

May 10, 2021 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on May 10, 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 bladed Bannack Bench and roads north of town. He will be looking at Carrigan Lane this week since last week didn't work out. Bob said that bids will be opened on May 24 for the Scenic Byway.

Mike commented that this Wednesday, there will be a meeting with the Department Heads that have vehicles regarding insuring county vehicles older than 10 years with liability insurance only. The meeting will be at 9:00.

Superintendent of Schools Linda Marsh, Facilities Manager Chris Booth, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer and DES/Land Sanitarian Tom Wagenknecht joined the meeting.

Tracy asked if Duffners have been notified about shutting irrigation down around the Kona site. Mike will call them today. Since they have begun irrigation, it is a muddy mess and will prevent the removal of the Kona tower.

Tom W. commented that there is lot of new building in the county. Also, there was a bomb threat at the Trapper's Association event at the Frontier Event Center this last weekend that turned out to be nothing. Everyone was evacuated safely.

Linda stated that she has done some research on how the commissioners appoint a Superintendent of Schools after she resigns. She handed a printed version of her research to each commissioner that includes the qualifications. Action needs to be taken on this soon. A small article will be sent to the Dillonite Daily today.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK May 2nd to May 8th, 2021 Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Schoolhouse, Hartwig, Apex East, Browne's Bridge, Trapper Creek, Cherry Creek, Bighorn, and Bannack Bench.
- Hauled chips for road patching.
- Installed a delineator on Lemhi Pass Road.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Bladed and watered on the following roads: Big Sheep Creek, Nicholia Creek, Gosman, Fitters, and Chute Canyon.
- Safety meeting.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Plowed snow on Twin Lakes Road.
- Culvert cleaned on Big Lake Creek Road and Big Swamp Creek Road.
- Bladed on the Lower North Fork Road.
- Cattle guard repair on Steel 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 May 3, 2021 meeting were read and the following motion was made: