

## **November 6, 2006 Regular Session of the County Commissioners**

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on November 6, 2006, at 9:15 a.m. Present: Chairman Garth Haugland, Commissioner Mike McGinley, Commissioner Tom Rice, and Secretary Patti Odasz.

Permission to leave the State and County was given to all elected officials.

The minutes of the October 30, 2006 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the minutes of the October 30, 2006 meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Road Manager Richard Miller joined the meeting and submitted the Road Report for October 29 – November 4, 2006:

### Dillon Area

- ❖ Hogsback Road, and Medicine Lodge Road were bladed.
- ❖ Cattleguards on Big Horn Road and Albers Lane were cleaned.
- ❖ Equipment was moved between South Valley Road and Dillon.
- ❖ A culvert was installed at mile marker 22 on the South Valley Road.
- ❖ Two culverts on the South Valley Road at Tipton Creek were installed for irrigation purposes.
- ❖ Equipment was serviced and repaired.

### Lima Area

- ❖ Elk Lake Road and Lima Dam Road were bladed.
- ❖ Equipment was serviced and repaired.

### Wisdom Area

- ❖ The Gilman Construction/Barrett gravel pit #125 in the Horse Prairie was reclaimed.
- ❖ Equipment was serviced and repaired.

Richard reported that he met with Brian Hockett and Chris Nemeth from the BLM on site at Big Sheep Creek Road. The BLM wants a couple of cattleguards installed near the Harkness Ranch to keep the cattle out of the canyon and out of the creek. The BLM will purchase the materials and the County will install the cattleguards. A road detour will be made while the guard is being installed.

BLM Area Manager Tim Bozorth and Richard have discussed replacing the cattle underpass on Big Sheep Creek Road. The BLM would purchase the material and the County would install it. The material cost will be approximately \$12,000 - \$15,000 and

the installation cost will be approximately \$10,000. Tim will inform Richard of the BLM's decision. This underpass is only used for 30 days every other year.

Chairman Haugland informed the Commissioners and Richard that the paperwork for the shooting range is still in Washington D.C. waiting for signatures.

Richard informed the Commissioners that the BLM will be having a salvage sale at Bean Creek. The site inspection will be November 17.

Richard informed the Commissioners that he met with contractor Ted Deyley who installed the fiber optics and the copper wiring on Skinner Meadows Road. The contractor did a good job cleaning up. The project is 98% completed. The area needs to be seeded.

There was discussion regarding potential problems on Spring Road in Jackson. Monty Peterson wants to drain water in the area, and he also has "stuff" in the County's right-of-way. Richard has informed Kade Krause that the County probably would not get the ditch dug for the drainage problem this fall, but will do it next year.

Richard informed the Commissioners that Mike Probst wants a speed limit on Bond Lane because people are driving too fast. Richard feels that the petition process for speed limits is not working well; who can sign the petitions needs to be defined. Next year Mike Probst wants the section of Bond Road in front of his house magchlorided. Posting speed limit signs on County roads was discussed. Richard is waiting for the Deputy County Attorney's opinion on this matter.

Richard told the Commissioners that road signs will be installed this week, that the Airport project will be completed in the next 10 days, and that the silt fence along Mansfield Lane will be installed.

Grant Coordinator Frank Mastandrea joined the meeting. Frank suggested that sometime before the legislative session is convened, the Commissioners invite State representative Debby Barrett and Senator Bill Tash to tour the Blacktail Deer Creek Pre-disaster Mitigation Project. Debby and Bill will be called and asked to take this tour and to also meet with the Commissioners to discuss various other topics.

Frank asked the Commissioners if they would be interested in getting a Congressional "earmark" for the Blacktail Deer Creek project. The Commissioners approved Frank talking with the Congressional delegation about this matter. Frank and Richard left the meeting.

County Attorney Marv McCann joined the meeting. Marv reported that Kurt is working on the Mauer Mountain right-of-way project.

Marv recommended that the Commissioners rescind the County Encroachment Policy and just use State law as a guide. The matter will be further addressed this spring.

Marv informed the Commissioners that last week Kurt won his first trial as a prosecutor. Marv left the meeting.

Sheriff Ken Brunkhorst joined the meeting. Ken thought that the training MA Co did at the County's jail last week went well. Ken informed the Commissioners that the E911 equipment would be installed today and that several young adults were in jail this last weekend on drug charges. Marv and Ken should have the K-9 contract completed today. The new dog was in on the drug bust. Ken is working on courthouse security. Ken left the meeting.

Planner Rick Hartz joined the meeting and presented the final plat report and the final plat of the Bar N Z Co. Minor Subdivision. The Beaverhead County Planning Department recommends final plat approval of the Bar N Z Co. Minor Subdivision. The conditions that were placed on this subdivision at the time of preliminary plat approval (October 2, 2006) have been met and the final plat review fee of \$200 has been paid.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the final plat of the Bar N Z Co. Subdivision be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Rick updated the Commissioners on the North Lane Project. So far 9 residents are in favor of the project and 2 residents are against. Rich Nyquist has been meeting with the residents individually and feels it is a money issue with one of the residents that are against the project. If each lot does not have to be resurveyed, the cost of the survey can be decreased. Rick talked to Marv about not resurveying the lots, and it is Marv's opinion that each lot does not have to be resurveyed. Rick asked the Commissioners to think about the County donating \$500 towards this project. If the other resident that is against the project cannot be talked into supporting the project a few of the residents will contribute more money. Justin Devers needs to be contacted about the cul-de-sac because it will be on his property.

Rick informed the Commissioners that next Thursday afternoon the Planning Board will hold a public hearing and take action on the JDL Subdivision. At 10:00 a.m. next Thursday the City/County Task Force will meet to decide work on the guidelines for the Task Force. County representatives on the Task Force will be Eldon Ayers, John Parks, Margareta Knopik, and Rick Hartz. There will also be three representatives from the City's Planning Board.

The Commissioners were informed that John Erb has formally submitted his 21-lot commercial subdivision to the City. Rick 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 at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioner Rice in attendance. Chairman Haugland was attending a Sage Grouse Management meeting.

The Commissioners worked on individual County projects. At 3:00 p.m. Chairman Haugland returned to the meeting.

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

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the October 29 – November 4, 2006 invoices for a total of \$116,198.49. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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