

Background Information for No ICE Holds testimony

Although the 287g agreement has been "paused", the ICE Hold process continues to be implemented under state statute [27-16-801 immigration detainer request statute](#).

Since the May 28th court hearing, the [GCDC inmate roster](#) shows newly detained inmates with the designation "HOLD FOR IMMIGRATION (ICE)".

The following media reporting can give more context:

Feb 18, 2026 [Breaking down Montana's immigration enforcement partnerships | Explore Big Sky](#)

- Reporter Jen Clancy for Explore Big Sky covers 287g programs in general and its use in Gallatin County specifically.

Apr 24, 2026 [Beth Kampschorr & 7 others: Community members ask for no ICE holds in county jail | Guest Columnists | bozemandailychronicle.com](#)

- Op-ed signed by Community Rapid Response and Indivisible members

May 14, 2026 [Residents sue Gallatin County Commission, sheriff over immigration enforcement agreement | Explore Big Sky](#)

- Jen Clancy reports on the lawsuit that is challenging the Gallatin Co sheriff and commissioners to stop ICE Holds under the federal program called 287g.

May 21, 2026 KGTV radio interview: [I.C.E. - Ita Killeen and Julia Shaida | KGVM Community Radio](#)

- Joy LeClaire with Ecotones interviewed Ita and Julia about immigration enforcement in Montana and Gallatin County.

May 26, 2026. 15 people gave oral public comments before the Gallatin County Commission to Stop ICE Holds. Listen to the recording [HERE](#).

- [Residents speak out against ICE at county commission meeting | News | bozemandailychronicle.com](#) Bzn Daily Chronicle's Ellie Owen reported on the public comment at the commission meeting.

May 28, 2026 [Gallatin County agrees to pause 287\(g\) agreement until public hearing | Explore Big Sky](#)

- Carli Johnson and Jen Clancy reported on the court hearing on the citizens' complaint that the 287g in place is not valid. The County Attorney revealed that the detention center has been without a trained warrant officer to allow the 287g to be implemented since 2025. Apparently they have been using the [Immigration Detainer Arrests](#) section of the Montana Annotated Code to justify ICE Holds in 2026.

June 1, 2026 ABC Fox News [Gallatin County pauses ICE agreement as lawsuit continues](#) | [Bozeman News](#) | [montanarightnow.com](#)

- Although the commission agreed to suspend the 287g agreement pending litigation, Sheriff Springer indicated that the Montana law requires local law enforcement to hold inmates for ICE when asked, even without the agreement in place. He plans to continue to cooperate with federal partners because it's "the right thing to do".
- Sue McGrath pointed out that the program violates due process and under [Montana Code Annotated 7-32-2242](#). the county would still have to sign off on this use "because they actually own the jail".

The fight to Stop ICE Holds continues. The County Commission has agreed to place the 287g agreement on their June 16 agenda. Whether the county commissioners vote to void or ratify this agreement, we need to continue to push for the end of an illegitimate process that deprives individuals of their due process and thrusts them without accountability into the ICE detention system that is rife with abuse.

We need your voice!

Send written comments to [Contact the Gallatin County Commissioners](#)

Join us as you are able at the County Commission meeting

- Tuesday, June 16, 2026
- Gallatin Co Courthouse, 311 W. Main St, 3rd floor
- Watch for the County Commission Agenda to be posted before the Jun 16 meeting at <https://www.gallatinmt.gov/gallatin-county-commission/pages/gallatin-county-public-meeting-minutes-and-agendas>