

**March 15, 2021 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners**

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on March 15, 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 reported that the crew has been busy blading roads. We all wish it would snow as it is very dry right now and doesn't look good for the coming summer.

County Attorney Jed Fitch, Sheriff Paul Craft, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer and Facilities Manager Chris Booth joined the meeting.

Jed stated that there is debate with Highway Patrol going on right now regarding speed limits. He also stated that Russ' last day is April 2.

Chris stated that Dayspring called to say that the door arrived in Bozeman and they will call after the door has been inspected to schedule a time for installation.

Tracy stated that JS Turner from the Forest Service called and told him that Clark Creek needs to be added to the Schedule "A" Agreement. He presented maps of the same. It will be on the agenda soon.

He also advised that Three Rivers Coop is looking at running fiber optic along Schoolhouse Road from Apex to Melrose and would like the county to sign a letter of support. Tracy has discovered that Schoolhouse Road (from where it crosses the railroad track up to Brownes Bridge) is by prescription only. Jed stated that utilities have an easement for all public roads to place utilities such as fiber optics. The landowners may cause some headaches with this. Discussion ensued. It was decided that Three Rivers representatives should come in and talk with the Commissioners so everyone is on the same page.

Paul advised that projects are pretty much finished. He sent the Forest Service Law Enforcement Agreement off for signatures.

He has started real plans for the updates in the jail which he elaborated on.

Jamie stated that she has received the invitation for bid for the Scenic byway striping. She will get that put into the paper and the bid opening will be April 26 @ 10 a.m. during the commission meeting.

Five bids were received for the Road Department mechanic's truck and are as follows:

1. \$7,300
2. \$8,100
3. \$7,767.66
4. \$7,275
5. \$8,053

A copy of the bid letters can be viewed in the Public Works Office.

After some discussion, it was decided to award the bid to the highest bidder.

**MOTION:** Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that Beaverhead County award the highest bid of \$8100 to Andy Allard for the Road Department mechanic's service truck. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

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