

**April 12, 2021 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners**

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on April 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present: Chairman John H. Jackson, Commissioner C. Thomas Rice and their Assistant Cindy Decker. Commissioner Mike McGinley was absent undergoing shoulder surgery.

**Discussion & Action ~ Proclamation of National Dispatch Week**

Sheriff Paul Craft, Dispatchers Yvonne Phillips, Zack Haggard, Christina Cooley, Jack Wiggins, Elida Wheeler and Brian Judge, Chief of Police Don Guiberson, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Kodi Laird, Casey Elliott from the Tribune and County Attorney Jed Fitch joined the meeting.


Chairman Jackson read the Proclamation aloud.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the Proclamation to honor our local dispatchers during the week of April 11 – 17, 2021 be approved and signed. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Both Don and Paul added their heartfelt appreciation for what the dispatchers do for their officers.

A copy of this proclamation can be viewed below:



COUNTY OF BEAVERHEAD      OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS

## Proclamation

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

**WHEREAS,** April 11 – 17, 2021 has been designated as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week; and

**WHEREAS,** public safety telecommunicators play a critical role in emergency response; and

**WHEREAS,** the work public safety telecommunicators perform goes far beyond merely relaying information between the public and first responders; and


**WHEREAS,** when responding to reports of missing, abducted, and sexually exploited children, the information obtained and actions taken by public safety telecommunicators form the foundation for an effective response; and

**WHEREAS,** when a hostage taker or suicidal person calls 9-1-1, the first contact is with the public safety telecommunicator whose negotiation skills can prevent the situation from getting worse; and

**WHEREAS,** during active shooter incidents, public safety telecommunicators coach callers through first aid and give advice to prevent further harm, all while collecting vital information to provide situational awareness for responding officers; and

**WHEREAS,** when police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians are being shot at, their calls for help go to public safety telecommunicators; and

**WHEREAS,** public safety telecommunicators are often communicating with people in great distress, harm, fear, or injury, while employing their experience and training to recognize a critical piece of information; and



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 Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder  
 By: *[Signature]*