

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 Hucke joined the meeting and presented the July Cash Report.

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

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 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup> be adopted. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Resolution can be viewed below: