

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.