

## October 30, 2006 Regular Session of the County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on October 30, 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 23, 2006 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the minutes of the October 23, 2006 meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Art Mangles and Road Manager Richard Miller joined the meeting. Art was at the meeting to discuss a few items with the Commissioners and Richard.

1. There is not a road sign on Albers Lane.
2. Does the County mow the shoulders of roads?
3. Spraying of weeds.
4. Gravel for Albers Lane.

Richard informed Art that the County has approximately two thirds of the road signs installed, and a sign for Albers Lane will be installed. The County does mow the shoulders of roads and Richard will put Albers Lane on the list. The County mowed for approximately three weeks and then quit due to fire danger. In September the mowing was started again.

The County does not spray Albers Lane for weeds because Tordon is used and this would affect the crops. Art will talk to his neighbors about spraying the weeds with 2-4-D Compound and a wild oat herbicide. Art feels that wild oats should be on the County's noxious weeds list. Art also feels that the road needs gravel. Sources of gravel were discussed. Art does have a gravel pit on his property, but the gravel would have to be processed. There was discussion about cattleguards. Richard will do an inspection of the cattleguard that is filled in on Albers Lane. This cattleguard might have to be replaced. Art said that he has been disappointed that the road has not been bladed well. Richard stated that the County might do some more ditching on this Lane, but some of the residents are farming to the edge of the Lane. Richard might meet with the residents about this matter. Art left the meeting.

Richard Road Report for October 22-28, 2006:

### Dillon Area

- ❖ Medicine Lodge Road, Ten Mile Road, and Schoolhouse Road were bladed.
- ❖ Cattleguards from Gravel Pit #125 were hauled to the Grant yard.
- ❖ A culvert was removed from a construction approach to Gravel Pit #125.

- ❖ Gravel was hauled to Curry Creek on the South Valley Road and a temporary culvert was installed.
- ❖ Equipment was serviced and repaired.

#### Lima Area

- ❖ Little Sheep Creek Road, Chute Canyon Road, and Munday Lane were bladed.
- ❖ Equipment was serviced and repaired.

#### Wisdom Area

- ❖ The Gilman Construction/Barrett gravel pit #125 on Highway 324 was reclaimed.
- ❖ Equipment was serviced and repaired.

Richard reported that he and Grant Coordinator Frank Mastandrea attended a Community Transportation Enhancement Program workshop last week. Richard is thinking about applying for a CTEP grant for a pedestrian path on Laknar Lane from Highway 41 to Schuler Lane. The Commissioners were given a copy of the CTEP application for review. Richard informed the Commissioners about the importance of the Equal Employment Opportunity part of grants and informed the Commissioners that the State would conduct an EEO workshop if the Commissioners so choose.

County Attorney Marv McCann and Deputy County Attorney Kurt Steadman joined the meeting. Richard referred to MCA codes on encroachments and gave copies to the Commissioners for review. Marv informed the Commissioners that the County's Right-of-Way Policy for Public Subdivision Road needs to be rescinded or amended.

Richard and Kurt did an inspection of Trapper Creek Road and Brownes Bridge Road last week. Richard feels that if Brownes Bridge Road is posted as having a 35 mph speed limit there would be a liability issue because much of the road cannot be driven this fast due to curves, etc. Options were discussed and Kurt will work on this matter.

There was discussion about two gates that have been placed across Trapper Creek Road by Bob Sellar. Marv stated that there couldn't be a stationary gate across a public road because of the Americans with Disability Act. Options were discussed. Kurt will work on this matter. Richard left the meeting.

Kurt reported that he met with John Whittingham from Basic Biological Services regarding the plant park. Kurt suggested that the County pay John hourly, have John specify the quantity of materials needed and the cost of the materials. The Commissioners agreed with this suggestion. Kurt will write the contract and review it with the Commissioners. John will submit his hourly rate to Kurt. Marv and Kurt left the meeting.

Treasurer Kathy Allard joined the meeting to present a request from Bob Riley for a \$69.25 motor vehicle refund. Mr. Riley licensed a truck that he purchased, and when he tried to drive the truck, it would not run. The money from this license does not go directly to the County it goes to the State. The State does not refund money.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that Bob Riley not be given a motor vehicle refund. The motion carried unanimously.

Kathy and the Commissioners discussed the CSA's computer software. Kathy left the meeting.

Road Manager Richard Miller briefly joined the meeting to inform the Commissioners that the County will be installing a 12 foot cattleguard on Albers Lane tomorrow and that one of the cattleguards on Trapper Creek Road will be cleaned. Richard left the meeting.

Chairman Haugland recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m. for the lunch break. At 1:30 p.m. Commissioner McGinley reconvened the meeting with Commissioner Rice and Secretary Patti Odasz in attendance. Chairman Haugland was attending a funeral.

The minutes of the October 19, 2006 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the October 19, 2006 minutes be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rice went over the day's business with the news media

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the October 22-28, 2006 invoices for a total of \$47,189.12. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

Commissioner McGinley recessed the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m. Chairman Haugland reconvened the meeting. Present were all Commissioners, Debra L. Gross, Jim Gross, Sharon M. Rice, Steven Jenkins, *Dillon Tribune* Reporters Barbara Bauerle and J.P. Plutt. KDBM Reporter Lee Squires, Sheriff Ken Brunkhorst, Deputy Sheriff Jay Hansen, and Secretary Patti Odasz.

Chairman Haugland stated that the Commissioners are not to speak for or against the public safety levy but to present budgetary information and to answer questions. Commissioner McGinley distributed budgetary information handouts.

Commissioner McGinley reviewed the handouts with everyone. There was discussion about jail staffing, revenues, juvenile detention costs, impact fees, grants, etc. By statute the County has to be audited every other year, but the Commissioners have chosen to have an audit done every year. The auditors have never found that appropriations were ever distributed incorrectly in the County. (For more detailed information, refer to the recording of this meeting.)

There being no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board Chairman of the Board