

January 14, 2019 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present: Chairman John H. Jackson, Commissioner Mike McGinley, Commissioner Tom Rice and their Assistant Cindy Decker.

Updates on County Projects:

Road Supervisor Scott Jones and Road Secretary Jamie Flynn joined the meeting. Scott reported that the crew has been busy doing maintenance on equipment. Also, they are trying to keep Flynn Lane flooding under control. Someone has hired Miller Construction to clean the ditch all the way out which kind of takes it out of the County's hands. Discussion ensued.

There was also discussion regarding how badly we need snow.

Road Department employee Bob Ferris joined the meeting to advise Scott that Flynn Lane is a total mess again.

The following Road Department Report was submitted and scanned into the minutes:

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK

January 6th to January 12th, 2019

Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Plowed snow on the following roads: Scenic Byway, Bannack Pass (Highway 324) Lemhi Pass, Bloody Dick, Brenner, Ten Mile and all local roads.
- Flood control on Flynn Lane.
- Finished rebuilding the sign shed at the county shop.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Plowed snow on area roads.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads and bridges.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Plowed snow on the following roads: Skinner Meadows, Upper and Lower North Fork, Lower Bender Creek, Lower Mussigbrod, Miner Lake, Little Lake Creek, Big Swamp Creek, Big Lake, Twin Lakes, River, and in the town of Wisdom.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Casey Elliott from the Tribune joined the meeting. County Attorney Jed Fitch also joined the meeting briefly.

Discussion & Update ~ Resource Assistance Center – Lynn Weltzein

Lynn Weltzein, Catherine Buckley Patton and board member Heidi Gjeffe joined the meeting and Lynn began the discussion. She advised that a new sign has been installed on the outer door stating all the resources and what times they are available. She presented the Use Agreement for the commissioners to review.

Lynn stated that the OPA (Office of Public Assistance) has been the busiest out of all the different entities that use the space. They are available on Wednesdays for the general public and the numbers needing their services have gone up dramatically.

Since the demand for help has increased and the previous secretary has left, Candi Whitworth has been coming in to help. Lynn commented that Candi is working out really well. She will receive an honorarium for the time being and then will go through the process of filling out the paperwork for becoming an independent contractor.

Lynn and Catherine thanked the commissioners and left the meeting.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda

Commissioner Jackson was on the interview committee for the GIS position and reported that the committee recommends hiring Tracy Sawyer.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that Tracy Sawyer be hired as the new GIS Coordinator for Beaverhead County. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Kara Maplethorpe and the newly hired GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer joined the meeting to ask the commissioners about any training for GIS. Kara mentioned an online class for \$100. After brief discussion, the commissioners gave their blessing for Tracy to take the online class. Kara will be available for any questions that he may have.

Recess

At 12:00 noon, Chairman Jackson recessed the meeting. At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Jackson reconvened the meeting with Commissioner McGinley, Commissioner Rice and their Assistant Cindy Decker present.

Unfinished Business/Other Topics of Discussion:

Routine matters occupied the attention of the Board for the remainder of the day.

Payment of Invoices:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$85,038.84, beginning with check #201349 and ending with check #201398. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

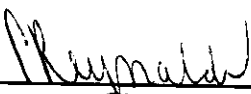
Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction:

There were no public comments.

Adjourn:

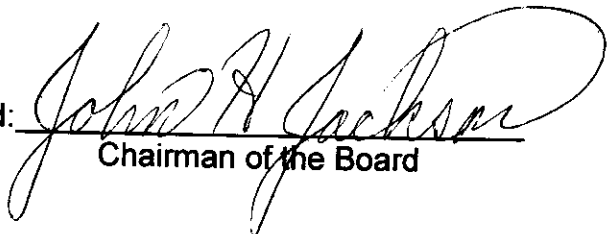
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attest: _____



Clerk of the Board

Approved: _____



Chairman of the Board