

October 23, 2006 Regular Session of the County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on October 23, 2006, at 9:15 a.m. Present: Chairman Garth Haugland, Commissioner Mike McGinley, Commissioner Tom Rice, and Secretary Patti Odasz.

The minutes of the October 16, 2006 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the minutes of the October 16, 2006 meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Road Manager Richard Miller joined the meeting and submitted the Road Report for October 15 – 21, 2006:

Dillon Area

- ❖ The crew attended a Safety Meeting and took hearing tests.
- ❖ Trapper Creek Road, Canyon Road, Cherry Creek Road, Bighorn Road, and Brownes Bridge Road were bladed.
- ❖ An old culvert was removed from the South Valley Road at Corral Creek and a new culvert was installed.
- ❖ Gravel was hauled to South Valley Road and Trapper Creek Road.
- ❖ The shoulders of Twin Lakes Road were mowed and the mower was moved to Dillon.
- ❖ Equipment was serviced and repaired.

Lima Area

- ❖ The crew attended a Safety Meeting and took hearing tests.
- ❖ Fitters Road, Gleed Lane, Gosman Lane, West Road, Chute Canyon Road, Sage Creek Road and Big Sheep Creek Road were bladed.
- ❖ Equipment was serviced and repaired.

Wisdom Area

- ❖ The crew attended a Safety Meeting and took hearing tests.
- ❖ A culvert on the Upper North Fork Road was cleaned.
- ❖ Equipment was serviced and repaired.

Richard informed the Commissioners that, pending legislation, the Big Hole Water Shed Committee would be awarding \$150,000 towards the Governor Creek Project. Jeff Everett also feels a \$150,000 Future Fisheries Grant can be obtained.

The Commissioners reviewed with Richard a copy of a letter that Kathy Coleman sent to Debco Construction about deductions being withheld on the Pioneer Scenic Mountains Byway bridge project that Coleman Construction subcontracted.

Richard gave the Commissioners the Scenic Byway final easement from the Federal Highway Administration for their review. Richard feels that a few sections in this document need to be changed, i.e., erosion control, signage, etc. Tomorrow morning Richard will be reviewing this document with Forest Service Engineer Dick Judge.

Commissioner Rice mentioned to Richard that Lee Hahnkamp keeps calling about installing speed limit signs on Brownes Bridge Road and Rock Creek Road. Discussion ensued. Richard informed the Commissioners that the County has no authority on Rock Creek Road because it is a Forest Service Road. The County was supposed to take ownership of Rock Creek Road but the paper work was never completed. Richard and Deputy County Attorney Kurt Steadman will be looking at Trapper Creek Road on Thursday, and at that time Richard will show Kurt Brownes' Bridge Road and will discuss Richard concerns regarding this Road. The County has been petitioned by the residents of Brownes' Bridge Road to establish a 35 mph speed limit for this Road. Commissioner Rice will call Lee Hahnkamp to update him on this matter.

Chairman Haugland asked Richard to install the road sign on Stoddard Slough Road and have the Anglers Lane sign moved to the correct lane. Richard will have it taken care of this week.

Richard informed the Commissioners that the County would be purchasing gravel from the Matador Ranch in the Centennial Valley. The cost of the gravel will be deducted from the price that the Matador owes for magchloride.

A double centerline needs to be painted on Blacktail Road. Richard will put this on the schedule for next summer.

A shed for a loader and sanding truck needs to be installed at the intersection of Highway 278 and the Scenic Byway because starting this month, the County is supposed to take care of the Byway.

There was discussion about petitioning the Department of Transportation to assume responsibility for the Scenic Byway. The Byway meets all the criteria for the Secondary Road Program.

County Attorney Marv McCann and Deputy County Attorney Kurt Steadman joined the meeting.

Marv informed the Commissioners that the Bump's attorney contacted him and talked about settling on the Lovell Road suit. Marv asked if the work on the road could be started this fall. Richard said it is too late in the season to start work on the road. The Commissioners told Marv that if it is possible, the County wants the right-of-way for the Lovell Road moved against the fence. Richard left the meeting.

Kurt's scheduled meeting last week with John Whittingham of Basic Biological Services was rescheduled for today at 11:00 a.m. John is supposed to submit the plan schedule, and Kurt will revise the contract.

Marv will be attending the informational meeting on the Public Safety levy tonight in the Commissioners' room.

The Canine Contract was discussed. A user's agreement and a policy need to be written, and the ownership of the dogs need to be turned over to Deputy Mulkey.

Sheriff Ken Brunkhorst joined the meeting and there was discussion as to what information is needed for tonight's meeting regarding the Public Safety levy. Marv and Kurt left the meeting.

The Commissioners complimented Ken on the great job he is doing as interim Sheriff. Ken reported that a prisoner who the County is housing for Butte has a complaint against one of the jailers. Ken is waiting for the paperwork on to be completed so this prisoner can be taken back to Butte.

The dispatch center is short one full-time dispatcher, and there is a jailer position open.

Ken updated the Commissioners on a drug case. Ken left the meeting.

At this time the Commissioners discussed the County paying for flu shots for permanent full-time and permanent part-time employees and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the County pay up to \$20 for permanent full-time and permanent part-time employees. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Haugland recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m. for the lunch break and reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with all Commissioners and Secretary Patti Odasz in attendance.

Kathy Coleman and Mary Ellen Parks joined the meeting. The letter Kathy sent to Debco Construction regarding money being deducted on the Scenic Byway bridge project the Coleman Construction subcontracted was discussed. Kathy explained that Coleman Construction did everything that Debco asked of them and that the work that had to be done in the winter was due to Debco's error. Discussion ensued. Kathy asked the Commissioners to write a letter asking for documentation as to why the money, especially the \$25,000 was deducted. The Commissioners told Kathy that they would write a letter and send a copy of it to the Federal Highway Administration. Kathy and Mary Ellen thanked the Commissioners and left the meeting.

Chairman Haugland informed the Commissioners that he feels that a letter should be written to Markovich Construction asking that the construction material and debris left at the Ray Lynch Park from the construction of the new Armory be removed. The Commissioners agreed that this letter should be written.

Chairman Haugland went over the day's business with the news media

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the October 15–21, 2006 invoices for a total of \$46,796.24. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

Chairman Haugland recessed the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m. Chairman Haugland opened the meeting. This meeting was for informing the public about the Public Safety levy and to answer any questions people have regarding this matter. Present were: All Commissioners, KDBM Reporter Lee Squires, Sheriff Ken Brunkhorst, Sharon Rice, County Attorney Marv McCann, Deputy Sheriff Jay Hanson, *Dillon Tribune* Reporter Barbara Bauerle, and Secretary Patti Odasz. The Commissioners went over the information with Lee and Barbara. There was no public comment or questions.

Chairman Haugland adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Attest: _____ Approved: _____
Clerk of the Board Chairman of the Board