

**June 14, 2021 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners**

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on June 14, 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.

Facilities Manager Chris Booth, Casey Elliott from the Tribune, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer and Clerk of District Court Carly Anderson joined the meeting. Chris stated that Longie will get the forms put up today and pour concrete for the courthouse patio depending on how hot it gets today.

Tracy stated that he received an email from DIS asking if the Health Department is going to transfer their IT stuff to Barrett Hospital. The commissioners didn't know, so Tracy will dig into that more. He also mentioned that Montana Towers has called regarding the KONA site and that they are ready to remove the tower. Tracy will be working with them.

Carly stated that, in an effort to make her office more user friendly and current, the Clerk of Court's office will be going live with e-filing on June 28. She must set up her own account at Pioneer Federal in order to receive credit cards.

**MOTION:** Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the Clerk of District Court be authorized to open a new account at Pioneer Federal to be able to receive credit card payments. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Dillon resident John Buhrman and Clerk & Recorder Stacey Reynolds joined the meeting to discuss the medical Marijuana issue. He is the owner of a Medical Dispensary in town; also, a grow and processing operation out on Frying Pan Road. He reminded everyone that out of 5611 votes cast, the initiative lost by 27 here in Beaverhead County. Discussion ensued.

Stacey suggested that Mr. Buhrman speak with the Secretary of State or retain his own attorney. Mike advised that Mr. Buhrman could go through the city as well. John B. thanked the commissioners and left the meeting.

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

**BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK**  
June 6<sup>th</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

**DILLON AREA**

- Bladed on the following roads: Anderson, Albers, and Stone Creek.
- Watered and rolled on Carrigan Lane. Project #2008-02.
- Repaired soft spots on Highway 324.
- Cleaned culverts.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

**LIMA AREA**

- Bladed and watered on Sage Creek Road.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads
- Equipment service and repair.

**WISDOM AREA**

- Bladed on the following roads: Miner Lake, Upper North Fork, Skinner Meadows, and Lower North Fork.
- Shop maintenance.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

**Action on Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the June 7, 2021 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the minutes of the June 7, 2021 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda****Opening & Action ~ Fuel Bids**

Public Works Secretary Jamie Flynn joined the meeting and presented the bids. Only one bid was received this year and it was from Rocky Mountain Supply. The bids are as follows:

Districts & Vendors	Mark-up Diesel 1	Mark-up Diesel 2	Mark-up Unleaded Gasoline
<b>Sheriff's Office &amp; Courthouse</b>			
Brown and Thompson Oil Company	xx	xx	.
Rocky Mountain Supply	xx	xx	.058
Big Hole Fuel Services	xx	xx	xx
<b>Dillon Shop</b>			
Brown and Thompson Oil Company			xx
Rocky Mountain Supply	.018	.018	.018
Big Hole Fuel Services	.	.	xx
<b>Landfill</b>			
Brown and Thompson Oil Company	.	.	xx
Rocky Mountain Supply	.048	.048	xx
Big Hole Fuel Services	.	.	xx
<b>Grant</b>			
Brown and Thompson Oil Company	.	.	.
Rocky Mountain Supply	.088	.088	.088
Big Hole Fuel Services	.	.	.
<b>Wise River</b>			
Brown and Thompson Oil Company	.	.	xx
Rocky Mountain Supply	.198	.198	xx
Big Hole Fuel Services	.	.	xx
<b>Wisdom</b>			
Brown and Thompson	.	.	.
Rocky Mountain Supply	.198	.198	.198
Big Hole Fuel Services	.	.	.

As a matter of full disclosure, Chairman Jackson mentioned that he is on the Board of Rocky Mountain Supply but has nothing to do with these bids.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the fuel bids for the Sheriff's Office, The Dillon Shop, the Landfill, Wise River, Wisdom and Grant be awarded to Rocky Mountain Supply. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

The Public Works Secretary will send the appropriate paperwork to the bid winner.



**Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction**

Mike mentioned that we need to appoint a representative for the ARPA money. Discussion ensued. Mike said that he would be willing to serve in this capacity. Tom stated that he believes it should be the Commission Chairman.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that Chairman Jackson be appointed as the contact person for the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) money. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion & Action ~ Fox Run Special District Elected Board Appointment**

Mike Richardson, Mary and Clint Rouse and Leland Griffin joined the meeting. Commissioner McGinley began the discussion. He advised that two letters of interest were received.

Mr. Griffin stated that he supports Mary Rouse as the appointee. Mr. Richardson stated that he concurs with Mr. Griffin's support and believes that Ms. Rouse would be the right choice.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Mary Rouse be appointed to fill the vacant board position created by Jill Ganon-Nagle's resignation with her term to expire May 31, 2024. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mary commented that she understands the referendum quite well and hopes to represent the will of the people in the Fox Run Special District. They all thanked the commissioners and left the meeting.

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

Public Works Secretary Jamie Flynn joined the meeting. Commissioner McGinley began the discussion.


After brief discussion, the following motion was made:


MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the bid for Striping the Pioneer Scenic Byway be awarded to Highmark Traffic Services, Inc. in the amount of \$419,601. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.


**Drought Task Force**

DES Coordinator Tom Wagenknecht set up the Drought Task Force Meeting. The meeting convened at 11:00 a.m.

A copy of the sign in sheet can be viewed below:

JURISDICTION USING SOFT MATCH: <u>Beaverhead County DES</u>		Training/Event/Meeting Roster 	
POINT OF CONTACT OR LEAD INSTRUCTOR: <u>Tom Wagenknecht</u>			
EVENT/MEETING NAME: <u>Drought Task Force</u>			
LOCATION: <u>BVHD Co. Courthouse Commissioners' Room</u>			
DATE AND TIME: <u>06/14/2021 @ 11AM</u> CONTACT HOURS: <u>.5</u>			
Name / Title: <u>Mike McGinley</u>	Email & Phone #: <u>660 0311</u>	Federally Funded? <u>Yes / No</u>	LEAVE SHADED AREA BLANK Trip Miles Total Hours .50 Cost per 2013 Hourly \$ for Volunteers Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>Co. Commissioner</u>	Address:		
Name / Title: <u>Cindy Decker</u>	Email & Phone #:	Federally Funded? <u>Yes / No</u>	LEAVE SHADED AREA BLANK Trip Miles Total Hours .50 Cost per 2013 Hourly \$ for Volunteers Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>Commish Assist</u>	Address:		
Name / Title: <u>Travis Wilson</u>	Email & Phone #:	Federally Funded? <u>Yes / No</u>	LEAVE SHADED AREA BLANK Trip Miles Total Hours .50 Cost per 2013 Hourly \$ for Volunteers Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>LVFD</u>	Address:		
Name / Title: <u>Tom Rice</u>	Email & Phone #:	Federally Funded? <u>Yes / No</u>	LEAVE SHADED AREA BLANK Trip Miles Total Hours .50 Cost per 2013 Hourly \$ for Volunteers Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>Commissioner</u>	Address:		
Name / Title: <u>BJ Klose</u>	Email & Phone #:	Federally Funded? <u>Yes / No</u>	LEAVE SHADED AREA BLANK Trip Miles Total Hours .50 Cost per 2013 Hourly \$ for Volunteers Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>DUF</u>	Address:		
Name / Title: <u>Tracy Sawyer</u>	Email & Phone #:	Federally Funded? <u>Yes / No</u>	LEAVE SHADED AREA BLANK Trip Miles Total Hours .50 Cost per 2013 Hourly \$ for Volunteers Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>BVHD Co</u>	Address:		
Name / Title: <u>Jessica Murray</u>	Email & Phone #:	Federally Funded? <u>Yes / No</u>	LEAVE SHADED AREA BLANK Trip Miles Total Hours .50 Cost per 2013 Hourly \$ for Volunteers Total Soft Match
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Name / Title: <u>Rochelle Haering</u>	Email & Phone #:	Federally Funded? <u>Yes / No</u>	LEAVE SHADED AREA BLANK Trip Miles Total Hours .50 Cost per 2013 Hourly \$ for Volunteers Total Soft Match
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Name / Title: <u>Ron Maciorowski</u>	Email & Phone #: <u>rmaciorowski@beaverheadcounty.org</u>	Federally Funded? <u>Yes / No</u>	LEAVE SHADED AREA BLANK Trip Miles Total Hours .50 Cost per 2013 Hourly \$ for Volunteers Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>Bozho Co.</u>	Address:		
Name / Title: <u>Sue Hansen</u>	Email & Phone #: <u>shansen@beaverheadcounty.org</u>	Federally Funded? <u>Yes / No</u>	LEAVE SHADED AREA BLANK Trip Miles Total Hours .50 Cost per 2013 Hourly \$ for Volunteers Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>RCPH</u>	Address:		
Name / Title: <u>Pasey Edw</u>	Email & Phone #:	Federally Funded? <u>Yes / No</u>	LEAVE SHADED AREA BLANK Trip Miles Total Hours .50 Cost per 2013 Hourly \$ for Volunteers Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>Dillon Trib</u>	Address:		
Name / Title: <u>Debi's Miotte</u>	Email & Phone #:	Federally Funded? <u>Yes / No</u>	LEAVE SHADED AREA BLANK Trip Miles Total Hours .50 Cost per 2013 Hourly \$ for Volunteers Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>East Beaverhead</u>	Address:		
Name / Title: <u>Ray Cornell</u>	Email & Phone #:	Federally Funded? <u>Yes / No</u>	LEAVE SHADED AREA BLANK Trip Miles Total Hours .50 Cost per 2013 Hourly \$ for Volunteers Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>Just Me!</u>	Address:		
Name / Title: <u>Tom Wagenknecht</u>	Email & Phone #:	Federally Funded? <u>Yes / No</u>	LEAVE SHADED AREA BLANK Trip Miles Total Hours .50 Cost per 2013 Hourly \$ for Volunteers Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>BVHD County</u>	Address:		
Name / Title: <u>John H Jackson</u>	Email & Phone #:	Federally Funded? <u>Yes / No</u>	LEAVE SHADED AREA BLANK Trip Miles Total Hours .50 Cost per 2013 Hourly \$ for Volunteers Total Soft Match
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### National Weather Service

Arin Peters from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association joined the meeting via "GoToMeeting" and began his presentation. A copy of this presentation can be found in the DES office.



**Bureau of Rec/East Bench Irrigation/Clark Canyon Water Users – Dennis Miotke**

Dennis handed out his progress report (a copy of which can be viewed below) and reviewed it aloud.

**DROUGHT TASK FORCE  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

June 14, 2021

**PROGRESS REPORT**

**CLARK CANYON RESERVOIR:**

	<u>ELEVATION</u>	<u>STORAGE</u>	
YEAR: MAY 2021	5537.27'	131,855 a/f	75% Full, 103% of avg.
YEAR: MAY 2020	5541.28'	150,210 a/f	86% Full, 120% of avg.
	Difference	- 18,355 a/f	

Present Elevation: 5533.96feet; 117,643 Storage: a/f 67% Full, 94% of avg.  
Inflows (Last five (5) days Average: 126 cfs/day  
Present releases: 752 cfs

INFLOWS FOR: MAY 2021	6,819 a/f	111 cfs/day	47% Avg
INFLOWS FOR: MAY 2020	10,473 a/f	170 cfs/day	73% Avg.

RELEASES FOR: MAY 2021	20,088 a/f	Storage used: 13,269 a/f
RELEASES FOR: MAY 2020	26,896 a/f	Storage used: 16,423 a/f

**SNOW PACK:** Above Clark Canyon Reservoir

June 8, 2021	35%
June 8, 2020	74%

Above Lima Dam

June 8, 2021	0%
June 8, 2020	11%

**Lima Dam:**

June 14, 2021: Elevation: 6577.28 ft; Storage: 55,232 a/f; 65% Full; 97% of avg.  
June 14, 2020: Elevation: 6580.65 ft; Storage: 71,575 a/f; 84% Full; 110% of avg.  
Difference -16,343 a/f

Inflows (Last five (5) days Average: 191 cfs/day  
Present releases: 606 cfs

**Centennial Valley Association Drought Coordinator – Katie Pabody**

The Centennial Valley Association Drought Coordinator Katie Pabody joined the meeting via GoToMeeting.

**DNRC**

None

**Forest/BLM**

None

**State Lands**

None

**Dillon VFD**

None

**County Fire Warden**

None

**City of Dillon**

None

**Extension Service**

None

**Fish, Wildlife and Parks**

None

**Madison County DES Report**

None

**Watershed Report**

None

**Next Meeting**

The next Drought Task Force Meeting will be tentatively set for July 12, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse.

This meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

**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.

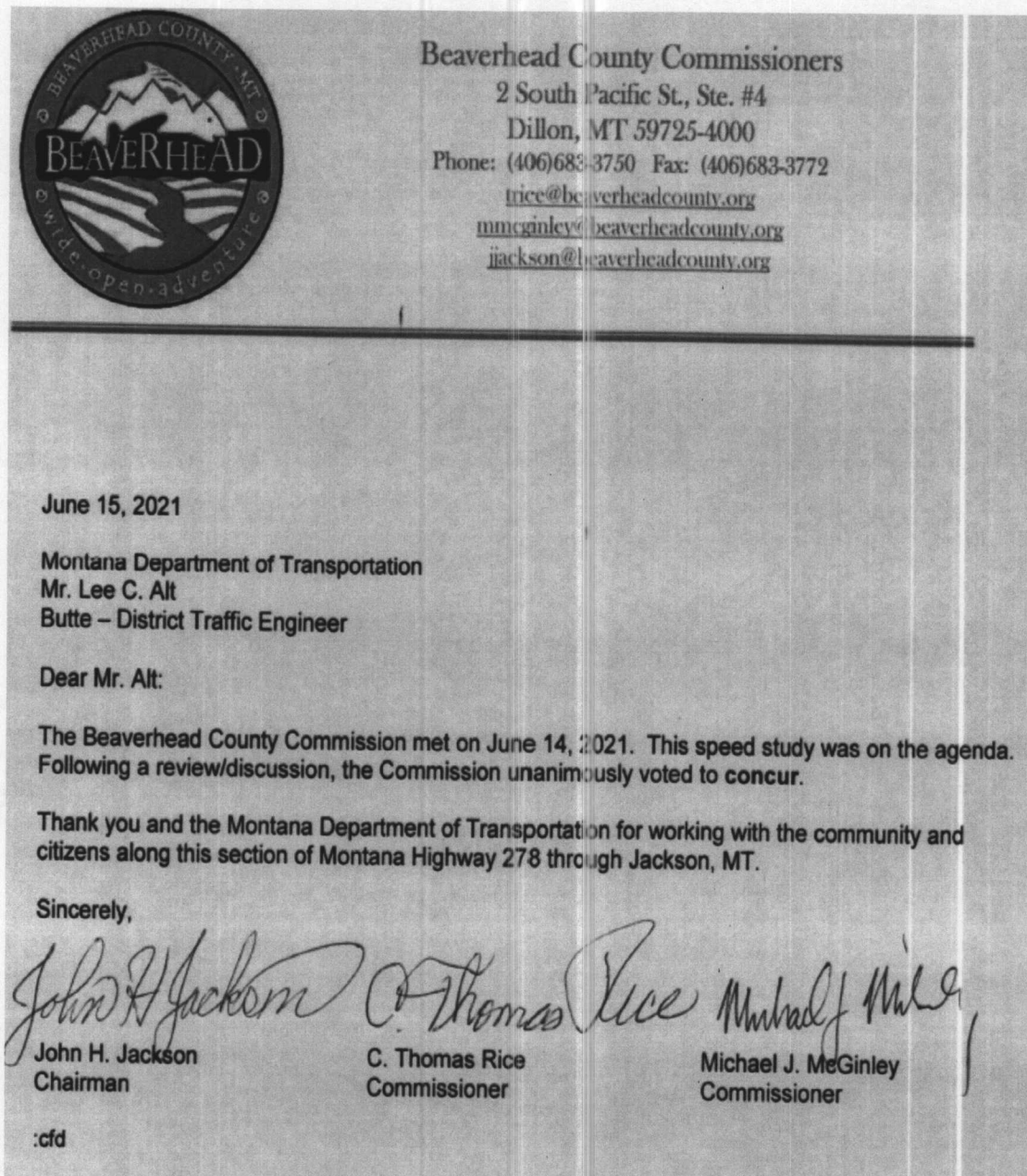
**Discussion & Action ~ Letter of Concurrence Jackson Speed Study**

Chairman Jackson began the discussion.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that a Letter of Concurrence for the Jackson Speed Study be written and submitted to Lee Alt. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the letter can be viewed below:





**Discussion & Action ~ Adoption Agreement for Eligible Governmental 457 Plan Including In-Plan Roth Rollover**

Commissioner McGinley began the discussion. This is Nationwide and gives Beaverhead County the authority to roll over an "In Plan Roth" account through Nationwide.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the Adoption Agreement for Eligible Governmental 457 Plan be signed and submitted. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Unfinished Business/Other Topics of Discussion**

Tyler Caron joined the meeting. He is looking for a project to do to get his Eagle Scout status. He gave a few ideas he has. His mother Tina Caron joined the meeting. The commissioners gave him several ideas as well. He will think them over and make a decision.

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 \$153,703.90, beginning with check #207375 and ending with check #207431. 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 3:00 p.m. for the Solid Waste Board Meeting.

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

Clerk of the Board

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

Chairman of the Board