

April 5, 2021 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on April 5, 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 installed a new culvert on Carter Creek and continued to work on Carrigan Lane. The crew also plowed some snow up in the Centennial.

GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer joined the meeting and stated that he and several others took a look at the KONA site. It needs to be discussed which equipment is staying with the county and which equipment is going with the site to Ravalli County. He also mentioned that the Census Bureau contacted him and told him that there is a workshop training on how to use Census Data if anyone is interested.

Public Health Director Sue Hansen joined the meeting. She stated that they are doing the vaccination clinics every Friday now. They had 499 scheduled last week which was the first open clinic. They are locked at 500 for the WMC arena, because of the parking situation, so they are moving out to the Armory this next Friday and hope to administer 800 shots. They are accepting people from anywhere not just Beaverhead County residents. She still needs plenty of volunteers. Jamie stated that it is very organized and well done.

DES/Land Sanitarian Tom Wagenknecht joined the meeting and stated that his office has been unusually busy with septic permits and inquiries regarding what can and can't be done on different properties. He also mentioned that he is going to start working on the generator replacement this week.

Facilities Manager Chris Booth stated that the door in the County Attorney's office is finally done! Now we can pay the final bill to Day Spring.

Sheriff Paul Craft stated that since we have already told Ravalli County that they could have all the equipment from KONA, we need to honor that agreement. We still have all the equipment from the Antelope Site (that won't be used again) that we can use for spares should the need arise. Tracy will contact Eric from Ravalli County and tell him the same.

Paul also stated that he got notification that the application has been submitted to the FCC for the Wisdom Repeater. He met with the judges last Friday to move forward with the new fobs, cameras and other security updates.

Also, bids are out on the paint and plumbing for the jail remodel. Paul hopes that this project can be completed by the end of this summer.

County Attorney Jed Fitch joined the meeting. He has recently spoken with a possible applicant for the Deputy County Attorney position, so he is hopeful.

Casey Elliott from the Tribune joined the meeting.

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