

June 1, 2021 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on June 1, 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 joined the meeting early to state that they started on Carrigan Lane today.

County Attorney Jed Fitch, Sheriff Paul Craft, Facilities Manager Chris Booth, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer and Casey Elliott and Mike Regan from the Tribune joined the meeting.

Jed stated that today is his first day of radiation so he has to leave early. The commissioners wish him the best. He has finally received a qualified applicant for the Deputy County Attorney position. The budget for deputy involves PERS and health care etc. but he believes that he is right within the budget. This could change if a trial occurs. He hopes to be back more effectively by September. Montana and Kayla are keeping the office in line. The Acting County Attorney title is void for now since Jed is here, but can be put back at a moment's notice. Thorin has been super. Jed also complimented the Sheriff and the Chief of Police on their cooperation. His next six weeks will be tough but he will be available by phone.

Paul stated that he just received word that Dunne Communication is headed to the Grasshopper to fix that link so paging will be up and running.

Tracy advised that he will be gone next week.

Chris stated that the electricians are working on dispatch right now. The patio area has been dug out. The storm drains are plugged and he is working on getting that cleared out. Chris is also working on the gutter situation.

Mike stated that last week's bids are ready to be awarded pursuant to Great West's recommendation. They recommend authorizing the bids as soon as possible because of the shortage of supplies. Battle Ridge Builders is awarded the installation of the two bridges and RTI Bridges to construct the two bridges for the Rock Creek Bridges.

Mike gave Mr. Regan (from the Tribune) the letter that was received (addressed to the Beaverhead County Commission and dated April 26) from Mr. Gilboy requesting that Beaverhead County appoint a representative for the county on the Area Five Agency on Aging.

First Mike asked Rick Hartz since he is quite involved in senior citizen activities. Rick said that his plate is full and suggested asking Jim Carpita. Jim submitted a letter of interest to be appointed.

We have received a letter from Mayor Klakken stating his concerns. Commissioner McGinley commented that we assess ½ mill for seniors and believes that it only makes sense for Beaverhead County to do this.

This board is made up of 7 members so Jim's vote is only one out of 7. This should not affect BASS (Beaverhead Allied Senior Services) funding.

Commissioner Jackson mentioned that the position on the Area Five Board has been vacant for 2 years so the commissioners thought they were doing a good thing by appointing someone finally.

Since there are senior citizens all throughout Beaverhead County (not just in the city limits), it only makes sense that the county be involved in deciding who is on the board.

Treasurer Cathy Hucke joined the meeting and submitted the April Cash report.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK
May 23rd to May 29th, 2021
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Nissen, Carter Creek, Sweetwater and Crystal.
- Plowed snow on the Scenic Byway, Smith Road and Flynn Lane.
- Road prep for magnesium chloride on the following roads: Ten Mile, Trout Creek, Anderson, Bond, Smith, Flynn and Eliason.
- Replaced a culvert on Argenta Road and Bloody Road.
- Cleaned a cattle guard on Birch Creek Road.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Medicine Lodge and Lima Dam.
- Watered on the Lima Dam Road.
- Soft spot repair on Gosman lane.
- Attended a safety meeting and insurance meeting.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads
- Moved equipment.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Culvert repair on Rock Creek Road.
- Shop maintenance.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the May 24, 2021 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the minutes of the May 24, 2021 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda**Chamber of Commerce Update**

Chamber of Commerce Director Rebecca Jones joined the meeting and began the discussion. She handed out a poster regarding Territory Days June 18-20 and elaborated on the event.

She also spoke about some little glass cowboy hats that she will hide around the county. When people find them, they can turn them into the chamber for chamber bucks.

Discussion & Action ~ Resolution 2021-17 ~ Requesting Distribution of Local Government road Construction and Maintenance Match Program Funds

Mike began the discussion by advising that there was a resolution done in 2019 and it should cover every year. All that needs to be done are new appendix attachments each year. So, there will be no 2021 resolution at this time but maybe later in the year. Last year was Blacktail paving. The money that will come in March of '22 will be to cover the Carrigan Lane project. We are one of the few counties that do the project and then ask for reimbursement.

A new resolution will possibly need to be done in the future.

Recess

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

Preliminary Budget Discussion

Commissioner McGinley worked on the Preliminary Budget.

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 \$55,581.10, beginning with check #207274 and ending with check #207316. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

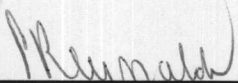
Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

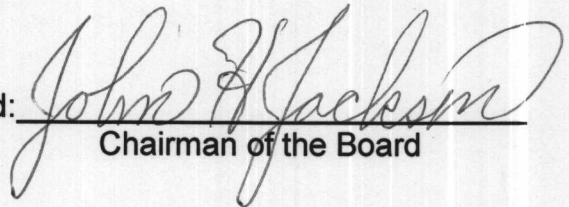
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attest: _____



Clerk of the Board

Approved: _____



Chairman of the Board