

**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 16<sup>th</sup> to May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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

there was an emergency situation up there. This needs to be addressed. Tom W. mentioned that Northwest Energy has always had very poor response times to power emergencies.

Casey Elliott from the Tribune joined the meeting.

Larry and Lois Volkening and Jessica Fowler joined the meeting. Larry advised that he has put a fence up because of dog issues at the Bike/Walk Park. The contract has been reviewed and it seems that this is alright. Kris Kraft Park is a public park but the outbuildings are locked.

#### **Action on Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the May 17, 2021 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the minutes of the May 17, 2021 meeting be approved with a few changes. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Cathy Huckle stopped in earlier to say that mobile home taxes are due along with other things so the cash report will be delayed this month.

#### **Discussion & Action ~ Badger Hill Minor Subdivision Preliminary Plat Approval**

Planner Rob Macioroski and Surveyor Travis Wilson joined the meeting and began the discussion. Rob read the Findings of Fact aloud for the Commissioners. The Planning Board has already approved this Preliminary Plat.

Mike commented that the wording "across" the lot rather than "to" the lot should be added. He also commented that the wording "right to farm" should be added to the face of the plat. Travis advised that all COS documents require that wording.

Rob stated that the road maintenance agreement with Westfield is a slight worry. As of right now, it is not in place. Three of the four owners are ok with it but one is not.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the Badger Hill Minor Subdivision Preliminary Plat be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Discussion & Action ~ Appointment to Planning Board**

Rob remained in the meeting and presented the Commissioners with the recommendation from the Planning Board for the new board member. They recommend replacing Barry Emge with Justin Yoder. Mr. Yoder has submitted a letter of interest as well.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the Commissioners approve the recommendation of the Planning Board to appoint Justin Yoder to the Planning Board with his term to expire December 31, 2022. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



**Bid Opening & Action ~ Scenic Byway Striping**

Bob Ferris and Jamie Flynn joined the meeting and presented the Commissioners with the sealed bids.

Karl Yakawich from Great West joined the meeting. He proceeded to open the bids for the Scenic Byway Striping which is as follows:

**BYWAY STRIPING**

Company Name	10% Bond	Signed Bid	Bid Amount
High Mark Traffic Services- Billings	YES	YES	\$419,601

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Great West Engineering will review the bid and the Commissioners will take it under advisement until they hear back from Great West. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Bid & Opening ~ Construction of Rock Creek Road Bridge Replacements**

At this time, Karl Yakawich from Great West Engineering proceeded to open the bids for the Construction of Rock Creek Road Bridge Replacements. He explained that we actually have 2 bids that the county advertised for: 1.) Installation (including pile driving, foundation work, rip rap work) and 2.) Supply of the Steel Bridge materials.

**INSTALLATION**

Company Name	10% Bond	Signed Bid	Bid Amount
Sletten Construction Company - Great Falls	YES	YES	\$513,000
Battle Ridge Builders - Bozeman	YES	YES	\$375,285
Dick Anderson Construction - Helena	YES	YES	\$683,530

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the Commissioners take these bids under review until such a time that Great West Engineering can review and make their recommendation for the bids to be rewarded at a later time. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**STEEL BRIDGE MATERIAL SUPPLY**

Company Name	Signed Bid	Bid Amount
Tru North Steel - Missoula	YES	\$374,351 both bridges
RTI Bridges - Plains	YES	\$321,600 both bridges
*Contech Engineering Solutions - Colorado	YES	\$367,870 both bridges

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the Commissioners take these bids under review until such a time that Great West Engineering can review and make their recommendation for the bids to be rewarded at a later time. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

*\*The bid from Contech Engineering Solutions from Colorado was most likely delivered to our mailbox on Saturday but the Clerk & Recorder did not pick up her mail today until 11:20 so the commissioners received this last bid after the original bids were opened.*

Karl reminded the commissioners that TSEP and DLA grants will be used for this project.

**Discussion ~ 2021 Fire Season ~ Fire Warden and Department of State Lands**

Fire Management Officer Don Copple, DES/Land Sanitarian/Fire Warden Tom Wagenknecht and Fire Chief BJ Klose joined the meeting.

Don handed out the National Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook Predictive Services May 2021 through August 2021. He reviewed it aloud for the Commissioners. Obviously, this was put out before this last weekend's snowstorm.

Don stated that there have been some changes in his staff this year. There were no applicants for Engine Bosses so they will try to bring in resources from other areas should the need arise.

Forest Service has changes as well which Don elaborated on. DNRC State Lands has a good working relationship with the Forest Service.

Don offered his help to the county throughout the fire season if needed. He thanked the commissioners and left the meeting.

**Recess**

At 12:00 noon, Chairman Jackson recessed the meeting for the noon hour and the Compensation Board Meeting. At 3:00 p.m., Chairman Jackson reconvened the meeting with Commissioner McGinley, Commissioner Rice and their Assistant Cindy Decker present.

**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 \$55,576.81, beginning with check #207233 and ending with check #207273. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

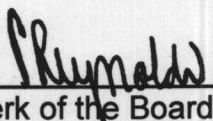
**Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction**

There were no public comments.

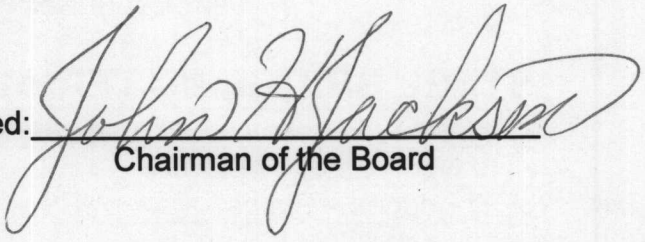
**Adjourn**

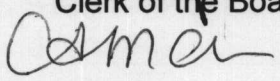
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Clerk of the Board

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Chairman of the Board

  
Deputy Clerk