

March 8, 2021 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on March 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present: Chairman John H. Jackson, Commissioner Mike McGinley, Commissioner C. Thomas Rice 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 the crew did their best to smooth up Carrigan Lane and will probably do that once a week.

He also advised that someone has been filling in the burrow ditch in on Schuler Lane. Jed will draft a letter and send it certified to the individual who has been doing this telling him to cease and desist. The letter also advises them to contact Bob Ferris to remove the debris.

County Attorney Jed Fitch, DES/Land Sanitarian Tom Wagenknecht, Facilities Manager Chris Booth, Casey Elliott from the Tribune and Clerk & Recorder Stacey Reynolds joined the meeting.

Tom W. stated that he has submitted the Homeland Security Grant and is hoping for the best. He also stated that he has an Inter Operability meeting tomorrow and Mike hopes to attend with him. They are talking about resurrecting the microwave sites at no cost to us. The big conversation will be whether they want to quit it at Sawtelle or Antelope.

Tom W. mentioned that the National Weather Service hasn't gotten back to him as of yet, so the Drought Task Force Meeting today will most likely be canceled.

Stacey advised that she needs to make sure that all her election documents can be stored in locked cabinets in the basement. Chris replied that he is sure he can find a spot for the rolling carts she would like to purchase. The Commissioners told her to go ahead and order them. Stacey said that once they are down there, they are there to stay because they are about 300 pounds apiece.

Jed stated that he and his staff attended training for the new case management system last week. He feels that once it is implemented, it will be a good thing.

Jed also stated that Russ Michael is resigning as the Deputy County Attorney effective in early April.

Chris told Jed that Dayspring is still not ready to install the door because it got damaged in transit. Dayspring has been calling weekly with updates. Chris also advised that the new work order program (Dude Solutions Asset Essentials) will be slowly rolling out this week.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK February 28th to March 6th, 2021 Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Plowed snow on the following roads: Scenic Byway, Coyote Creek, Lemhi Pass, Bloody Dick, Bannack Pass (Hwy 324), Elkhorn and Wise River.
- Installed weight limit signs on the following roads: Blacktail, Sweetwater, Schuler, Laknar, Pioneer, Selway, Overland and Webster.
- Bladed and watered on Carrigan Lane.
- Stockpiled gravel at the old landfill.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Plowed snow on the following roads: South Valley, Lima Dam, Little Sheep Creek, West, Steel Bridge.
- Tree and brush trimming on Reeder Lane, Steel Bridge Lane, and Gravley Lane.
- Shop maintenance and cleaning.
- Yard maintenance.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Plowed snow on the following roads: Skinner Meadows, Miner Lake, Warm Springs, Upper and Lower North Fork, Big Lake Creek, Big Swamp Creek, Little Lake Creek, Steel Creek, Gibbonsville, Twin Lakes, Rock Creek, River, Lower Bender Creek, Lower Mussigbrod, and in Wisdom.
- 811 workshop on YouTube.
- Shop cleaning.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the March 1, 2021 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the minutes of the March 1, 2021 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda

Deputy Mike Miles joined the meeting to advise that he has been handing out many speed **warnings** along with verbal warnings on Carrigan Lane but now he will be writing **tickets** because they've been given plenty of time to adjust. Carrigan Lane will be repaired this coming spring when the weather is warmer.

County Health Director Sue Hansen joined the meeting to update the commissioners on the Vaccine Clinics. They have increased the amount of vaccine that they are giving; this Friday they will give 600 doses as opposed to 470 the last few clinics. Sue stated that she has received 100 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine which requires only one shot. She has many volunteers helping and estimates there will be about 4 or 5 more months of vaccinating. She wants to know if county employees could volunteer at clinics to help. The county would still pay their regular wages. Commissioner McGinley suggested that Cindy send out a county wide email asking if anyone would like to volunteer to help on any Friday. People should contact Sue Hansen at 683-4771 if they are interested.

Sue also wanted to discuss the large St. Patrick's Day event that is planned by Ron Johnson to be held in the Frontier Event Center next week. Public Health does **not** support this event. The Commissioners have made the decision to lock the fairgrounds up a few days before and during the event so there won't be anyone trying to park inside the grounds.

Discussion & Action ~ Asset Transfer Agreement – KONA Repeater Site

County Attorney Jed Fitch remained in the meeting.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that all equipment including tower, antennas, cabling, radio frequency units, microwave equipment, installation racks and hardware, electrical supply equipment, building/shelter facility, backup power generator and propane tank at the KONA Site be transferred to Ravalli County without charge. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

This agreement will be sent to Ravalli County for signature after which it will be sent back to us for filing.

Discussion & Action ~ Law Enforcement of Agreement with Forest Service

Sheriff Paul Craft could not be present today but had previously advised that the agreement is the same every year and ready for signatures.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Agreement 2021-05 – Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement with Forest Service be approved and signed. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Craft will take care of obtaining the other required signatures and get the original back to Cindy.

Drought Task Force

DES Coordinator/Land Use Sanitarian Tom Wagenknecht advised that he has not heard back from the National Weather Service so this meeting has been canceled.

Next Meeting

The next Drought Task Force Meeting will be tentatively set for April 12, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse.

Recess

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

Legislative Update

Mike commented that all 13 of the Resolutions that were sponsored by MACo have made it except for one that got tabled. Regarding the Land Use Bills, 5 were killed in the first half with 6 more that are hanging out now. Four of them are very bad bills and Mike predicts that they will be killed as well.

The one he's watching now is the Gravel Pit Bill which would get rid of the fees. There is also a Covid Bill that would argue the point of "one-time unanticipated revenue that can be used for any governmental purpose with guidance".

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 \$77,307.92, beginning with check #206713 and ending with check #206780. 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