

August 30, 2021 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on August 30, 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 stated that the school routes are just about done. It rained in the Centennial so the crew is up there blading the roads. The crew installed a culvert in Medicine Lodge.

County Attorney Jed Fitch, Superintendent of Schools Mike Miller, DES/Land Sanitarian Tom Wagenknecht, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Sheriff Paul Craft, Facilities Manager Chris Booth and Casey Elliott from the Tribune joined the meeting.

Tracy mentioned that Gibbonsville Road is a County Road as far as he can figure it according to the plat maps. He believes that the county could give the Forest Service permission to install a culvert. Jed concurred. Mike asked if it is on the gas tax map. Tracy will look and get back to him. Fred Hirschy has voiced concern regarding this because he owns some land in that area and claims that the Forest Service doesn't do good work.

Tracy commented that the gravel pit at Stibal is in a Sage Grouse core area, but it is on disturbed land so it shouldn't be too much of an issue. The DEQ has a rule permit which should be easier to apply for.

Chris stated that the heating project for law enforcement will start this next month. He will meet with Longie tomorrow to plan the landscaping for the patio area.

Mike Miller commented that the rural schools will begin this week except for Jackson. There are 3 new teachers this year. Linda has been training him and things are going great.

Paul said things are pretty much status quo. He called Matt Michelson last week because a pipe/culvert was crossing Forest Service land up by Stein Creek. The Forest Service has been contacted and it looks like they will be removing it.

Tom W. mentioned that he is coordinating things with Madison County regarding the food vendors for the Fair.

He received a phone call from BLM regarding the Mauer Mountain Radio site. Some of the frequencies have been bleeding over onto Forest Service frequencies. He suggested that a group of men including the Sheriff need to head up there to clean things up. Mike asked what Beaverhead County has in the old Building. Tracy has a list and will review it. Paul proposed that a meeting with the BLM be set. Tom W. will set something up. He would like Nick Hoem to head up there too as he has been instrumental with the radios.

Jed stated that they have several trials pending. He is still doing one week a month of chemotherapy.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK

August 22nd to August 28th, 2021
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Highway 324, Stoddard, Stone Creek, East Bench, Rebich, Frying Pan, Lovers Leap, White, Smith, Bolick, Lemhi Pass, and China Town.
- Installed a culvert on Medicine Lodge Road.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: South Valley, North Valley and Brundage.
- Dust abatement (magnesium chloride) and water applied on the following roads: Sage Creek, Big Sheep Creek, Steel Bridge and South Valley.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Bladed and watered on the following roads: Rock Creek, Steel Creek, and Twin Lakes and in Wisdom.
- Hauled gravel to Twin Lakes Road.
- Dust abatement applied in the area.
- Cattle guard repair.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the August 23, 2021 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the minutes of the August 23, 2021 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda

Tom W. rejoined the meeting to ask if the Wisdom Airport could be used for the fire operation folks. They are scaling back now and want to leave the camp here in Dillon. The Commissioners gave their permission.

Tom also asked about the revenue generated and if it could go to Search & Rescue. The Commissioners concurred that this would be a good idea.

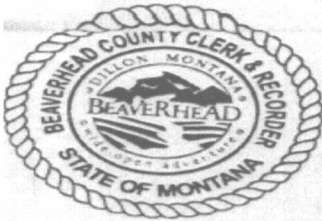
Treasurer Cathy Huckle joined the meeting and presented the July Cash Report.

Discussion & Action ~ Resolution 2021-22 – Beaverhead County Joining the National Moment of Remembrance of the 20th Anniversary of September 11th

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Resolution 2021-22 – Beaverhead County Joining the National Moment of Remembrance of the 20th Anniversary of September 11th be adopted. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Resolution can be viewed below:



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Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder
By: *[Signature]*

RESOLUTION 2021-22

Beaverhead County Joining the National Moment of Remembrance of the 20th Anniversary of September 11th

WHEREAS, the Beaverhead County Commissioners express their support of the United States Senate regarding coming together as a Nation and ceasing all work or other activity for a moment of remembrance beginning at 11:00 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time on September 11, 2021, in honor of the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks committed against the United States on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, at 8:46 a.m., on September 11, 2001, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York; and

WHEREAS, 17 minutes later, at 9:03 a.m., hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, at 9:37 a.m., the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77, the impact of which caused immediate and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 10:00 a.m., the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 acted heroically to retake control of the airplane and thwart the taking of additional American lives by crashing the airliner in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and, in doing so, gave their lives to save countless others; and

WHEREAS, nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the heinous attacks of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of individuals narrowly escaped the attacks at the Pentagon and World Trade Center and, as witnesses to this tragedy, are forever changed; and

WHEREAS, countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, governmental officials, workers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department of New York suffered 343 fatalities on September 11, 2001, the largest loss of life of any emergency response agency in United States history; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority Police Department suffered 37 fatalities in the attacks, the largest loss of life of any police force in United States history in a single day; and

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WHEREAS, the New York Police Department suffered 23 fatalities as a result of the terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, the impact of that day on public health continues through 2021, as nearly 90,000 people are at risk of or suffering from negative health effects as a result of the events of September 11, 2001, including 14,000 workers and 2,400 community residents who are sick, and tens of thousands of others whose health is being monitored; and

WHEREAS, 20 years later, the people of Beaverhead County and people around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that fateful day; and

WHEREAS, 20 years later, thousands of men and women in the United States Armed Forces remain in harm's way defending the United States against those who seek to threaten the United States; and

WHEREAS, on the 20th anniversary of this tragic day, the thoughts of the people of Beaverhead County are with all of the victims of the events of September 11, 2001 and their families; and

WHEREAS, the lives of Americans were changed forever on September 11, 2001, when events threatened the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Congress and the President joined together to designate September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance under the Serve America Act (Public Law 111-13; 123 Stat. 1460); and

WHEREAS, September 11 will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all people of Beaverhead County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Beaverhead County Commission:

(1) recognizes September 11, 2021, as a day of solemn commemoration of the events of September 11, 2001, and a day to come together as a Nation; and

(2) offers its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; and

(3) honors the heroic service, actions, and sacrifices of first responders, law enforcement personnel, State and local officials, volunteers, and countless others who aided the innocent victims of those attacks and, in doing so, bravely risked and often gave their own lives; and

(4) recognizes the valiant service, actions, and sacrifices of United States personnel, including members of the United States Armed Forces, the United States intelligence agencies, the United States diplomatic service, homeland security and law enforcement personnel, and their families, who have given so much, including their lives

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and well-being, to support the cause of freedom and defend the security of the United States; and

(5) reaffirms that the people of Beaverhead County will never forget the challenges our country endured on and since September 11, 2001, and will work tirelessly to defeat those who attack the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on the 20th anniversary of this tragic day in United States history the Beaverhead County Commissioners call upon all of the people and institutions of Beaverhead County to observe a moment of remembrance on September 11, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Beaverhead County Commissioners encourage the observance of the moment of remembrance to last for 1-minute beginning at 11:00 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time by, to the maximum extent practicable ceasing all work or other activity; and marking the moment in an appropriate manner, including by ringing bells, blowing whistles, or sounding sirens.

ADOPTED this 30th day of August, 2021

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY COMMISSION

BY: John H. Jackson
JOHN H. JACKSON
CHAIRMAN

Michael J. McGinley
MICHAEL J. MCGINLEY
COMMISSIONER

C. Thomas Rice
C. THOMAS RICE
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Stacey Reynolds
STACEY REYNOLDS
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

Discussion & Action ~ Rescind Resolution 2021-21 – Imposing Stage Two Fire Restrictions and Return Beaverhead County to Stage One Fire Restrictions

Commissioner Rice stated that other counties, DNRC and other entities are all going back to Stage One.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Resolution 2021-21 – Imposing Stage Two Fire Restrictions be **RESCINDED** and that Beaverhead County Return to Stage One Fire Restrictions. 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

Commissioner McGinley reviewed 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 \$55,780.49, beginning with check #207860 and ending with check #207955. 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:

Stacey Reynolds
Clerk of the Board

Approved:

John H. Jackson
Chairman of the Board

By: Kodifaird Deputy