

**June 7, 2021 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners**

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on June 7, 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.

City Operations Manager Todd Hazelbaker joined the meeting. He mentioned that Dillon resident Ken Smith is having sewer issues on his property that butts up against county property. The Commissioners gave him permission to fix his problem; Jamie will grab an Encroachment Permit for them to fill out.

Facilities Manager Chris Booth joined the meeting and commented that some drains were put in over the weekend. As soon as the concrete pad is poured, he will hook up the County Attorney's air conditioner. Also, the new sump pump and monitoring system are up and running in the courthouse basement.

Sheriff Paul Craft and Jail Commander Dan Fields joined the meeting. Paul stated that the air conditioning in the radio room needs to be addressed as it got up to 105 degrees in there the other day. Also, Paul mentioned that Quinton Weekly (one of our detention officers) has resigned.

He went on to discuss the radio situation. The equipment has been installed at the Grasshopper, but when Dunne tried to get remote access, he was turned down because he was using a private remote access. They are currently working on that.

There were problems with both the Mauer and Ellis sites. Commissioner Jackson, Tracy Sawyer and Paul took a trip up to both of them last week and hopefully remedied the issues.

Paul is still waiting on a bid from Premier plumbing. Mike commented that we are confident that the money coming can be used for water/sewer but the workers must be paid Federal Davis Bacon wages.

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

**BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK**

May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

**DILLON AREA**

- Applied asphalt oil to Carrigan Lane.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

**LIMA AREA**

- Bladed on the following roads: Sage Creek and Medicine Lodge.
- Watered on Sage Creek Road.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads
- Equipment service and repair.

**WISDOM AREA**

- Bladed on the following roads: Little Lake Creek and Miner Lake.
- Hauled gravel to Big Swamp Creek Road and Miner Lake Road.
- Soft spot repair on Big Swamp Creek Road and Miner Lake Road.
- Rolled asphalt on Carrigan Lane.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

**Discussion & Action ~ Detention Position Opening ~ Sheriff's Recommendation of Hire**

Sheriff Paul Craft and Jail Commander Dan Fields remained in the meeting and began the discussion. Since Mr. Weekly has resigned, they need a new officer and he gave his recommendation.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that, as per the Sheriff's recommendation, Sean Ballard be hired as the new Detention Officer. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Action on Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the June 1, 2021 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the minutes of the June 1, 2021 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

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

A letter of concurrence will be written to Lee Alt for the Jackson speed study so it can be closed out.

**Discussion & Action ~ Agreement 2021-15 ~ Resource Assistance Center (RAC)**

Fred Sullivan and Jessica Petritz joined the meeting and began the discussion. A draft agreement had previously been sent for the commissioners to review. Fred stated that last year it wasn't really utilized very much because of the pandemic. But they plan on using it a lot more this year. None of the OPA offices across the state are opened yet but they are talking about opening the Dillon Satellite Office first. Commissioner Rice commented that this has been an asset to the county in the past.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that Agreement 2021-15 ~ Resource Assistance Center be approved and signed. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

This agreement will expire June 30, 2022. A copy of the Agreement can be found in the Clerk & Recorder's Office.

**Discussion & Action ~ Length of Terms for Special Ambulance District Directors and Department of Revenue Assessment**

Clerk & Recorder Stacey Reynolds joined the meeting. Ambulance District members Mick Stanisich and Russ Sigman joined the meeting. Mike began the discussion. It was determined that according to MCA 7-11-1010(2)(c)(i) there are 5 (five) directors with 2 (two) serving 4 (four) years and 3 (three) serving 2 (two) years. The names of the five members were laid out alphabetically. A brand new deck of cards was opened and shuffled. Commissioner Rice drew by lots and Jean Bergeson drew an **Ace**, David Cowardin drew a **6** (six), Kathy Hilton drew a **2** (two), Russ Sigman drew an **8** (eight) and Mick Stanisich drew a **Queen**. Mick and Jean were assigned 4 (four) year terms and Russ, David and Kathy were assigned 2 (two) years. The terms will expire May 31 of the designated years.

Mike encouraged the members to get together asap to pick a Chairman & Secretary and get all the particulars figured out. They also need to get in touch with the Department of Revenue.



**Discussion & Action ~ Award Pioneer Scenic Byway Striping Bid**

This agenda item is postponed until next week, June 14, 2021. Mike stated that he received an email from Karl Yakawich advising to hold off on this award until the Western Federal Highways agreement is finished.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that Beaverhead County be authorized to sign the agreement for the Scenic Byway striping project contract by Western Federal Highways as soon as it is received. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**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**

At this time, Mike 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 \$131,756.63, beginning with check #207317 and ending with check #207374. 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