

## August 31, 2020 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on August 31, 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:

Road Supervisor Bob Ferris and Public Works Secretary Jamie Flynn joined the meeting.

County Attorney Jed Fitch joined the meeting.

Bob reported that the crew is still working on Carrigan Lane and he is hopeful that they will make it all the way to Flynn Lane with the millings.

There was a flash flood up in Medicine Lodge and Dustin took care of any damage. The crew will head up to the Centennial and install some culverts this week.

Sheriff Paul Craft and Facilities Manager Chris Booth joined the meeting.

Paul stated that he went for a site visit to check out the Wise River Repeater. The inside of the building needs a little attention such as insulation etc. He spoke with Tom Dunne and the console portion of improvements is done in dispatch. Both Ellis and Maurer repeater sites need attention before winter sets in.

Jed stated that he has received a death threat and it is under investigation.

Chris stated that the flooring will be laid this week in Jed's office.

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

### BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK August 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

#### DILLON AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Medicine Lodge. Old Armstead and Sweetwater.
- Applied asphalt millings on Carrigan Lane. Project #2008-02.
- Cleaned up the flood on Medicine Lodge Road.
- Opened Lemhi Pass Road from the Bear Creek fire.
- Mowed on local roads.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

#### LIMA AREA

- Bladed on the North Valley Road.
- Rock raked the North Valley Road and Elk Lake Road.
- Soft spot repair on Gosman Lane.
- Moved equipment to the Alaska Basin gravel pit.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

#### WISDOM AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Steel Creek and Rock Creek.
- Sign inventory.
- Shop cleaning and maintenance.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

### Action on Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the August 24, 2020 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** Commissioner Jackson moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the minutes of the August 24, 2020 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda**

**Discussion & Action ~ County Growth Policy**

DES Coordinator Tom Wagenknecht, Planning Board member Larry Volkening, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer and County Planner Rob Macioroski joined the meeting and Rob began the discussion. He stated that he is ready to move forward with the survey to be completed by the residents of Beaverhead County. Rob handed a copy out to the commissioners. He will have drop boxes available around the county. These surveys should be open for two or three months. This survey is online with Survey Monkey.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the Beaverhead County Community Survey for the Update of the 2013 Growth Policy be approved to send out to the residents of Beaverhead County. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**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.

*Recess Commission Meeting*

**Public Hearing ~ Clenera Solar ~ Tax Abatement**

A sign in sheet was presented; a copy of which can be viewed below:

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**To Discuss Tax Abatement for**  
**Rattlesnake Solar and Upland Dillon**  
**Argenta Solar c/o Clenera LLC**  
**MONDAY, August 31, 2020 at 1:30 P.M.**  
**In the Commissioners' Room - Beaverhead County**  
**Courthouse**

**PLEASE PRINT**

NAME  
 Krista De Groot  
 James B. Carpita  
 Jacq Suenkam  
 Tracy Sawyer  
 JP Platt  
 Tom Wagenknecht  
 Justin Hildeth  
 Brad De Groot

Lars Dorr from Clenera joined the meeting via telephone. Commissioner McGinley had a previously scheduled phone call with MACo Health Care Trust so he was not able to participate in this the meeting.

Lars began the discussion by giving the particulars of Clenera's plan. Jim Carpita expressed his opinion as he is *against* the tax abatement.

Commissioner Rice urged residents who were not able to attend this meeting, to be sure to get their comments regarding the tax abatement to the commissioners via phone or email within the next two weeks.

Commissioner Rice thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the hearing.

*Reconvene Commission Meeting*

**Preliminary Budget Discussion**

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

**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 \$165,765.60, beginning with check #205417 and ending with check #205501. 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

Approved: *[Signature]*  
Chairman of the Board