

November 8, 2021 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on November 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present: Vice Chairman C. Thomas Rice, Commissioner Mike McGinley and their Assistant Cindy Decker. Chairman John H. Jackson was absent.

Updates on County Projects

Road Supervisor Bob Ferris and Public Works Secretary Jamie Flynn joined the meeting. Bob stated that they installed a culvert up Sage Creek. The cement is poured at Rock Creek Bridges. It will have to cure for a couple days.

Commissioner McGinley stated that late last Friday, the Infrastructure Bill was passed that had the SRS in it so it is back to a three-year schedule at the 2017 rates. He also commented that the ARPA money can now be used for any governmental purpose (under \$10 million) instead of just broad band or water/sewer.

Justice of the Peace Candy Hoerning, Justice Court Clerk Cheryl Power, Jail Commander Dan Fields, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools Mike Miller, Chief of Police Assistant Randi Braddock and her husband Adam, Assistant Chief of Police Jeremy Alvarez, Clerk & Recorder Stacey Reynolds, County Attorney Assistant Montana Mantei, Victim Witness Advocate Kayla Patrick and Casey Elliott from the Tribune joined the meeting.

Mike Miller will be going to Wise River today for a parent teacher conference and then a school board meeting later in Jackson.

Tracy is working on the Stibal Lane gravel pit. The BLM application is submitted, the Sage Grouse core area is submitted and he is currently working on the DEQ permit.

Jim stated that West Electric has 3 of the 6 units for the Law Enforcement HVACS done. RE Miller is starting this morning on the Sally Port. He mentioned that DEQ sent a notice that they have changed some laws on the underground fuel tank so he has contacted the people that do the testing so we should be fine.

Tracy stated that we will have to pull the cable for Three Rivers after all, from the County Attorney's office to dispatch.

Stacey has been looking into using credit cards in her office for payments; she elaborated. The commissioners expressed their approval and will draft a letter stating the same.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK October 31st to November 6th, 2021 Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Schoolhouse, Bolick and Hogsback.
- Installed a culvert on Sage Creek Road.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Sage Creek and Big Sheep Creek.
- Removed and installed a culvert on Sage Creek Road.
- Hauled gravel on Sage Creek Road.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Lower North Fork and Steel Creek.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the November 1, 2021 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the minutes of the November 1, 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 ~ Appointment of Justice of the Peace**

Commissioner McGinley read a letter aloud that was received this morning from Don Guiberson withdrawing his name from consideration for the appointment as the Justice of the Peace.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that Ms. Randi Braddock be appointed as the new Justice of the Peace with her term to begin on December 1, 2021. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Randi expressed her appreciation for this opportunity. She will try her best to continue the dignity and legacy that has been present over the years with Candy Hoerning. Candy stated that both of the candidates were excellent choices and it had to be a very difficult decision. She said that she will be training Randi to help make this a smooth transition. Randi will be sworn in on November 29.

Discussion ~ Headwaters RC&D Report

Julie Jaksa, Lynette Hale and Taylor Lovell joined the meeting. Kelly Sullivan has been very busy doing grants. Julie commented about the new grant for the workforce; they are working on a workforce coalition.

Taylor elaborated on the business plan competition (BOSS – Building Our Student Success) for students in grades 7-12 which will promote entrepreneurship in SW Montana's youth.

Lynette just recently became their PTAC person and explained her role.

Recess

At 12:00 noon, recessed the meeting. At 1:30 p.m., Vice Chairman C. Thomas Rice reconvened the meeting with Commissioner McGinley and their Assistant Cindy Decker present. Chairman Jackson was absent.

General Municipal Election Canvas

Clerk & Recorder Stacey Reynolds joined the meeting and began the discussion. She handed the commissioners a printout of the election results and went over the numbers with them.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the 2021 Municipal General Election Canvas be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

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 \$136,129.30, beginning with check #208380 and ending with check #208451. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

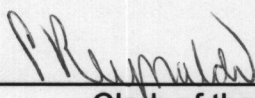
Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction

There were no public comments.

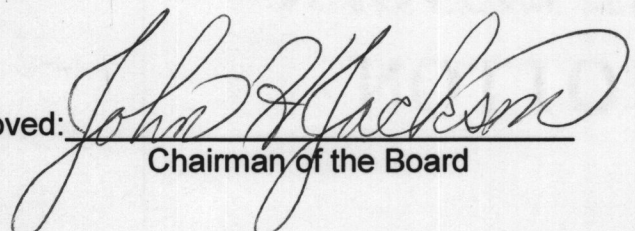
Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attest:


Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Chairman of the Board