

April 19, 2021 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on April 19, 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 took care of some soft spots on Blacktail Road. Mike asked about the Rock Creek Bridges Project. Bob replied that the permits are done. He will give Karl Yakawich a call to check on the status.

Coroner Julie Briggs joined the meeting and read aloud a letter she had prepared regarding her frustration about the lack of information she is receiving from health officials after a death occurs. This is especially disturbing to her regarding deaths that occur after an individual receives a Covid vaccine. She is requesting that the commissioners appoint an oversight committee to follow up on deaths and collect information and/or data for the Coroner. Julie stated that she has been denied information from the clinic.

The commissioners commented that they will give this some thought and asked Julie to provide more information after consulting with other Coroners across the state.

Facilities Manager Chris booth, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Treasurer Cathy Hucke and Casey Elliott from the Tribune joined the meeting.

Cathy supplied the commissioners with the March Cash report. Our Refuge Revenue Sharing money came last week. It was not as much as last year but it is split 60/40 as previously discussed. The SRS money was received 2 weeks ago and it continues to be less every year. Unless it is reauthorized, this will be the last year we receive it.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK

April 11th to April 17th, 2021

Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Repaired soft spots on Blacktail Road.
- Bladed on the Argenta Road.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Plowed snow on the following roads: South Valley, North Valley, Elk Lake
- Bladed on Dell Airport Road.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Bladed on Upper North Fork Road.
- Removed barricade on Rock Creek Road.
- Cleaned a culvert on Little Lake Creek Road.
- Shop cleaning and maintenance
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the April 12, 2021 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the minutes of the April 12, 2021 meeting be approved with changes. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.