

March 9, 2021 SPECIAL Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in SPECIAL session on March 9, 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.

Special Work Session with Great West

Road Supervisor Bob Ferris, Public Works Secretary Jamie Flynn, Ryan Elliott and Karl Yakawich from Great West joined the meeting.

Karl wanted to discuss the Byway Striping Project. Bid opening will be set for Monday, April 26, 2021. Hopefully, striping can begin on July 15. Mike suggested that we "piggy back" off this project to stripe several other roads such as Carrigan, Blacktail, Ten Mile and/or Overland. Discussion ensued. The paint used must meet the MDT specifications. Jamie will send the invitation to bid to the Tribune.

Commissioner McGinley mentioned that a copy of these minutes will need to be retained in the Rock Creek Bridges file in Jamie's office. He reminded everyone that any time that is spent on the Rock Creek Bridge project needs to be documented for reimbursement purposes. A sign in sheet was passed out, a copy of which can be viewed in Jamie's Office.

Karl began by stating that the primary purpose for today's meeting is to discuss the Rock Creek Bridges Project. There are two bridges that are part of a TSEP grant and one is part of a DLA (delivering local assistance) grant. The survey work was completed last fall and they got the drilling done so there is a better idea of what is needed for foundation. The TSEP grant is a 50/50 match and the DLA is a lump sum.

Karl handed out some exhibits consisting of maps and other information. He went through each document. Karl stated that this grant focuses on bridges 77 (side channel) and 79 (main stem).

There was discussion regarding whether the road crew should do both bridges or just the first one. The second bridge will be much more challenging just from a water perspective. The decision was made to have the contractor do all the preparation work and the road crew actually install both bridges and do the road work. The contractors will remove the bridges and our county road crew will haul them off. This will have to be laid out clearly in the bid documents.

Great West will put a solicitation package together to get the bridges ordered. This project should be ready to go by August.

Permits will be sent to Jamie and she will present them to the commissioners when she receives them. The bridge supply package will be the next step. Pile driving contractors should begin April/May.

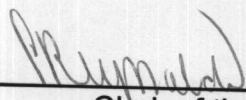
Mike asked if the preliminary budget numbers are still accurate. Karl replied that yes, everything is looking real good budget wise; there are always unknowns in the future but, he is feeling good about the budget right now. The DLA grant does not have a match tied to it; so, we should use the DLA grant first then use the TSEP.

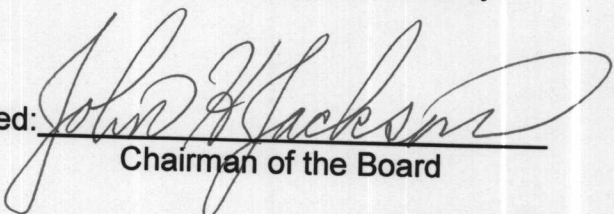
Ryan and Karl thanked the commissioners and left the meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

*On a side note, the solar company Bright Night called in via Zoom and discussion ensued regarding the possibility of another solar farm coming to Beaverhead County.

Attest: 
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 
Chairman of the Board