

July 6, 2020 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on July 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present: Chairman C. Thomas Rice, Commissioner Mike McGinley, Commissioner John H. Jackson and their Assistant Cindy Decker.

Updates on County Projects:

Public Works Secretary Jamie Flynn joined the meeting. County Attorney Jed Fitch joined the meeting.

Bob is working on the second bridge at Brenner Lane so he did not attend.

Jed stated that he spoke with the electrician and it still looks like the remodel on his office will take some time.

Facilities Manager Chris Booth joined the meeting. He advised that hopefully the framing will take place at the end of this week. Mike mentioned that a new contract will be showing up soon. There was discussion regarding getting the semi-trailer unloaded and out of the parking lot.

Sheriff Paul Craft joined the meeting. He stated that they have gotten some interest in the part time dispatch position. He reported that Beaverhead County got one new positive COVID case over the weekend. The person is being quarantined in Helena.

Paul advised that they have conducted interviews to fill the open detention position and recommend hiring Shelby Westfall.

MOTION: Commissioner Jackson moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Shelby Westfall be hired to fill the open position in the detention center. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Casey Elliott from the Tribune joined the meeting.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK

June 28th to July 4th, 2020

Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Bladed on Stone Creek Road.
- Bridge replacement project on Brenner Lane. Replaced the first bridge. Project #2002-01.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Sage Creek, Big Sheep Creek, and Nicholia Creek.
- Cleaned the shoulders on Sage Creek Road and Nicholia Creek Road.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Little Lake Creek, Rock Creek and in the town of Wisdom.
- Cleaned the shop and yard.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the June 29, 2020 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the minutes of the June 29, 2020 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda***Recess Commission Meeting for Public Hearing*****Public Hearing – Budget Amendments**

A sign in sheet was passed around, a copy of which can be viewed below:

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There were no Budget Amendments. The .44 COLA raise will take effect on July 19 which is the new pay period.

Reconvene Commission Meeting**Discussion ~ Family Heritage Insurance – Matthew Lingo**

Family Heritage Insurance representative Matthew Lingo joined the meeting and began the discussion. He presented a handout with pertinent information regarding his company.

Cindy will forward this information on to Carly to insert into the next Safety Newsletter.

Discussion & Action ~ Wildland Fire Suppression – DNRC

DNRC Fire Management Officer Don Copple, Tim Egan, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, DES Coordinator Tom Wagenknecht and Planner Rob Macioroski joined the meeting and Don began the discussion. He spoke about the trainings that have taken place. Things have been quite different this last spring because of COVID. The co-op inspections were canceled this year.

They are predicting a very hot fire season for the Northern Rockies beginning in August. He handed out a graph of past and present fire conditions for this time of year.

Don stated that hiring temps was quite different because of COVID as well. All the crew from last year are returning. They have been abiding closely to the quarantine restrictions as far as out of state hires. He has drafted a plan of what to do should one or more of his employees contract the virus.

Don has been meeting with the Forest Service and they have made the decision to be very proactive with fires and get them under control quickly so there won't have to be large fire camps. He asked for the commissioners' permission to scoop water out of the Clark Canyon Reservoir should the need arise. The commissioners expressed their support.

They have 3 helicopters at their disposal this season. Tim commented that should a large fire occur, they will be in close contact with the Health Department as far as the fire camps are concerned. There would have to be a delegation of authority as well. Don and Tim thanked the commissioners and left the meeting.

Discussion & Action ~ Update STIP Resolution to Include Wisdom Sewer

Treasurer Cathy Hucke joined the meeting. This is very similar to the STIP Resolution last week for East Bench Irrigation.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that Resolution 2020-18 – Resolution Authorizing Wisdom Sewer Participation in the Board of Investments of Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP) and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Documents Related Thereto be adopted. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Recess

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

Preliminary Budget Discussion

At this time, the commissioners discussed the Preliminary Budget together.

Dillon Resident George Warner joined the meeting to discuss budgets.

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 \$54,808.37, beginning with check #204950 and ending with check #205047. 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:

[Signature]

Clerk of the Board

by Kodi Laid, Deputy

Approved:

[Signature]

Chairman of the Board