

May 17, 2021 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on May 17, 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 attending his mother's memorial service.

Discussion & Action ~ Weed Board's Hiring Recommendation ~ Season Weed Spraying Crew

Weed Coordinator Amber Burch joined the meeting. She presented the Board's recommendation of who should be hired for this summer's weed spraying crew.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the commissioners approve the Weed Board's hiring recommendation for the 2021 Weed Spraying Season. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Updates on County Projects

Road Supervisor Bob Ferris and Public Works Secretary Jamie Flynn joined the meeting. Bob reported that the Byway will be open this Thursday, May 20. The crew has been patching and blading.

Facilities Manager Chris Booth and GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer joined the meeting.

Chris reported that he will be meeting with a plumber today to figure out what can be done for the future should a flood occur in the courthouse basement. He is still unsure why the sump pump didn't kick on last Memorial Day weekend. Chris is hopeful that the plumber will help with ideas for an effective warning system in the event of a flood. This Friday hopefully Longie will begin tearing out the old concrete and prepare for the new patio on the South side of the building.

Tracy stated that the Ravalli County Commissioners are hesitant to sign a contract with a tower company including a specific deadline to remove the tower at Kona. Commissioner Rice will call Commissioner Greg Chilcott and then contact the land owners as well.

Tracy also mentioned that Patti Jo Staudenmeyer has expressed concern about addressing on her place. Tracy will look more into this issue.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK May 9th to May 15th, 2021 Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Medicine Lodge, Flynn, Carrigan, Eliason, Old Stage, Rebich, Sweetwater and Carter Creek.
- Hand patched on the following roads: Ten Mile, Selway, Pioneer, Schuler, Webster and Frying Pan.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Fitters
- Soft spot repair on Gosman Lane.
- Haul gravel to Gosman Lane from Snowline gravel pit, GP201.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Steel Creek, Lower Bender Creek, and Upper North Fork.
- Fence repair on Steel Creek Road.
- Shop maintenance and cleaning.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.