest is credited, you will not _____ receive the accrued interest.

Balance Computation Method

Daily Balance Method. This method applies a daily periodic rate to the principal balance for each day.

Average Daily Balance Method. This method applies a periodic rate to the average daily balance for the _____

Daily Balance Method: This method applies a daily periodic rate to the available balance in the account each day. We will use an interest accrual basis of 365 days in the year.

MINIMUM BALANCE REQUIREMENTS

Balance to open. You must deposit at least \$ 50,000.00 to open this account.

Balance to avoid imposition of fees.

To avoid the imposition of the maintenance fee

you must meet the _____ following requirement(s):

A maintenance charge _____ of \$ 50.00

_____ will be imposed every statement cycle

if the balance in the account falls below \$ 50,000.00

any day of the statement cycle _____

A _____ of \$ _____

_____ will be imposed every _____

if the average daily balance for the _____

falls below \$ _____

Balance to obtain earnings.

You must maintain a minimum daily account

balance of \$ 0.01 _____ to obtain the disclosed rate(s).

TRANSACTION LIMITATIONS

Transfers from this account to another account or to third parties by means of preauthorized, automatic, telephonic, _____ transfers are limited to _____ per _____.

No more than _____ of these may be made by check, draft, debit card,

_____, or similar order to a third party.

If you exceed the transfer limitations set forth above during any _____, your account may be _____.

ACCOUNT SPECIFIC FEES

See our separate fee disclosure for fees that may apply.

You will be assessed a \$10.00 Excess Withdraw Fee for each transfer or withdrawal after 6 such transactions in a month. The fee will not apply to transactions made in person, at an ATM or by mail.

ADDITIONAL TIME ACCOUNT TERMS

Your account will mature _____.

Your account has no definite maturity date. To withdraw any or part of this deposit without penalty, we must receive at least _____ written notice from you of your intention to make a withdrawal. The notice must specify the exact amount and date of the intended withdrawal. Interest will no longer accrue after the withdrawal date specified in your notice on the amount specified in your notice. The date of intended withdrawal of the last funds in the account, or the termination date, is considered to be the maturity date.

Callable account: We may terminate (call) this account by giving you _____ days' notice.

Early Withdrawal Penalty: A penalty may will be imposed for withdrawals before maturity. The penalty will equal:

7 days' interest on the amount withdrawn if the withdrawal is made within the first 6 days after the deposit.

ADDITIONAL TERMS

At least one (1) account owner must have an open business checking account with First Interstate Bank.

For an account opened in a branch located in Montana, Wyoming, or Idaho, the minimum balance requirement in the agreement shall not apply and no maintenance fee will be assessed.

The interest rate for your account is based on the high end of the Federal Funds Target Rate range currently in effect, minus a margin of 50%. Your interest rate will be adjusted within three (3) business days of any change to the Federal Funds Target Rate range.

At our discretion, we may change the index to which your interest rate is tied, or change the interest rate to one not tied to an index with 30 days written notice.

See our separate fee schedule for additional fees that may apply.

The length of each Statement Cycle varies depending on the month, but the cycle is approximately 30 days. Each statement will show the Statement Cycle's start and end date in the Account Summary next to the "Beginning Balance" and "Ending Balance" disclosures.

Please contact us if you need to adjust the dates of your Statement Cycle.

For variable rate accounts, the interest rate we will use to calculate the penalty will be: _____

We will charge the penalty first against any interest then in the account, and any excess will be deducted from the amount you withdraw. Some exceptions may apply.

If you withdraw some of your funds before maturity, the interest rate for the remaining funds in your account will be _____%.

We reserve the right to treat a withdrawal which would reduce the remaining balance below the required minimum initial deposit or minimum balance as a withdrawal of the entire account balance and calculate the penalty accordingly.

Single Maturity: This account will not renew automatically at maturity. If you do not renew the account, _____

Automatic Renewal: This account will automatically renew at maturity.

You will have a grace period of _____ days after maturity to withdraw the funds without penalty.

Preventing Renewal: This account will not renew if you withdraw the funds on the maturity date or if we receive written notice from you on or before the maturity date of your intention not to renew.

Renewal Rate

The interest rate upon renewal will be equal to the rate we are then offering on new time accounts with the same features as the renewed account.

Upon renewal, interest will be calculated on the same variable rate basis as during the original term.

Renewal Term

Each renewal term will be the same as the original term, beginning on the maturity date.

Each renewal term will be _____

PRINT FORM

RESET FORM

04/15/26
13:14:02

CITY OF HARDIN
Account Query
For the Accounting Periods: 4/26 - 4/26

Page: 1 of 1
Report ID: L099

Accounts 102320-102340

Account Object Fund	Opening Balance	Change	Closing Balance
100000 CASH/INVESTMENTS			
102320 Reserve - Future Payment Rural Development			
5310 SEWER FUND	14,031.00	0.00	14,031.00
Account Total:	14,031.00	0.00	14,031.00
102330 Surplus Reserve			
5210 WATER	37,492.41	0.00	37,492.41
5410 SOLID WASTE - COLLECTION	57,327.06	0.00	57,327.06
5417 LANDFILL	146,572.08	0.00	146,572.08
Account Total:	241,391.55	0.00	241,391.55
102340 Replacement and Depreciation - Short Lived Asset			
5310 SEWER FUND	77,834.25	0.00	77,834.25
Account Total:	77,834.25	0.00	77,834.25
Account Group Total:	333,256.80	0.00	333,256.80
Grand Total:	333,256.80	0.00	333,256.80

Projected 6/30/26
18,708

47,960.38
111,228.28
146,572.08

103,719

428,247.74

53901.22

Limited Time Offering

CD Rate Specials



»» 6^{Mo}



3.80%^{Int}
3.84% APY*

»» 9^{Mo}



3.85%^{Int}
3.85% APY*

»» 12^{Mo}



3.90%^{Int}
3.90% APY*

»» 18^{Mo}



3.80%^{Int}
3.80% APY*



Little Horn[®]
STATE BANK

*Annual Percentage Yield (APY)
\$10,000 minimum deposit required.
Early withdrawal penalty may apply.

Rates effective as of 12/31/2025

RE: Q1 2026 Performance

From Meghan Mollett <Meghan.Mollett@fib.com>

Date Fri 4/17/2026 8:50 AM

To City Finance <cityfinance@hardinmt.com>

Cc Randy Koliha <Randy.Koliha@fib.com>; William Fitzgerald <William.Fitzgerald@fib.com>

Hi Drew,

That answers my question perfectly. See below for a few different time frame and yield options available:

- 1 year US Treasury Yield 3.63%
- 2 year US Treasury Yield 3.68%
- 3 year US Treasury Yield 3.70%

Let us know if you would like to proceed with any of these and we can get the funds into the account and invested.

Thank you,

Meghan Mollett,
CTFA

AVP, TRUST OFFICER

O: 406-255-5225

meghan.mollett@fib.com

401 N. 31st Street

Billings, MT 59101



firstinterstate.com

From: City Finance <cityfinance@hardinmt.com>

Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 8:06 AM

To: Meghan Mollett <Meghan.Mollett@fib.com>

Cc: Randy Koliha <Randy.Koliha@fib.com>; William Fitzgerald <William.Fitzgerald@fib.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Q1 2026 Performance

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To Deana Wilson <Deana.Wilson@fib.com>; Jessica Castro <Jessica.Castro@fib.com>

Thank you Deana, I appreciate it!

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Subject: RE: CD Rates

Good morning, Drew!

As of today, April 17th, we still have the 7-month CD special with an annual percentage yield of 2.82% (2.80% APR) and the 13 month CD special with an annual percentage yield of 2.50% (2.50% APR). This rate is subject to change.

Thank you!

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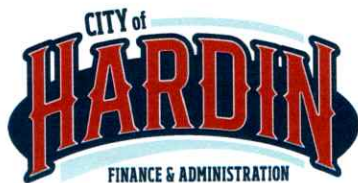
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Good Morning Ladies,
I wanted to inquire what CD rates are currently for First Interstate? We have a CD coming due on May 10th that I would like to get the best rate for.
Thanks,

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BROAD SHOCKS FROM A NARROW STRAIT

Assessing the energy supply shock. The quarter was defined less by realized macroeconomic outcomes than by a reassessment of risks. Economic momentum entering the quarter was reasonably constructive, and published consensus estimates for trend-like global growth and manageable inflation largely remained intact by quarter-end. However, sentiment shifted as the Iran war moved into its second month, biasing expectations toward weaker growth and higher inflation. The effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz disrupted the flow of a meaningful share of global commodity supply, including oil, natural gas, fertilizers, and other inputs. While strategic stockpiles provided a buffer, each day without a definitive path to resolution increased the risk of supply depletion and a more pronounced global energy shock. The potential economic implications varied across regions, with net energy importers in Europe and Asia facing greater scrutiny than the U.S. Oil futures pointed to a baseline scenario of easing tensions, consistent with expectations for a manageable global economic impact. Still, mixed headlines exiting the quarter tempered confidence that a resolution was imminent, leaving investors to contemplate the risk of a more prolonged disruption. While it remained too early to assess the conflict's impact in economic data, central bank expectations responded more rapidly during the quarter. Futures markets now price multiple rate hikes this year from both the Bank of England and the European Central Bank. Markets also dialed back Fed easing expectations, shifting from two cuts to a hold this year.

Tough first quarter for markets. Despite a strong start, a challenging March led to weak 1Q financial market returns. Global equities declined 3%, while fixed income returns were slightly negative with headwinds from both rates and credit spreads. Brent crude oil prices surged above \$100 per barrel, leaving the energy sector as the standout winner in the equity space. Real assets outpaced equities, with natural resources and global listed infrastructure aided by energy exposure and lower AI disruption risk. Gold dipped almost 20% from late-January highs, but still posted a 7% quarterly gain. U.S. equities lost 4%, while both non-U.S. developed and emerging market equities finished with small losses after surrendering earlier double-digit gains. Broader U.S. equity market rotation away from megacap tech continued – the Mag 7 was down 12% in the quarter versus a 1% loss for the other 493 S&P 500 companies. Sector-level returns diverged sharply, ranging from a 38% energy gain to 7-10% losses for financials and the tech-adjacent sectors. A number of cross-currents around AI adoption remained a central market theme. Capital spending plans of the largest tech companies continued to top investor expectations, while software companies fell over 20% on concerns around AI business model disruption. The software issues raised concerns for the private credit space, increasing redemption requests and weighing on alternative asset manager stock prices. Full-year 2026 S&P 500 consensus earnings expectations have increased since the start of the year. The bright 2026 earnings outlook (17% y/y growth) helped buffer U.S. equities against further losses in the Iran war's early days.

FIRST QUARTER 2026 TOTAL RETURNS (%)

There were few diversifying assets outside of the energy complex this quarter.

	FIXED INCOME						EQUITIES			REAL ASSETS		
	Cash	Muni	Inv. Grade	TIPS	High Yield	EM Debt	U.S.	Dev. Ex-U.S.	EM	NR	GRE	GLI
	0.9			0.3						19.8	0.8	8.3
		-0.2	0.0		-0.5	-2.2	-3.9	-0.7	-0.2			
2025	4.3	4.2	7.3	7.0	8.6	19.3	17.3	32.9	32.1	29.7	10.9	22.6

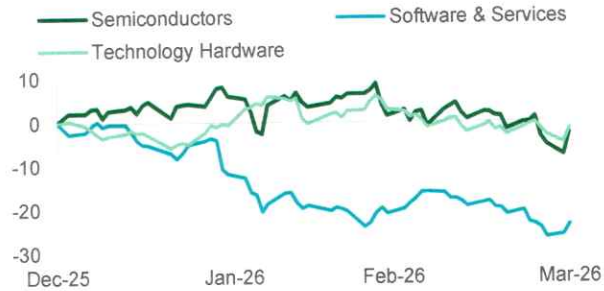
Source: Northern Trust Asset Management, Bloomberg. NR: Natural Resources; GRE: Global Real Estate; GLI: Global Listed Infrastructure. Indexes are gross of fees. Past performance is not indicative or a guarantee of future results. Index performance returns do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. It is not possible to invest directly in any index.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

AI Adoption and Disruption

Investors grappled with multi-faceted questions on AI including potential returns on massive capital spending, winners and losers, and risk of broad labor market disruption versus productivity benefits. This led to sharp differences in returns across the broader tech universe. Memory stocks led the way, while the software group sold off over 20% due to AI-driven business model disruption risks. The software risks weighed heavily on the private credit space – increasing concerns on both near-term liquidity and longer-term return prospects.

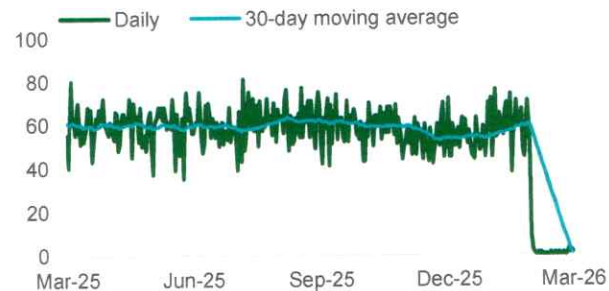
S&P 500 TECH RETURNS BY INDUSTRY GROUP (%)



Iran War Energy Shock

Initial financial market implications from the Iran war centered around global energy markets. Brent crude oil prices quickly moved above \$100 per barrel, while some Middle East oil benchmarks topped \$150. The war escalated in March with Iran retaliation on targets across the Middle East, damages to energy facilities and tanker traffic halted in the Strait of Hormuz. At quarter-end, the scope of potential outcomes remained wide with a key watchpoint for investors being the extent of energy market and supply chain disruption.

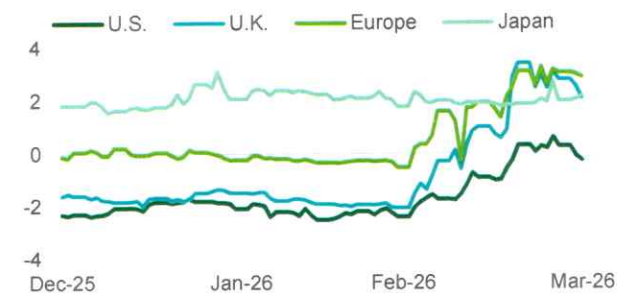
STRAIT OF HORMUZ: # OF TANKER TRANSIT CALLS



Shifting Central Bank Expectations

Elevated near-term uncertainty around the Iran war's economic impacts led to a sharp swing in investors' central bank expectations (outside of the Bank of Japan). European Central Bank and Bank of England expectations swung to three 2026 rate hikes, while Federal Reserve expectations shifted from two rate cuts to a possible hike by year-end. This hawkish upswing in expectations moderated somewhat by quarter-end, with many central banks likely in a wait-and-see mode to better assess economic impacts from the war.

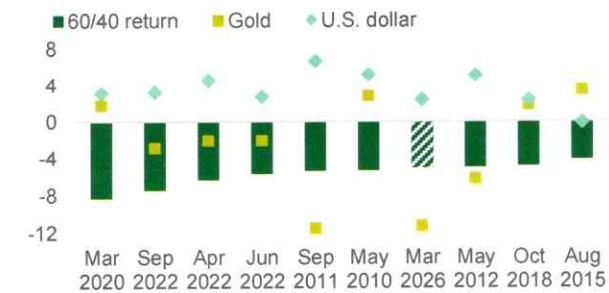
EXPECTED NUMBER OF RATE HIKES (CUTS) IN 2026



Nowhere to Hide in March

The Iran war led to a weak month of financial market returns in March. Despite a late-month bounce, global equities dropped 7% and traditional portfolio diversifiers such as Treasuries (down 2%) and gold (down 11%) were still in negative territory. This led to the worst monthly return for a 60/40 portfolio since late 2022. Outside of March, broader U.S. equity market rotation continued with the largest tech companies lagging and the rest of the market performing relatively well – continuing a prior trend since late 2025.

10 WORST MONTHS FOR 60/40 MIX SINCE 2010 (%)



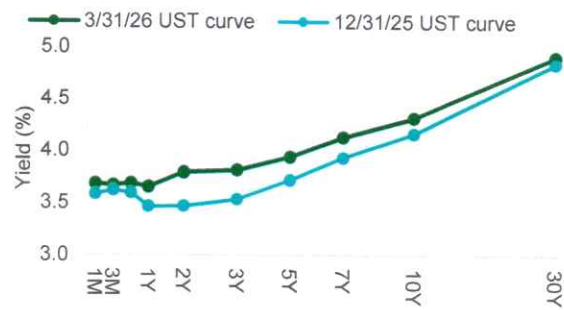
Source: Northern Trust Asset Management, Bloomberg. Data as of 3/31/2026. Note: assumes 25-basis-point moves (third chart); 60/40 mix = 60% MSCI ACWI & 40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate (fourth chart). Past performance is not indicative or a guarantee of future results. Index performance returns do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. It is not possible to invest directly in any index.

MARKET REVIEW

Interest Rates

Most major sovereign bond yields were declining into late February, before reversing sharply following the outbreak of the Iran war. The surge in commodity prices in March pushed up near-term inflation expectations and drove a hawkish repricing of central bank policy paths, lifting government bond yields globally, with China a notable exception. Across the quarter, the 2-year Treasury yield increased 32 basis points (bps) to 3.79%. The 10-year yield gained 15 bps to 4.32%, resulting in a flatter Treasury curve overall.

U.S. TREASURY YIELD CURVE



Credit Markets

Investment grade (IG) credit spreads widened by 10 bps to 0.83%, while high yield (HY) spreads widened more sharply, by 51 bps to 3.17%. In terms of return, IG fixed income was flat and high yield posted a 0.5% loss. Higher energy prices led to a stagflation-type impulse that weighed on most fixed income assets, with shorter duration and less credit-sensitive segments generally faring the best. While most acute in private credit, a selloff in software amid competitive risks from AI also kept some pressure on broader credit markets.

CREDIT SPREADS



Equities

Equities were headed higher before the outbreak of the Iran war. Global equities gained 4% prior to the conflict, led by emerging markets – where Korea surged more than 55% on chipmaker rallies – and gains in non-U.S. developed markets, while U.S. equities lagged amid a greater than 20% loss in software stocks. In March, equities turned lower, with the reversal most acute in non-U.S. markets. Net, global equities lost 3.1% in the quarter, with losses of 0.2% in emerging markets, 0.8% in non-U.S. developed markets, and 3.9% in the U.S.

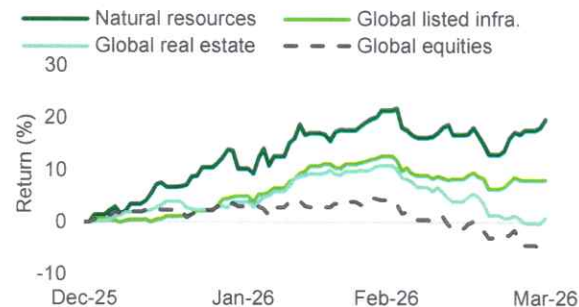
REGIONAL EQUITY INDICES



Real Assets

Real assets were one of a few corners of the market to produce gains across the quarter. Natural resources increased 19.8%, followed by an 8.3% gain for global listed infrastructure and a 0.8% rise for real estate. All three outperformed global equities (-3.1%), though real estate lagged amongst the group amid interest rate headwinds. Leadership within natural resources shifted from the metals to energy sector at the onset of the war, however, both commodity sectors finished the quarter up – including gold (+7%), despite an 11% March loss.

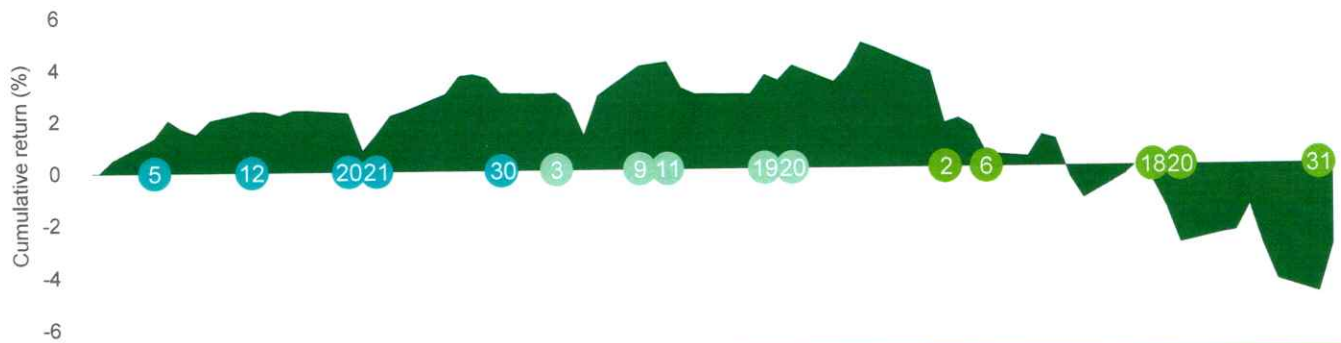
REAL ASSET INDICES



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MARKET EVENTS

■ 1Q 2026 global equity total return: -3.1%



JANUARY

- 5 Markets digest weekend news of U.S. operation into Venezuela that results in the capture of Venezuelan President Maduro.
- 12 Investor concerns on Fed independence rise as Fed Chair Powell releases brief video explaining the Fed has been targeted in a Department of Justice investigation.
- 20 At a time of broader geopolitical risk and recent news of an upcoming snap Lower House election, Japan long-end bond yields surge following a weak 20-year government bond auction.
- 21 In a speech at the Davos economic conference, President Trump backs away from threats of tariffs and use of military force over Greenland.
- 30 President Trump announces Kevin Warsh as his selection for the next Fed Chair. The financial market reaction includes modest yield curve steepening, a stronger U.S. dollar and a major sell-off in precious metals.

FEBRUARY

- 3 The launch of an Anthropic AI legal work automation tool leads to downward pressure on a few industries including software on disruption fears.
- 9 Japan's equity market gains over 2% after the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) wins a supermajority in the Lower House snap election.
- 11 A slightly delayed January jobs report surprises to the upside with 130k jobs added. Annual benchmark revisions are mostly in-line with expectations.
- 19 Concerns on liquidity in the private credit space grow as Blue Owl permanently closes redemptions in one of its retail-focused credit funds following accelerated redemption requests.
- 20 The Supreme Court rules against IEEPA tariffs in a 6-3 decision with a number of caveats. The decision does not directly address tariff refunds.

MARCH

- 2 Financial markets digest news of the initial U.S.-Israel airstrikes on Iran that mark the onset of the Iran war.
- 6 February U.S. jobs report is well below consensus expectations (-92k payrolls figure), albeit with heavy impacts from a healthcare worker strike.
- 18 Iranian attacks cause extensive damages to Qatar's Ras Laffan liquefied natural gas (LNG) complex, raising concerns on energy infrastructure.
- 20 Global short-end interest rates rise as investors anticipate more hawkish policy from major developed-market central banks.
- 31 S&P 500 rallies nearly 3% on increased investor optimism around potential de-escalation in the Iran war.

Indexes used:

Bloomberg (BBG) 1-3 Month UST (Cash): The Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Bills: 1-3 Months Index tracks the market for treasury bills issued by the U.S. government with time to maturity between 1 and 3 months. US Treasury bills are issued in fixed maturity terms of 4, 8, 13, 17, 26 and 52 weeks.

BBG Municipal (Muni): The Bloomberg Municipal Bond: Index is a flagship measure of the US municipal tax-exempt investment grade bond market. Included in the index are securities from all 50 US States and four other qualifying regions (Washington DC, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands). The index includes state and local general obligation bonds and revenue bonds. All bonds in the Municipal Bond Index are tax exempt and hence are not eligible for other indices that include taxable bonds, such as the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate.

BBG Aggregate (Inv. Grade): The Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based flagship benchmark that measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. The index includes Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, fixed-rate agency MBS, ABS and CMBS (agency and non-agency). Provided the necessary inclusion rules are met, US Aggregate-eligible securities also contribute to the multi-currency Global Aggregate Index and the US Universal Index.

BBG TIPS (TIPS): The Bloomberg US Treasury Inflation-Linked Bond Index (Series-L) measures the performance of the US Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS) market. Federal Reserve holdings of US TIPS are not index eligible and are excluded from the face amount outstanding of each bond in the index.

BBG High Yield 2% Capped (High Yield): The Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Bond Index measures the USD-denominated, high yield, fixed-rate corporate bond market. Securities are classified as high yield if the middle rating of Moody's, Fitch and S&P is Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below. Bonds from issuers with an emerging markets country of risk, based on the indices' EM country definition, are excluded. The US Corporate High Yield Index is a component of the US Universal and Global High Yield Indices.

JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified (Em. Markets Fixed Income): The J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified tracks total returns for U.S. dollar-denominated debt instruments issued by emerging market sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities.

MSCI U.S. Equities IMI (U.S. Equities): The MSCI USA Investable Market Index (IMI) is designed to measure the performance of the large, mid and small cap segments of the US market. With 2,319 constituents, the index covers approximately 99% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in the US.

MSCI World ex-U.S. IMI (Dev. ex-U.S. Equities): The MSCI World ex USA Investable Market Index (IMI) captures large, mid and small cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries--excluding the United States. With 2,955 constituents, the index covers approximately 99% of the free float adjusted market capitalization in each country.

MSCI Emerging Market Equities IMI (Em. Markets Equities): The MSCI Emerging Markets Investable Market Index (IMI) captures large, mid and small cap representation across 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries. With 3,080 constituents, the index covers approximately 99% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

S&P Global Natural Resources (Natural Resources): The index includes 90 of the largest publicly-traded companies in natural resources and commodities businesses that meet specific investability requirements, offering investors diversified and investable equity exposure across 3 primary commodity-related sectors: agribusiness, energy, and metals & mining.

MSCI ACWI IMI Core Real Estate (Global Real Estate): The MSCI ACWI IMI Core Real Estate Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that consists of large, mid and small-cap stocks across 23 Developed Markets (DM) and 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries engaged in the ownership, development and management of specific core property type real estate. The index excludes companies, such as real estate services and real estate financing companies, that do not own properties.

S&P Global Infrastructure (Global Listed Infrastructure): The S&P Global Infrastructure Index is designed to track 75 companies from around the world chosen to represent the listed infrastructure industry while maintaining liquidity and tradability. To create diversified exposure, the index includes three distinct infrastructure clusters: energy, transportation, and utilities.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HARDIN CITY CODE REFLECTING LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND MOBILE HOMES

WHEREAS, the City Council (hereinafter "Council") of the City of Hardin (hereinafter "City") is generally authorized to adopt ordinances for zoning, per Mont. Code Ann. § 76-2-301 (2025);

WHEREAS, the City County Planning Board has made recommendations to change certain parts of the Hardin City Code to reflect changes made by the Montana Legislature.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA, Title 11, Chapter 11 shall be amended by the insertion of certain language (underline) and deletion of other language (strikethrough), as follows:

11-1-1-1 GENERAL TERMS DEFINED:

GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN (GMP): The officially adopted growth and change plan defining where the people of Hardin want their community to grow toward and become. The GMP consists of the community's long and short term goals and objects, local history, public facilities plans, information on local economics, population, housing, land uses, natural resources, and the maps and projections therefor. The GMP also describes how its plans are to be implemented, maintained, and coordinated with other government, and how Hardin deals with subdivision growth. The Growth Management Plan may also be known as a Growth Policy.

11-1-2-1: TERMS PERTAINING TO "USE" DEFINED

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU): a single self-contained living unit on the same parcel as a single-family dwelling of greater square footage that includes its own cooking, sleeping, and sanitation facilities and complies with or is otherwise exempt from any applicable building code, fire code, and public health and safety regulations adopted pursuant to state law.

- A. An ADU may be attached, detached, or internal to the single-family dwelling unit.
- B. If the ADU is detached from or attached to the single-family dwelling, it may not be more than 75% of the gross floor area of the single-family dwelling or 1,000 square feet, whichever is less

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DWELLING: A building used entirely for residential purposes. A "single-family dwelling" is a building that contains only one living unit; a "two-family dwelling" is a building that contains only two (2) living units, and a "multiple dwelling" is a building that contains more than two (2) living units. All dwelling units, with the exception of manufactured mobile homes, must meet the building code as adopted by the city.

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MANUFACTURED (MODULAR) HOME: a single-family dwelling, built offsite in a factory, that is in compliance with the applicable prevailing standards of the United States department of housing and urban development at the time of its production. A manufactured home does not include a mobile home or travel trailer.

MANUFACTURED MOBILE HOME PARKS, TRAVEL TRAILER PARKS, AND INDIVIDUAL MANUFACTURED MOBILE HOMES: The following definitions shall be utilized in determining the appropriate classification of manufactured mobile homes, modular homes, and travel trailers:

~~A. Manufactured Home: A dwelling unit that: 1) is not constructed in accordance with the standards set forth in the building code, applicable to site built homes; and 2) is composed of one or more components, each of which was substantially assembled in a manufacturing plant and designed to be transported to the homesite on its own chassis; and 3) exceeds forty feet (40') in length and eight feet (8') in width.~~

BA. Manufactured Mobile Home, Class A: A manufactured mobile home constructed within the last two (2) years, that meets or exceeds the construction standards promulgated by the U.S. department of housing and urban development that were in effect at the time of construction and that satisfies each of the following additional criteria:

1. The home has a length not exceeding two (2) times its width;
2. The pitch of the unit's roof has a minimum vertical rise of one foot (1') for each five feet (5') of horizontal run, and the roof is finished with a type of shingle that is commonly used in standard residential construction;
3. The standard siding consists of wood, hardboard, or aluminum (vinyl covered or painted, but in no case exceeding the reflectivity of gloss white paint) comparable in composition, appearance, and durability to the exterior siding commonly used in standard residential construction;
4. A continuous, permanent masonry foundation, unpierced except for required ventilation and access, is installed under the home; and

5. The tongue, axles, transporting lights, and removable towing apparatus are removed after placement on the lot and before occupancy.

~~CB. Manufactured Mobile Home, Class B: A manufactured mobile home constructed no more than ten (10) years ago, that meets or exceeds the construction standards promulgated by the U.S. department of housing and urban development that were in effect at the time of construction but that does not satisfy the criteria necessary to qualify the house as a class A manufactured mobile home.~~

~~DC. Manufactured Mobile Home, Class C: Any manufactured mobile home that does not meet the definitional criteria of a class A or class B manufactured mobile home.~~

~~ED. Manufactured Mobile Home Park: A residential use in which more than one manufactured mobile home is located on a single lot.~~

~~F. Modular Home: A dwelling unit constructed in accordance with the standards set forth in the building code, applicable to site built homes, and composed of components substantially assembled in a manufacturing plant and transported to the building site for final assembly on a permanent foundation. Among other possibilities, a modular home may consist of two (2) sections transported to the site in a manner similar to a manufactured home (except that the modular home meets the building code standards applicable to site built homes), or a series of panels or room sections transported on a truck and erected or joined together on the site.~~

~~MOBILE HOME: See definition of Manufactured Home Parks, Travel Trailer Parks, And Individual Manufactured Homes.~~

~~MODULAR OR MANUFACTURED HOUSING UNIT: See definition of Manufactured (Modular) Home Parks, Travel Trailer Parks, And Individual Manufactured Homes.~~

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~~TRAILER OR MOBILE HOME: See definition of Manufactured Mobile Home Parks, Travel Trailer Parks, And Individual Manufactured Mobile Homes.~~

~~TRAILER OR MOBILE HOME PARK: See definition of Manufactured Mobile Home Parks, Travel Trailer Parks, And Individual Manufactured Mobile Homes.~~

11-1-2-2: DISTRICTS:

E. R3 residential manufactured home provides a district for single-family manufactured mobile homes.

11-1-2-3: DISTRICT USES PERMITTED:

Premises shall be used for the following purposes:

A. In the AO agricultural open space district only for (see also subsection 11-1-0C of this chapter):

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

Airports and landing fields having prior approval of the federal aviation agency.

Animal clinics and hospitals, including service to large animals, outside runs, and keeping areas permitted.

Cemeteries, including mausoleums; provided, that mausoleums shall be distant at least two hundred feet (200') from every street line and adjoining lot lines, and provided further, that any new cemetery shall contain an area of ten (10) acres or more.

Churches and other places of worship, Sunday school buildings, and parish houses.

Class A and class B ~~manufactured~~mobile homes.

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B. In the SR suburban residential district only for:

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

Noncommercial livestock agricultural operations.

Single-family dwellings and class A and B ~~manufactured~~mobile homes with a maximum dwelling unit density of one per net acre.

The homes shall be placed on a continuous wall or footing composed of concrete block.

C. In the R1 single-family district only for (see also subsection 11-1-0C of this chapter):

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

Churches and other places of worship, Sunday school buildings and parish houses.

Golf courses, but not miniature courses or driving tees.

Home occupations as defined in section 11-1-8-1 of this chapter.

Hospitals and educational, religious, and philanthropic institutions; provided, however, that buildings be set back from all yard lines a distance of at least one foot (1') for each foot of building height.

Multi-family residential as a conditional use.

Private schools with a curriculum similar to public schools, plus nursery, prekindergarten, kindergarten, and other private or special schools.

Public parks, public libraries, public schools, and public community buildings.

Single-family dwellings.

Other uses similar in nature to those listed herein and reviewed as a conditional use.

D. In the R2 general residential district only for (see also subsection 11-1-0C of this chapter):

Class A ~~manufactured~~mobile homes.

Clubs, lodges, fraternities, and sororities where the chief activity is not business.

Hospitals.

Lodging houses.

Office buildings.

Religious, educational, and philanthropic institutions, but not for animal care.

Uses allowed in the R1 single-family district.

Other uses similar in nature to those listed herein and reviewed as a conditional use.

E. In the R3 residential manufactured home district only for (see also subsection 11-1-0C of this chapter):

~~Manufactured~~Mobile home parks; provided, that a master plan of the ~~manufactured~~mobile park layout be submitted for approval by the local government and the state and local health departments. The master plan shall conform to the plat requirements of the ~~city-county subdivision regulations~~zoning ordinance and be reviewed as a conditional use. The master plan plat will be reviewed considering the following:

1. The maximum allowable density for all manufactured mobile home parks shall be nine (9) manufactured mobile homes per net acre.
2. For singlewide manufactured mobile homes, minimum site dimensions shall be forty feet (40') wide and one hundred feet (100') deep.
3. For doublewide manufactured mobile homes, minimum site dimensions shall be fifty feet (50') wide and one hundred feet (100') deep.
4. The ground area occupied by a manufactured mobile home, attached storm shed, patio, storage building and off street parking spaces shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total area of the site. In computing the ground coverage, four hundred (400) square feet shall be added to the actual area of the manufactured mobile home and the accessory buildings for the two (2) required off street parking spaces. This provision limits to one storm shed, not over ten feet by twelve feet (10' x 12') or one hundred twenty (120) square feet in area per site and said utility building shall be placed on a proper foundation.
5. No manufactured mobile home, storm shed or other legal attachments to said manufactured mobile home shall be located less than seven feet six inches (7'6") from the side site line. Detached tool sheds shall be located not less than five feet (5') from the side or rear site lines. The ends of the manufactured mobile homes shall be at least ten feet (10') apart when opposing rear walls are staggered, otherwise fifteen feet (15') apart. No portion of a manufactured mobile home, or attachment thereto, or tool shed, or any other structure shall be located less than fifteen feet (15') away from any site or property line adjacent to a public right of way.
6. The street right of way shall conform to the widths shown on the ~~preliminary plat~~ approved site plan of the manufactured mobile home park at the time it was approved.
7. All entrances, exits, lanes, and driveways between rows of manufactured mobile homes shall be lighted to provide an intensity of five (5) foot-candles. Manufactured Mobile home parks shall be provided with, at minimum, walkways at least two feet (2') wide between the manufactured mobile home sites and each service building. Roadways and sidewalks within the parks shall be hard surfaced, either concrete or bituminized.
8. All provisions of water supply, laundry, sewage and fire protection to be provided in any manufactured mobile home park shall have been approved by the appropriate city department.

9. Off street parking areas shall be provided in all manufactured mobile home parks at a ratio of at least two (2) car spaces per manufactured mobile home site. At least two (2) car spaces shall be provided on each manufactured mobile home site. The area per one car space shall be at least ten feet (10') wide and twenty feet (20') deep, plus ingress and egress.

10. Recreation areas. There shall be provided, unless previously provided by a park dedication as required by the city subdivision regulations, within each manufactured mobile home park, an adequate site or sites for recreation for the exclusive uses of the park occupants. Such recreation site or sites shall have a minimum area in the aggregate of four thousand (4,000) square feet plus one hundred (100) square feet for each manufactured mobile home site in said park. The recreation sites shall be of appropriate design, provided with adequate equipment, and may be used to meet the one-ninth (1/9) minimum area requirement of the subdivision zoning regulations.

11. All manufactured mobile home parks must provide a completely and permanently landscaped setback area of at least fifteen feet (15') in width around those portions of the park perimeter which border a public right of way. Such areas may contain trees, shrubbery, grass, benches, fences, landscaped water resources, and the like. Setback areas not bordering a public right of way may be used to fulfill the recreation area requirements of the preceding subsection.

12. All manufactured mobile home parks shall have near their main entrances, a marquee or sign on which there shall be an up to date list of the addresses and a diagram of the park layout.

13. All manufactured mobile home parks shall provide one additional space for every five (5) sites as a main parking area to be used by visitors or in the storage of recreational vehicles.

14. Existing manufactured mobile home parks shall not be enlarged or extensively altered unless such alteration complies with the provisions of this subsection E.

15. All manufactured mobile homes shall be equipped with coordinating skirts, manufactured for such purpose, to enclose completely the underside of the manufactured mobile home.

16. All manufactured mobile housing units moved into this zone must be no older than twenty (20) years. Existing units that predate 2016 are nonconforming uses as of this amendment and cannot be replaced unless by a unit no older than twenty (20) years.

A manufactured mobile home replacement permit from the city building inspector must be obtained before a replacement manufactured mobile home is put on any space or lot in the R3 zone.

Trailers older than twenty (20) years proposed to be located outside of a licensed trailer court that have obtained a manufactured mobile home replacement permit from the city building inspector must apply for a conditional use permit.

Trailers older than twenty (20) years proposed to be located in a licensed trailer court that have obtained a manufactured mobile home replacement permit from the city building inspector do not need to also apply for a conditional use permit but still need approval by the city council.

Manufactured Mobile homes and uses allowed in the R1 and R2 districts.

Other uses similar in nature to those listed herein and reviewed as a conditional use.

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11-1-5-2: HEIGHT LIMITS ESTABLISHED:

Height limits shall be as allowed in Section 11-1-6-2.C. except as required in this section and in Section 11-1-5-3. Two (2) stories or thirty feet (30') in all districts except the C1 and I districts shall be allowed. Buildings in agricultural and residential districts shall not exceed 30 feet in height. Buildings in the C1 district shall not exceed in height the width (curb face to curb face) of the street on which they front. Building height in industrial districts the I2 district shall not exceed forty-five feet (45') without approval of the zoning commission. (Ord., 9-3-1974)

11-1-6-2: YARD AND FAMILY SPACE REQUIREMENTS:

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C. In The C1, C2, C3, I1 And I2 Districts: Yard setbacks, height restrictions, and lot coverages for the C and I districts other than residential are as follows:

District	Front Setback	Side Setback	Side Adjacent To Street Setback	Rear Setback	Maximum Lot Coverage	Maximum Building Height ¹
C1	0 feet	0 feet	0 feet	0 feet	n/a	n/a ¹

C2	20 feet	0 feet	10 feet	0 feet	75 percent	45 feet ¹
C3	20 feet	0 feet	10 feet	0 feet	50 percent	25 <u>30</u> feet ¹
I1	20 feet	0 feet	10 feet	0 feet	75 percent	75 feet ¹
I2	20 feet	0 feet	10 feet	0 feet	76 percent	n/a ¹

1. n/a: Not applicable; see Section 11-1-5-2.

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11-1-8-2: ACCESSORY USES PERMITTED:

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- i. Accessory buildings, other than accessory dwelling units (ADUs), may not be used for dwelling purposes.

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DATE OF EFFECT.

The amendment to this ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from the date of its second reading and passage by the City Council as required by law.

FIRST READING AND PASSAGE By a majority vote of the members present this 17th day of April, 2026.

YEAS 6

NAYS 0

Riley C. [Signature]
Mayor

ATTEST:

Andra Lehu
City Clerk



POSTED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC this 8th day of April, 2025.

Andrew Leh
City Clerk

SECOND READING AND PASSAGE By a majority vote of the members present this _____ day of _____, 2026.

YEAS _____

NAYS _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

★ LAW ENFORCEMENT ★

TORCH RUN

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HARDIN, MONTANA



MAY 10TH, 2026

★ STARTS: 10:00 AM ★

HARDIN HIGH SCHOOL

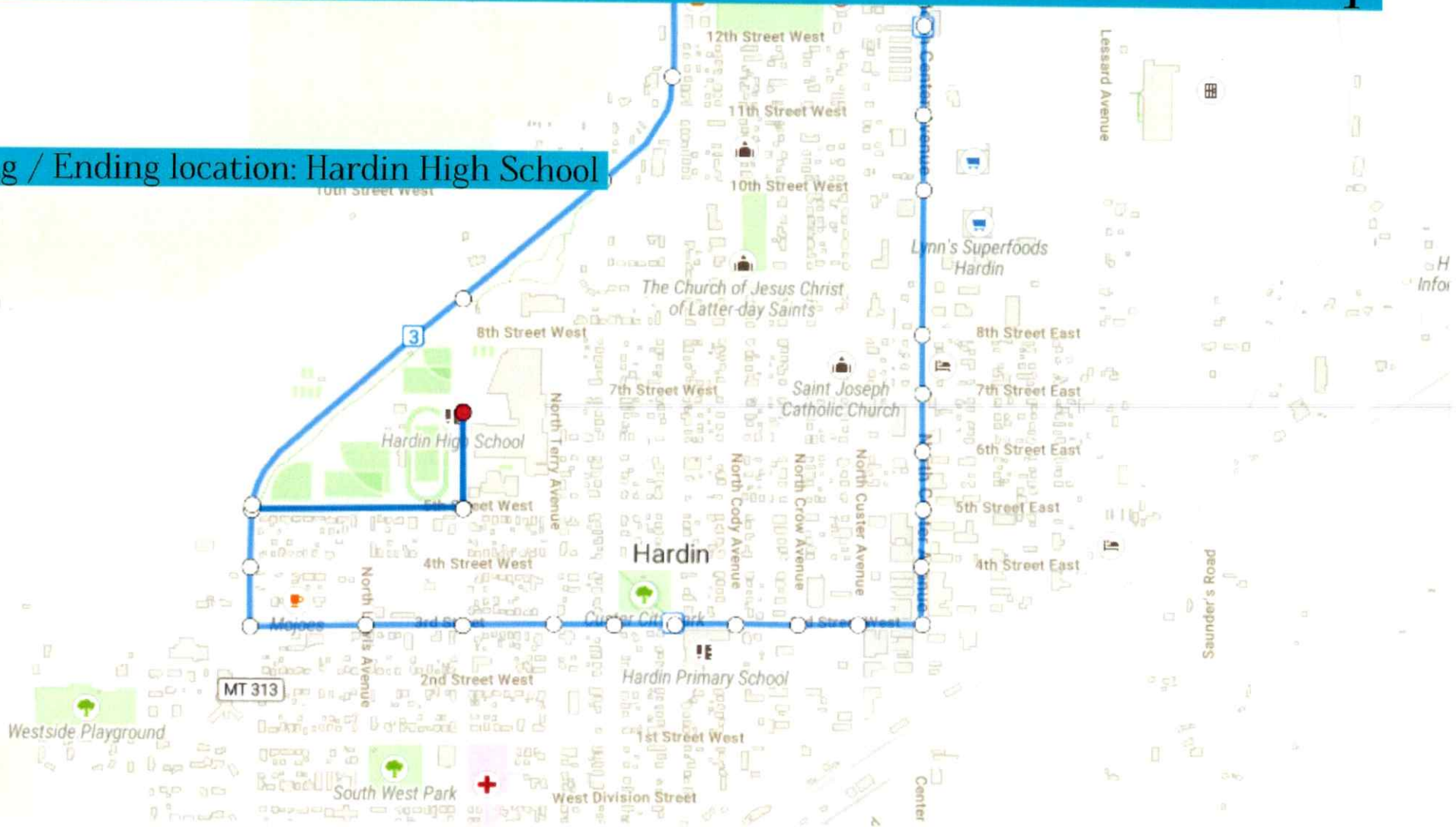
721 NORTH MILES AVENUE

★ RUN FOR A SPECIAL OLYMPICS MONTANA! ★



2026 Hardin Law Enforcement Torch Run Map

Starting / Ending location: Hardin High School



Law Enforcement Escort along highlighted route