



Mesa County Safety Council (MCSC)

February 17, 2026, monthly meeting

President – Vacant; **Vice President** – Vee Edstrom; **Treasurer** – Derek Felix; **Secretary** – Jim Pringle; **Board Member At-Large** – Sanatam Khalsa; **Other Board Member At-Large** – Joshua Kirschner; **Past President** – Glenn Kiser

Members present – Bill Vavek (Hilltop Community Resources), Tyler Tobias (Hilltop Community Resources), Jesse Peeler (GVP), Derek Felix (Boise-Cascade), Travis Holder (Lower Valley Fire), Glenn Kiser, Drene Stevens (Grand Valley Brain Injury/Epilepsy), Nicole Heil (WCAHEC), Cory Holland (Mesa Co. Road & Bridge), Jordan Koos (WCCA), Rich Bacher (MCSO COP), Vee Edstrom (St. Mary's Hospital), Jim Pringle (NWS liaison & Mesa County LEPC)

The meeting is at WCCA due to an unexpected event at the GJ Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was called to order at 10:33 AM MST, followed by introductions.

(Action items highlighted in yellow.)

Review 1/20/26 Meeting Minutes

Rich Bacher made a motion to approve the minutes. Glenn Kiser seconded the motion. Approval by members present was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

Bank Balance as of 1/20/26 **\$7094.16**

Deposits

Total Deposits

Withdrawals

Total Withdrawals

Bank Balance as of 2/17/26 (verified with Bank of CO) **\$6723.41**

Pending Withdrawals:

Unreimbursed Expenditures by Glenn Kiser:

• 1-22-24 – 2 boxes of 1,000 T-shirt bags (for prefilled swag bags)	\$37.96
• 2-20-24 – Office Depot – 4 safety fair sponsor posters (20" X 30")	\$195.56
• 2-21-24 - USLI Director and Officers Liability Insurance	\$698.00
• 2-24-24 – Replacement easel	\$30.49
• 12-16-24 – Office Depot - Packaging tape	\$30.38
• 2-20-25 – Home Loan Ins. – Special Event Ins. required by Mesa Mall	\$544.00
• 2-29-25 – Office Depot – 4 safety fair sponsor posters (20" X 30")	\$195.56
• 3-19-25 – Elite Events – table (14) and chair (118) rental	\$480.15
• Total reimbursement due to Glenn Kiser	\$2212.10
<i>Projected Balance after pending withdrawals</i>	\$4511.31

Planning for the 2026 Mesa County Safety Fair (February 25-26 @ Mesa Mall)

- Jim Pringle gave a recap on the fair hours (9:30 AM to 3:00 PM both days), general information on exhibitor locations, SD51 bus schedules, exhibit locations, overnight storage for display items, and exhibit set up and take down times.
 - Exhibit setup times: Tuesday 2/24 – Display Vehicles enter at 7:30 PM. All others can set up beginning at 7:00 PM on 2/24 or beginning at 8:00 AM on both days (2/25 and 2/26) of the safety fair.
 - Exhibit take down times: - Thursday 2/26 - Display Vehicles starting at 7:30 PM. All other exhibits should be packed away after 3:00 PM.
- Jim Pringle said that exhibitor applications had been received for 41 exhibits. He also said that there were 994 students scheduled to arrive at the safety fair via STA busses. The least number of those students will be on the morning of 2/25.
- It was stated that swag bags will be filled at WCCA, today's meeting location, as soon as the meeting concludes, with hopes to complete the work by 4 PM today.
- Promotions for the safety fair:
 - Tara Flaharty has been making excellent Facebook posts.
 - Derek Felix has the 2026 safety fair information on the MCSC website
 - Valor Tactical (via Joshua Kirschner) and Hilltop CR (via Bill Vavek) have been promoting the safety fair on their in-house video resources.
 - KKCO TV's Brian Wiley produced an excellent promo featuring chief meteorologist Stephen Bowers.
 - Jim Pringle sent the PSA and a promotion poster to local media outlets on 1/21/26, as well as to Bill Vavek, Joshua Kirschner, & Tara Flaharty.
 - It was stated that Tara Flaharty had submitted the safety fair announcement to Peach Jar.
 - Jim Pringle was interviewed by Zane Stevens at KJOL Radio on 2/4/26.

- Jim Pringle said that the security team meeting was conducted on 2/3/26 at the MCSO annex. The security/safety team includes personnel from the MCSO, GJPD, CSP, fire department, 911 dispatch, SD51 security, Mesa Mall security, MCSC vice president, and CMU EMT Tech reps. Texting will again be the primary communication resource between security/safety team agencies during the 2026 safety fair. Jim has been assigned to initiate a group text among the team just prior to the start of the first day of the safety fair to establish a baseline for coordinated communication among the designated team members.
- Jim Pringle said that he will be sending the finalized 2026 safety fair mall map of exhibitor locations and the exhibitor instructions to everyone on the MCSC's email list within the next couple of days. He will also be sending the mall map and a list of all exhibit descriptions to all SD51 and private school teachers, as well as homeschool groups, to help them plan their visit with their students at the safety fair.
- Jim mentioned that there are three exhibitors (GVP, St. Mary's Hospital, and MARS) planning to have scheduled exhibitor presentations. He has not yet heard from other organizations with 10+ minute presentations.
- Jim said that the CHS JROTC is scheduled to be at the safety fair per their leader John Pennington. They are planning to have 10-12 JROTC cadets each day at the safety fair.
- Jim said he will be finalizing the safety fair sponsor posters this week, and Sue Kiser will be taking responsibility for having the posters printed.
- It was stated that the 2026 safety fair will likely cost the MCSC close to \$6000.
- Jim Pringle said that donations for safety fair incentive prizes have been received or pledged by eight organizations.
- It was mentioned that the designated "Virtual 2026 Safety Fair" will be March 2-6

MCSC IT Team Updates

- Derek Felix suggested that we should have the finalized mall map of exhibitors on the MCSC website.

Donation Resources and Prospects

- Glenn Kiser said that the MCSC should receive a check from the Bank of Colorado for a donation of \$750.00.

- Derek Felix asked everyone to consider participation in the [City Market Community Rewards Program](#) to help raise funds for the MCSC. There is no added cost to participate. City Market simply donates to the MCSC based on your percentage of spending. Derek recently added the [City Market Community Rewards program to the MCSC website's donation page](#) with a [clickable link](#) to get started.
- Jim Pringle reminded everyone of the [GJ Rotary Club's 2026 Snowball Sweepstakes](#) where 80% of ticket purchases on behalf of the MCSC will go to the MCSC. The deadline for ticket purchases is 3-6-26. Purchasers of tickets not only support the MCSC but also are entered in the event where they can win up to \$5000 donated by local businesses.

2026 MCSC Board Member Elections

- Nominations for the vacant MCSC President position were tabled until 3/17/26.

Other Upcoming Events

- Jim Pringle mentioned the need for exhibitors at the 2026 Plateau Valley Safety Fair that will be held at the remodeled Plateau Valley School in Collbran, with a tentative safety fair date of 4/23/26. The event lasts from 9 AM to 3 PM.
- Jim also stated the request for exhibitors at the GJ Kiwanis Pancake Day and Fun Fest at the Mesa County Fairgrounds on 6/6/26.

Jim Pringle said the next monthly MCSC meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2026.

At 11:34 AM MST Glenn Kiser made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Drene Stevens seconded the motion, with all attendees in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Pringle, MCSC Secretary