

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.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.


Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda**Resolution 2021-12 ~ Acclamation of Election for Public Hospital District of Beaverhead County Trustee Positions**

Clerk & Recorder Stacey Reynolds joined the meeting and began the discussion.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that Resolution 2021-12 ~ Acclamation of Election for Public Hospital District of Beaverhead County Trustee Positions be adopted. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Resolution can be viewed below:



BEAVERHEAD COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER
STATE OF MONTANA
SEAL

109737 Fee:\$ 0.00 File: 2021-12 Page:1
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY Filed 5/17/2021 At 9:38
Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder
By: *CSMA*

RESOLUTION NO.: 2021-12

**RESOLUTION OF ACCLAMATION OF ELECTION
FOR PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT OF BEAVERHEAD COUNTY
TRUSTEE POSITION**

WHEREAS, there are two (2) open positions on the Board of Trustees for the Public Hospital District of Beaverhead County; and


WHEREAS, two (2) candidates have filed a nominating petition; and

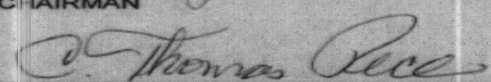
WHEREAS, under the provisions of section 7-24-2117 (3) MCA the Commissioners shall declare the candidates who filed nominating petitions elected by acclamation.

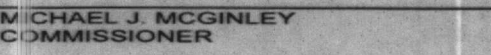
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beaverhead County Commissioners declare Cory Creighton and Shelli Schuett elected by acclamation to the position of Public Hospital District of Beaverhead County Trustee to serve three (3) year terms with their terms expiring May 31, 2024.

ADOPTED THIS 17th day of May, 2021.

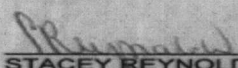
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY COMMISSION


 JOHN H. JACKSON
 CHAIRMAN


 C. THOMAS RICE
 COMMISSIONER


 MICHAEL J. MCGINLEY
 COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


 STACEY REYNOLDS
 BEAVERHEAD COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER


Resolution 2021-13 ~ Acclamation of Election for Beaverhead County Volunteer Fire District #2 (Dillon) Trustee Position

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that Resolution 2021-13 ~ Acclamation of Election for Beaverhead County Volunteer Fire District #2 (Dillon) Trustee Position be adopted. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Resolution can be viewed below:

109738 Fee:\$ 0.00 File: 2021-13 Page:1
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY Filed 5/17/2021 At 9:39 A
Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder
By: *adma*

 **RESOLUTION NO.: 2021-13**

**RESOLUTION OF ACCLAMATION OF ELECTION
FOR BEAVERHEAD COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT #2 / DILLON; TRUSTEE
POSITIONS**

WHEREAS, there is one (1) open position on the Board of Trustees for the
Beaverhead County Volunteer Fire District #2 / Dillon; and

WHEREAS, one (1) candidate has filed a nominating petition; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of section 7-33-2106 (4) MCA, the Commissioners
shall declare those candidates who filed nominating petitions elected by acclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beaverhead County Commissioners
declare Casey Love elected by acclamation to the position of Beaverhead Volunteer Fire
District #2 Trustees to serve a three (3) year term with his term expiring May 31, 2024.

ADOPTED THIS 17th day of May, 2021.

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY COMMISSION

BY: *John H. Jackson*
JOHN H. JACKSON
CHAIRMAN

C. Thomas Rice
C. THOMAS RICE
COMMISSIONER

Michael J. McGinley
MICHAEL J. MCGINLEY
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:
Stacey Reynolds
STACEY REYNOLDS
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER


**Resolution 2021-14 ~ Acclamation of Election for Beaverhead County Volunteer
Fire District #3 (Big Hole Valley) Trustee Positions**

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded
that Resolution 2021-14 ~ Acclamation of Election for Beaverhead
County Volunteer Fire District #3 (Big Hole Valley) Trustee
Positions be adopted. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried
unanimously.

A copy of the Resolution can be viewed below:

109739 Fee:\$ 0.00 File: 2021-14 Page:1
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY Filed 5/17/2021 At 9:40 A.
Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder
By: *adma*

 **RESOLUTION NO.: 2021-14**

**RESOLUTION OF ACCLAMATION OF ELECTION FOR
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT #3 / BIG HOLE VALLEY;
TRUSTEE POSITION**

WHEREAS, there are two (2) open positions on the Board of Trustees for the
Beaverhead County Volunteer Fire District #3 / Big Hole Valley; and

WHEREAS, two (2) candidates have filed nominating petitions; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of section 7-33-2106 (4) MCA, the Commissioners
shall declare those candidates who filed nominating petitions elected by acclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beaverhead County Commissioners
declare Rex Caraker & Guy Peterson elected by acclamation to the position of Big Hole
Valley Volunteer Fire District #3 Trustees to serve three a (3) year term with their terms
expiring May 31, 2024.

ADOPTED THIS 17th day of May 2021.

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY COMMISSION

BY: *John H. Jackson*
JOHN H. JACKSON
CHAIRMAN

C. Thomas Rice
C. THOMAS RICE
COMMISSIONER

Michael J. McGinley
MICHAEL J. MCGINLEY
COMMISSIONER


ATTEST:
Stacey Reynolds
STACEY REYNOLDS
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER

Resolution 2021-15 ~ Acclamation of Election for Beaverhead County Volunteer Fire District #4 (Grasshopper Valley) Trustee Positions

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that Resolution 2021-15 ~ Acclamation of Election for Beaverhead County Volunteer Fire District #4 (Grasshopper Valley) Trustee Positions be adopted. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Resolution can be viewed below:



BEAVERHEAD COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER

109740 Fee:\$ 0.00 File: 2021-15 Page:1
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY Filed 5/17/2021 At 9:41
Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder
By: *[Signature]*

RESOLUTION NO.: 2021-15

RESOLUTION OF ACCLAMATION OF ELECTION FOR THE BEAVERHEAD COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT #4 / GRASSHOPPER VALLEY; TRUSTEE POSITION

WHEREAS, there are two (2) open positions on the Board of Trustees for the Beaverhead County Volunteer Fire District #4 / Grasshopper Valley; and

WHEREAS, two (2) candidates have filed nominating petitions; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of section 7-33-2106 (4) MCA, the Commissioners shall declare those candidates who filed nominating petitions elected by acclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beaverhead County Commissioners declare Steve Robinson & Cheri Eck elected by acclamation to the position of Grasshopper Valley Volunteer Fire District #4 Trustee to serve three (3) year terms with their terms expiring May 31, 2024.

ADOPTED THIS 17th day of May, 2021.

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY COMMISSION

BY: *[Signature: John H. Jackson]*
JOHN H. JACKSON
CHAIRMAN

[Signature: C. Thomas Rice]
C. THOMAS RICE
COMMISSIONER

[Signature: Michael J. McGinley]
MICHAEL J. MCGINLEY
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:
[Signature: Stacey Reynolds]
STACEY REYNOLDS
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER


Resolution 2021-16 ~ Acclamation of Election for Beaverhead County Volunteer Fire District #5 (Wise River) Trustee Positions

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that Resolution 2021-16 ~ Acclamation of Election for Beaverhead County Volunteer Fire District #5 (Wise River) Trustee Positions be adopted. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Resolution can be viewed below:

109741 Fee:\$ 0.00 File: 2021-16 Page:1
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY Filed 5/17/2021 At 9:42 A
Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder
By: *Stacey Reynolds*

 RESOLUTION NO.: 2021-16

**RESOLUTION OF ACCLAMATION OF ELECTION FOR
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT #5 / WISE RIVER; TRUSTEE
POSITIONS**

WHEREAS, there are two (2) open positions on the Board of Trustees for the
Beaverhead County Volunteer Fire District #5 / Wise River; and

WHEREAS, two (2) candidates have filed nominating petitions; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of section 7-33-2106 (4) MCA, the Commissioners
shall declare those candidates who filed nominating petitions elected by acclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beaverhead County
Commissioners declare **Lu Kirkpatrick & Cindy Sorich** elected by acclamation to the
position of Wise River Volunteer District #5 Trustees to serve a three (3) year term with their
terms expiring May 31, 2024.

ADOPTED THIS 17th day of May 2021.

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY COMMISSION

BY: *John H. Jackson*
JOHN H. JACKSON
CHAIRMAN

C. Thomas Rice
C. THOMAS RICE
COMMISSIONER

Michael J. McGinley
MICHAEL J. MCGINLEY
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:
Stacey Reynolds
STACEY REYNOLDS
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER

Discussion & Action ~ Special District Election Canvass

Clerk & Recorder Stacey Reynolds joined the meeting.

Minutes for Official Canvass of
SCHOOL DISTRICT #10 TRUSTEE ELECTION AND
BEAVERHEAD AMBULANCE SERVICES SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION
Held on May 04, 2021

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session as Board of Official Canvassers on May 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

Present: Chairman C. Thomas Rice, Commissioner John H. Jackson and Election Administrator Stacey Reynolds.

The Official Canvass of votes cast in the School District #10 Trustee Election and the Beaverhead Ambulance Services Special District Election held on May 4, 2021 was completed and officially recorded in the Election Return Book in the office of the Election Administrator.

The Board of Canvassers adjourned.

Chairman of the Board *John H. Jackson*

Clerk of the Board *Stacey Reynolds*

***Correction ~ The Chairman for 2021 is John H. Jackson**

Discussion & Action ~ Appointment to Area 5 Agency on Aging Board of Directors

Chairman Jackson began the discussion by reviewing the letter from Area V Agency on Aging. Mayor Klakken joined the meeting. He stated that in the past, the City of Dillon

has always appointed members to this board. He would prefer that someone on BASS be appointed to Area V, specifically, Debbie Pierce. The Mayor would like the City of Dillon to appoint as it has in the past.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that Jim Carpita be appointed to the Area V Agency on Aging Board of Directors to represent the interests of the elderly in Beaverhead County. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Renee Klakken joined the meeting to discuss BASS. She stated that BASS doesn't get any funds except for Meals on Wheels. She is very concerned that this could be the end of BASS to which Jim responded that is not correct. Discussion ensued.

Discussion ~ Beaverhead County Superintendent of Schools Retirement

Superintendent of Schools Linda Marsh joined the meeting and began the discussion. She has had two folks contact her with questions regarding what the requirements would be to fill the vacancy that will be created by her retirement. If they continue to show interest, she advised them to submit a letter of interest to the commissioners. Discussion ensued regarding if we should advertise or not. Cindy will submit a small Block Ad to the Tribune written by Linda.

Recess

At 12:00 noon, Chairman Jackson recessed the meeting. At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Jackson reconvened the meeting with Commissioner Rice and their Assistant Cindy Decker present. Commissioner McGinley was absent.

Safety & Wellness Team Meeting

At this time, Chairman Jackson handed the meeting over to Safety Coordinator Cindy Decker. The minutes can be found in the Clerk & Recorder's Office.

Unfinished Business/Other Topics of Discussion

Routine matters occupied the attention of the Board for the remainder of the day.

Payment of Invoices

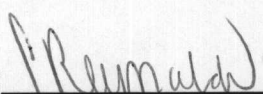
The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$55,402.40, beginning with check #207191 and ending with check #207232. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

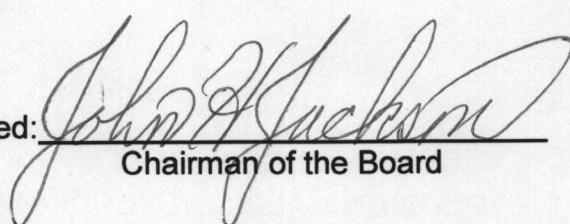
Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attest: 
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 
Chairman of the Board