October 7, 2019 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on October 7, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present: Chairman John H. Jackson, Commissioner Mike McGinley and their Assistant Cindy Decker. Commissioner Tom Rice was absent today.

Updates on County Projects:

Road Supervisor Scott Jones and Road Secretary Jamie Flynn joined the meeting.

After discussion regarding the guardrail on Laknar Lane that a trucker damaged, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that an invoice in the amount of $1984.27 be sent to Lakeland Feeds for the cost of replacing that guardrail. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mike stated that the new Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) has become active again and have their nominations complete. Both Mike McGinley and Linda Marsh are on it. Organization will occur in December which means that the County should begin on a list of proposed projects. Mike and Scott Jones will take a field trip out to Brenner Lane to take a look at the bridges soon to see if this should be on the top of the list.

Facilities Manager Chris Booth joined the meeting.

County Attorney Jed Fitch and Clerk & Recorder Stacey Reynolds joined the meeting. Jed brought up Resolution 2010-16 regarding burials on private property. Stacey has a concern that not everyone has followed these rules but mostly because of ignorance. This subject will be discussed at a later date as a formal Agenda item.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK
September 29th to October 5th, 2019
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Bachelor Mountain, Bannack Bench, Blacktail, Carter Creek, and Mansfield.
- Plowed snow on the Scenic Byway.
- Replaced culverts on the South Valley Road above Lakeview and on the Ruby Divide Road at Long Creek.
- Mowed along Birch Creek Road and Anderson Lane.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Sage Creek, Oregon Shortline, South Valley, North Valley, Ruby Divide and at the Dell Airport.
- Culvert repair on the Ruby Divide Road.
- Shop maintenance.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Bladed the road at the Jackson dump and on the Lower North Fork Road.
- Culvert maintenance on Twin Lakes Road.
- Shop maintenance and cleaned the shop.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Discussion & Action ~ Big Hole Gravel Pit Easement

GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer and County Attorney Jed Fitch joined the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the Big Hole Gravel Pit Easement Agreement be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Agreement can be viewed in the Clerk & Recorder's Office.

Casey Elliott from the Tribune joined the meeting.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the September 30, 2019 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the minutes of the September 30, 2019 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda

Sonny Capece from Greg Gianforte's Office joined the meeting. Mike presented a document he had prepared regarding Refuge Revenue Sharing and explained the frustration that Beaverhead County has experienced over the years. He would like to see all counties in Montana get involved in RRS. Mike also stated that the "big fix" (in his opinion) would be to pass the Endowment Fund for SRS.
Mike also mentioned that the Forest Service finally got the Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) going again; so we will be able to spend the Title II monies.
Sonny mentioned that the Secretary of the Interior will be visiting Montana soon to look into the Grizzly Bear issue.

Discussion & Action ~ Schedule "A" Agreement with Forest Service

Mike began the discussion by stating that the last Schedule "A" we had was in 2010 and it has never been renewed. The Schedule "A" should be attached to the Forest Road Agreement. This agreement was last updated on December 19, 2017.
Mike stated that he had previously met with the new Forest Rangers and gave them a copy of the draft Schedule "A" so they can review it before we actually meet for approval.
Mike reviewed the draft out loud with an explanation. Unfortunately, the Forest Supervisor could not be present today.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the new Schedule "A" Agreement will be set as an agenda item just as soon as the Forest Rangers can attend the meeting to discuss and approve. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Rice had previously sent in his vote via email.

Discussion & Action ~ Budget Amendment – Road Building CIP

Mike began the discussion by stating that in the budget process; the Road Building CIP fund came up a bit short because of finishing up the Lima Road Shop and buying a heater for the Wisdom Shop. This amendment involves moving $7,000 from the Road Budget line item "Budget Transfer" to the Road Building CIP.
After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the Budget Amendment be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action ~ Barrett Hospital Office Lease Agreement

Public Health Director Sue Hansen delivered the lease for the commissioners to review. Mike began the discussion and stated that the rent was raised by $1317 for the year.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the Barrett Hospital Office Lease Agreement for 2019-20 be approved and signed. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

This agreement will expire on September 30, 2020. It can be viewed in the Clerk & Recorder's Office.

Recess

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

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 $373,570.07, beginning with check #203163 and ending with check #203225. 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: P Reynolds
Clerk of the Board

Approved: C. Thomas Rice
VICE Chairman of the Board