October 12, 2021 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on October 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present: Chairman John H. Jackson, Commissioner Mike McGinley, and their Assistant Cindy Decker. Commissioner C. Thomas Rice was absent as his wife is having surgery.

Updates on County Projects

Road Supervisor Bob Ferris was busy plowing snow this morning. Public Works Secretary Jamie Flynn joined the meeting. County Attorney Jed Fitch, Superintendent of Schools Mike Miller, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer and Dillon resident Scott Jones joined the meeting.

Jed reported that he is back on chemo this week. Sentencing is today for the homicide that happened a year and half ago. The felony case load is the highest it's ever been. Jed commented that there are two missing persons in Beaverhead County right now. There will be a jury trial this week in Justice Court. Victim Advocate Kayla Patrick attended the Board of Crime Control conference and connected with other Victim Witness Advocates.

Mike Miller mentioned that the rural school's enrollment count is complete; 58 children in all 6 rural schools. He has had several requests from folks wanting the list of the numbers which he will send out without names; just the numbers. Mike has been to the Wisdom School board meeting and will be heading out to Grant tonight and then Lima tomorrow night for informational purposes only.

Tracy stated that Tom Dunne (Dunne Communications) told him that we should not move the national weather service from the Maurer site. He also commented that Bob Ferris will head up to the Stibal's with him tomorrow to meet with the BLM about the gravel pit.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK
October 3rd to October 9th, 2021
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA
- Bladed on the following road: Carter Creek and Sweetwater.
- Hauled gravel on Bannack Pass (Highway 324).
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA
- Hauled gravel and bladed on South Valley Road.
- Replaced a culvert on South Valley Road.
- Removed willows on the shoulder of South Valley Road.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA
- Shop cleaning.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the October 4, 2021 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the minutes of the October 4, 2021 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda

Discussion & Action ~ Weskamp 2 Minor Subdivision ~ Preliminary Plat Approval

Land owner Jan Weskamp, Land Sanitarian Tom Wagenknecht, Surveyor Ray Gross and Planner Rob Macioroski joined the meeting. Rob began the discussion by reading the Findings of Fact and the Site Specific Conditions aloud. This was an original subdivision that was 39 acres, so when they wanted to split this off, they had to do a subsequent minor subdivision. Basically, this puts the house on one tract and the trailer house on the other one. Mike asked if there are covenants to which Jan replied that there are not any.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the Weskamp 2 Subsequent Minor Subdivision Preliminary Plat be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action ~ Xanthopoulos Minor Subdivision ~ Preliminary Plat Approval

GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Land Sanitarian Tom Wagenknecht, Surveyor Ray Gross and Planner Rob Macioroski remained in the meeting for this agenda item. Rob began the discussion by reading the Findings of Fact and Site-Specific Conditions aloud.
Commission McGinley would like condition number 8 to include the wording "the fire department must approve the "t" turnaround by submitting a letter stating the same". Also, condition number 17 should state that the new name for the road **shall** be approved by the GIS Coordinator. Address signs shall be installed when homes are built.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the Variance Request be granted/approved because of the size of these lots. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the Xanthopoulos Minor Subdivision Preliminary Plat be approved with the additions mentioned above. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Invoices

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of $174,333.97, beginning with check #208191 and ending with check #208256. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

Adjourn

At 12:00 noon, Chairman Jackson adjourned the meeting for lack of quorum as Commissioner McGinley left the meeting to travel for the WIR Conference in Salt Lake City and Commissioner Rice was absent as his wife is having surgery.

Attest: P Reynolds
Clerk of the Board

Approved: John H Jackson
Chairman of the Board