

March 22, 2021 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on March 22, 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 Carrigan Lane is finally looking better after the crew worked on it. They will be working on some culverts this week. The crew will be hauling gravel at Little Sheep.

Facilities Manager Chris Booth joined the meeting. He advised that Dayspring will be here this Friday to get the door installed in the County Attorney's office. Chris also has spoken with Longie Builders about the concrete patio that is planned to be installed where the old Spruce trees used to be on the South side of the Courthouse.

Mike commented that we need to figure out what projects could be done with the Covid funds coming our way. There were several suggestions such as an elevator, gravel, roofing etc

Sheriff Paul Craft and County Attorney Jed Fitch joined the meeting. Jed stated that there hasn't been any progress on hiring for the open Deputy County Attorney position. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Paul advised that they are in the final stages of the Wise River Repeater Project. He is excited to drive over the top of the Byway to test it out. He mentioned that in the 911 Budget, \$20,000 was set aside for this project, and it is all but done for \$13,000. Paul advised that there will be a Distributor here next Tuesday to tell him what will be needed for the upgrade in the jail. Paul will soon be advertising for interested parties to do the new plumbing in the jail.

John asked about the St Pats event last week in the Frontier Event Center. Paul replied that it wasn't bad at all; there were only a few DUI's. The turn out was very low, only about 250 folks.

Paul also mentioned that the subject of *acquiring* the acre of land on the Wise River Site needs to be discussed at some point in the near future.

Treasurer Cathy Hucke joined the meeting and presented the Cash Report for February.

Mike asked Cathy about the old returned checks and what her plan is. She has flagged those names and will not renew their registrations until those bad checks are paid. The machine that is used for running checks through to see if they are good are really too expensive and not feasible for the county.

Cathy also presented a letter of credit from Wells Fargo Bank stating that they will cover the county's collateralized accounts at 100% now and Bank of Commerce has stated the same.

Casey Elliott from the Tribune joined the meeting.

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