

## August 23, 2021 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on August 23, 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. He stated that Schuler Lane has been dura patched. They are making sure the school bus routes are in good shape. Bob will be taking a trip up to the Centennial to look at a gravel pit.

Casey Elliott from the Tribune, Sheriff Paul Craft, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, County Attorney Jed Fitch and Facilities Manager Chris Booth joined the meeting. Chris stated that when we had the fire drill last week, he found out several issues that need to be remedied. He got ahold of Johnson Controls and a walk through is being scheduled regarding some of those issues. He also mentioned that landscaping around the new patio will be done mid-September weather permitting.

Tracy commented that 14 out of 32 folks have passed the annual Cyber Security Assessment test. He will send out a gentle reminder this week to the rest of the employees.

Paul mentioned the emergency lighting in Detention and Booking. It is not working; this was discovered last week during the fire drill as well. He mentioned that Facilities Services have been on the spot in fixing lights in the stairway to Detention and he thanked them. Paul met with Motorola last Friday and the ball is rolling for the video equipment for his projects.

Paul offered condolences to the Mathson family as word was received that Pam Mathson passed away. She worked as the Sheriff's Administrative Assistant for over 30 years.

He discussed the jail renovations and Commissioner McGinley stated that we need an official bid from RE Miller to turn in with the grant application for the Sally Port. Jed stated that there is still not much interest in the Deputy County Attorney position. There is a Justice Court trial coming up soon, so the costs for Jacy Suenram will be more.

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

### BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK August 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

#### DILLON AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Anderson, Bond, Sweetwater, Flynn, Highway 324 and Bloody Dick.
- Patched on Schuler Lane.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

#### LIMA AREA

- Bladed and watered Ruby Divide Road and Sage Creek Road.
- Bladed and rock raked Lima Dam Road.
- Road prep for dust abatement.
- Cleaned up debris from bridge installs from Lima Dam Road and Ruby Divide Road.
- Removed a beaver dam on Ruby Divide Road.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

#### WISDOM AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Twin Lakes, Little Lake Creek, Warm Springs, Steel Creek and in Jackson.
- Hauled gravel.
- Sign repair.
- Yard maintenance.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

**Action on Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the August 16, 2021 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the minutes of the August 16, 2021 meeting be approved with one change. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda****Treasurer's Report**

Cathy Huckle advised the commissioners that the report will be a bit late this month.

**Discussion & Action ~ Cell Tower Application Approval**

Planner Rob Macioroski joined the meeting and began the discussion. He presented the commissioners with pictures of the location. This is in between Dell and Kidd on Lee Martinell's property. This is a 75 x 75-foot lot.

Commissioner McGinley stated his concerns that approving this might be premature. He would like to know what the FAA's opinion of this is. He also referred to the Beaverhead County Ordinance 2002-1 Wireless Communication Facilities. He feels strongly that the tower MUST be lighted.

Rob said that he could add that condition to the approval form.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the Cell Tower Application be approved with a condition added stating that "the tower MUST be lit regardless of what the FAA says". A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

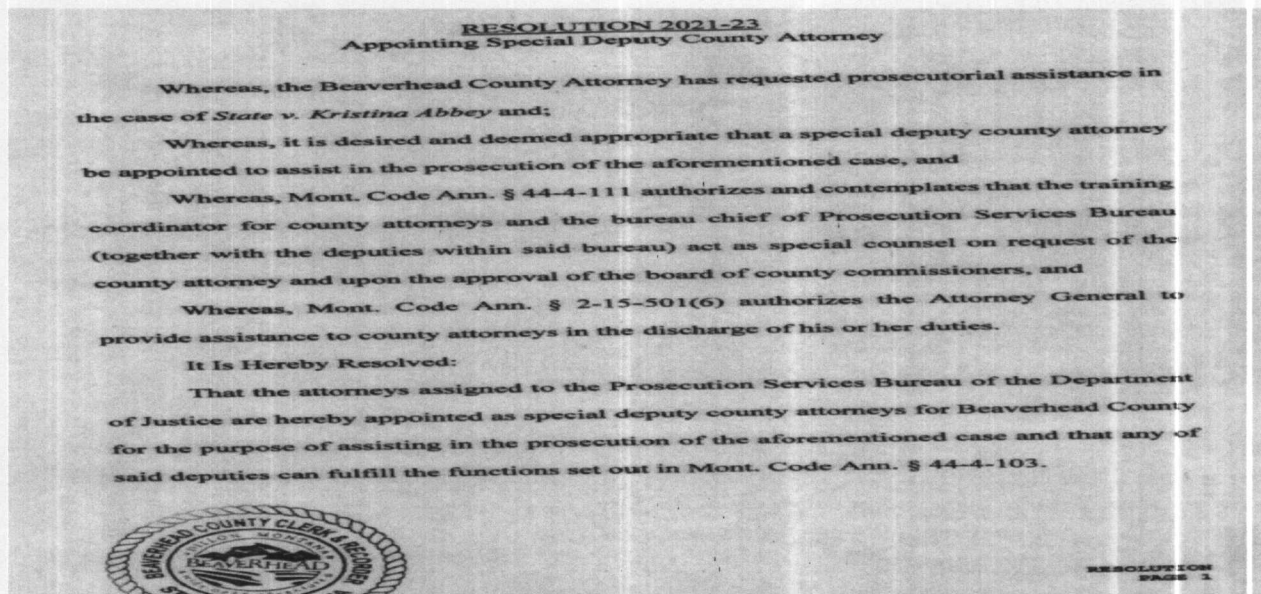
Rob stated that he spoke with Dan Cahill (Airport Board Chairman) and he would like Tom W. and Rob to attend the Airport Board meetings regarding improvements at the airport.

**Discussion & Action ~ Resolution 2021-23 – Appointing Special Deputy County Attorney**

County Attorney Jed Fitch joined the meeting and began the discussion. He explained that this appointment is for a case that involves the City of Dillon so there is a conflict of interest for his office. This will cost the county no money.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that Resolution 2021-23 – Appointing Special Deputy County Attorney be adopted. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



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It is Further Resolved:

That under the terms of this agreement, no fee will be charged for attorney time provided by the Bureau. Assistance in such cases is provided without an hourly fee. Witness fees and expenses, jury costs, and other normal costs associated with trial will be the County's responsibility as with all other prosecutions.

Dated this 23 day of AUGUST, 2021.

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
CLERK AND RECORDER

[Signature]  
COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

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COMMISSIONER

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COMMISSIONER

**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, 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 \$26,099.66, beginning with check #207825 and ending with check #207859. 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:

[Signature]  
Clerk of the Board

Approved:

[Signature]  
Chairman of the Board