

**October 5, 2020 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners**

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on October 5, 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. Bob stated that they are still perfecting the millings project on Carrigan. They also worked on Ten Mile road.  
County Attorney Jed Fitch joined the meeting.

There was a complaint regarding rocks flying up from passing cars and cracking windshields on Carrigan Lane. Commissioner Rice suggested installing "reduced speed" signs during construction. On paved roads, the lowest speed limit is 35 mph. The commissioners agreed that signs can be posted on Carrigan Lane until next spring when it will be striped and chip sealed.

Tom also mentioned that there is a large hole in the approach to Meadowlark and Laknar Lane that needs to be filled in. Bob stated that if folks turn correctly and quit cutting the corner, it would not be a problem.

There was discussion regarding Steel Bridge in Lima and Bob stated that he did a scour protection plan on it.

Commissioner Jackson mentioned that Kyle Malkovich asked him if he could use the county yard in Jackson to transfer fuel from a large truck to a smaller truck so he can drive over the bridges out there. It would be a huge liability issue. The commissioners agreed that it would not be a good idea and that he needs to find another property, unless a written agreement/cost share to maintain the bridges could be done. John will get in contact with Kyle to see what his plans are.

Bob asked what the commissioners would like to be done with South Valley Road this winter. It is really pointless to try and keep it plowed because of the wind. The possibility of setting a date such as the first Monday after hunting season would be the last day it will be plowed was discussed. Jamie will send a letter advising the residents of Lakeview. There will be more discussion regarding "no winter maintenance" on South Valley Road next Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Jed stated that he and his staff are finally moved back into his office. He commented that it is indeed an improvement and he is glad to have things back to normal.

Tom also mentioned that he has been dealing with a land issue with the Turneys. Discussion ensued. The property is split into 3 different properties and is labeled with the letters "A", "B" and "C". It was decided that the "A" can be dropped off the address of 2361 S. Hwy. 91, Dan and Mary Hill.

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

**BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK**  
September 27<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020  
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

**DILLON AREA**

- Bladed on the following roads: Rebich, Ten Mile, Anderson and Birch Creek.
- Worked on the millings project on Carrigan Lane. Project #2008-02
- Installed weight limit signs on Brundage Lane.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

**LIMA AREA**

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

**WISDOM AREA**

- Bladed on the following roads: Twin Lakes and Rock Creek.
- Hauled gravel to Twin Lakes Road and Rock Creek Road.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

**Action on Previous Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of the September 21, 2020 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** Commissioner Jackson moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the minutes of the September 21, 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**

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.

**Unfinished Business/Other Topics of Discussion:**

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

**Discussion ~ Matt Jaeger ~ Fish, Wildlife & Parks**

Casey Elliott from the Tribune, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Matt Jaeger from FWP, Representative Tom Welch, Road Supervisor Bob Ferris and Dillon resident Chris Brozell joined the meeting. Matt began the discussion by stating that a culvert was installed up in the Alaskan Basin by Corral Creek that is too small and he wanted to advise the commissioners of this. This has to do with the willows that were removed by the road to improve the line of sight. Matt stated that the new culvert should be larger (at least 66 inches instead of 30 inch) so Grayling could travel through it. He stated that the length of the culvert is fine but permits should be obtained. This could be done next spring. Commissioner Rice commented that the county is not in the fish business, nor can we be. Matt would like to work together with the land owner up there regarding the removed willows and the culvert. As it is right now, the county must obtain 124 and 404 permits for any road crossings.

Bob Ferris said that the straw waddles should arrive this week.

Matt mentioned that the permitting process could be onerous if the Grayling become "listed" and so he suggested that the county enter into the Canada Conservation

Agreement with Assurances (CCAA). Mike asked Matt to get more information regarding joining the CCAA to the commissioners asap. Beaverhead County is really the only county in Montana that would need to be involved in CCAA because we have Grayling.

The finances of a new culvert were discussed. Matt stated we could expect about \$3000 for a 60-foot pipe but wasn't sure about a 40-foot culvert. Even though there was a 30-inch pipe before, a wider pipe needs to replace it.

Matt mentioned that the bridges need to be looked at but he stated that the Brenner Lane bridges look great as far as the fish are concerned. He realizes that we are coming at it from opposite ends but we can partner together and meet in the middle.

**Payment of Invoices:**

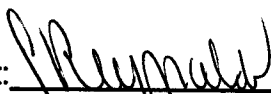
The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$83,284.93, beginning with check #205650 and ending with check #205723. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.


**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