

May 24, 2021 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on May 24, 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. The Byway was opened last week. Bob got the "go ahead" for Carrigan Lane. The crew will do some Mag chloride on several roads in the county. Jamie will advertise that there will be delays on Carrigan from June 1st through the 3rd.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK May 16th to May 22nd, 2021 Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Bladed on the Blacktail Road. Project #2008-02.
- Patched on the following roads: Webster, White, Blacktail and Scenic Byway.
- Opened the Pioneer Mountain Scenic Byway for the season.
- Attended a Traffic Incident Management webinar at the courthouse.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Gosman, Chute Canyon, Meadow-Nicholia cut across, Lima Dam and Meadow Creek.
- Hauled gravel on Gosman Lane.
- Attended a Traffic Incident Management webinar at the courthouse.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads
- Moved equipment.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Upper North, Steel Creek, Lower Mussigbrod.
- Culvert repair on Moose Creek Road.
- Attended a Traffic Incident Management webinar at the courthouse.
- Shop maintenance.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Facilities Manager Chris Booth, County Attorney Administrative Assistant Montana Mantei, Sheriff Paul Craft, Victim Advocate Kayla Patrick, DES/Land Sanitarian Tom Wagenknecht and GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer joined the meeting.

Chris stated that the patio project is delayed because of the weather. No one is complaining about the moisture however. For posterity sake, we received about 4 inches of snow over the weekend and more in the hills. Everyone is breathing a sigh of relief for now.

County Attorney Jed Fitch joined the meeting after a long three weeks away having brain surgery. He is thankful to be back and gave a brief medical update on his cancer condition. He plans on making brief appearances in the office as he is able. Even though Thorin is filling in, Jed is still the "boss".

Paul commented that we are still waiting to hear back from Premier Plumbing regarding the plumbing in the jail. He is still working on the GIS network stuff for the Grasshopper area.

Also, the Butler site suffered two lengthy power outages in the Big Hole over the weekend. There was no communication with the Sheriff's Office since the Butler site was down and