

August 3, 2020 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on August 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present: Chairman C. Thomas Rice, Commissioner John H. Jackson and their Assistant Cindy Decker. Commissioner Mike McGinley was absent not feeling well.

Updates on County Projects:

Road Supervisor Bob Ferris and Public Works Secretary Jamie Flynn joined the meeting. Bob reported that the crew has been blading on the Blacktail and the Centennial. Commissioner Rice has received 2 calls from residents in that area thanking the road crew for a job well done.

They have finished the road into the gravel pit. Bob spoke with Gillman Construction recently and was advised that the Blacktail paving will happen after the millings are done on the Interstate.

Commissioner Rice commented that Joe Walsh called him last week regarding Beaverhead County being on the list for used cattleguards. The interstate in Butte close to the Three Bears Store is being worked on and the cattle guards there will be replaced. They are willing to give 4 used cattle guards to Beaverhead County. He also mentioned that there have been some complaints about speeding on the Scenic byway on the Wise River side. Currently there is only one speed limit sign. The Sheriff will make sure a Deputy will cruise on over there.

Bob commented that they have been advised that a house will be moved here from Idaho. They want to come through town up to the Sweetwater Road but Bob is not sure if that will work. He suggested going to Nissen Lane and going the back way. He will get back to them and take care this.

Sheriff Paul Craft and Facilities Manager Chris Booth joined the meeting. Casey Elliott from the Tribune also joined the meeting.

Paul stated that he just got back from the Bon Accord Fire briefing and it is now at 160 acres with no percentage of containment as of yet. It is looking good today and should dissipate unless the winds really pick up. This fire was started by lightening.

Chris stated that Dayspring hauled in dry wall last week and he will connect with them today to see what the time line is.

Commissioner Jackson received a phone call from Jacob Peterson stating that he is not pleased that Trapper Creek Road up to Lyon City is being worked on and having improvements made. This is a county road and it is being improved within the right of way.

County Attorney Jed Fitch joined the meeting.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK
July 26th to August 1st, 2020
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Blacktail, North Valley, Ruby Divide, Bannack Pass (Hwy. 324), Bannack Bench and Sullivan.
- Mowed on the Scenic Byway and Bannack Bench Road.
- Installed a culvert on the Ruby Divide Road.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Lima Dam, North Valley and South Valley.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Gibbonsville, Lower Bender Creek, and Upper North Fork.
- Cleaned a cattle guard on Miner Lake Road and Twin Lakes Road.
- Cleaned a culvert on Rock Creek Road.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes:

No minutes were approved today

Discussion ~ Refuge Revenue Sharing (RRS)

Kiley Martinell, Tracy Fisher and Shay Baize from Lima joined the meeting. Commissioner McGinley called in and began the discussion. He referred to the budget numbers. The money that came in this year was about \$10,000 less than last year. The Lima school usually receives 45% of the RRS payment. Mike replied that the County Attorney in the 90's came up with the split 45/55 (Schools 45% and County 55%).

Shay asked if there could be a mill calculation instead of the percentage. Riley asked if an agreement could be drawn up. Tracy referred to an agreement he found dated in 1995 and it says that it would be based on mill levies. Kiley would like it to be treated as if the property was private. Shay commented that it would work out to about 69% instead of 45% for next fiscal year.

County Supt of Schools Linda Marsh joined the meeting.

We will meet again next Monday the 10th as an action item after more research is done. This might need to be addressed on an annual basis.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda

Unit Manager from the DNRC, Tim Egan joined the meeting and presented the commissioners with the *Delegation of Authority for the Bon Accord Fire* for review and signature. Chairman Rice signed and dated this document; a copy of which can be viewed in the Clerk & Recorder's Office in the Agreement File.

Recess

At 12:00 noon, Chairman Rice recessed the meeting. At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Rice reconvened the meeting with Commissioner Jackson and their Assistant Cindy Decker present. Commissioner McGinley was absent not feeling well.

Preliminary Budget Discussion

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

Unfinished Business/Other Topics of Discussion:

Dillon resident Don Bernall joined the meeting to discuss the volunteer fire department. He expressed concerns regarding the training facility out on Carrigan Lane. He stated that it is a real eye sore. Commissioner Rice directed him to contact BJ Klose as he is the current fire chief. Don suggested that maybe they could move the facility out to the landfill. He will get in contact with BJ.

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 \$65,957.26, beginning with check #205221 and ending with check #205258. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

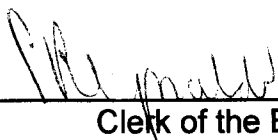
Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction:

There were no public comments.

Adjourn:

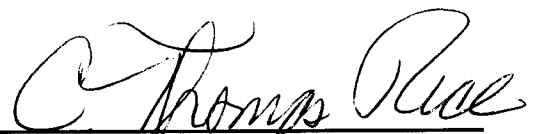
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attest:



Clerk of the Board

Approved:



Chairman of the Board