

November 22, 2021 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on November 22, 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. Jamie mentioned that a performance bond for Medicine Lodge Timber Sale bond needs to be signed.

Casey Elliott from the Tribune, Facilities Assistant Jim Sivils, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, County Attorney Jed Fitch and Jail Commander Dan Fields joined the meeting.

Jed stated that his new Deputy starts today and will be sworn in. He also mentioned that he will be gone to Billings December 2-5 for the annual County Attorney training.

Tracy commented that RE Miller will start crushing gravel for the pit up at Big Sheep. He is working with Jed on the Clenera Ten Mile Road Easement issue.

Dan said that they are still waiting on parts for the jail renovation and are hoping that by February 1st the project will be underway. There is a new paging system for fire/ambulance/search & rescue set up in the Sheriff's Office.

Jim stated that the concrete pad in the Sally Port should be done by the end of next week. The parking lot in the Presbyterian church will be worked on the next two weeks. Jim also reported that Chris Booth will be coming home this coming Wednesday. It is not known at this time when or if he will return to work.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK
November 14th to November 20th, 2021
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Rock Creek and Blacktail.
- New bridge construction project on Rock Creek Road.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Bladed and watered on Little Sheep Creek Road.
- Mowed the shoulders on the following roads: Gleed, Steel Bridge, and Gravley.
- Sign repair on Gosman Lane and Fitters Lane.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Steel Creek, Lower North Fork and in Wisdom.
- New bridge construction project on Rock Creek Road.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the November 15, 2021 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the minutes of the November 15, 2021 meeting be approved with a change. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda

Commissioner McGinley gave a brief update on the WCT/PCT for the county. He mentioned that we should probably go out for another RFP for the County's insurance agent soon.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Cathy Huckle joined the meeting and presented the October Cash Report. It is good to see that the ARPA money is now in an interest-bearing account. Cathy advised that the Drivers' Licensing will be open 4 days a week beginning in February of 2022.

Discussion ~ Swearing in of Newly Hired Deputy County Attorney

County Attorney Jed Fitch joined the meeting and introduced Jennifer Morgan. Justice of the Peace Candy Hoerning, Attorney Jacy Suenram, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Clerk & Recorder Stacey Reynolds, Jail Commander Dan Fields, Paralegal Montana Mantei and Victim/Witness Advocate Kayla Patrick joined the meeting.

Jed remarked that it is a State requirement to have Ms. Morgan sworn in. He also commented that Jennifer has an LLM in Health Care Law which is an advanced degree.

Chairman Jackson called for comment from the public; being none, he called for the question:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the commissioners accept Jed Fitch's recommendation to hire Jennifer Morgan as the new Deputy County Attorney. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Judge Hoerning swore Jennifer Morgan in and she was welcomed aboard.

Discussion ~ Appoint On-Call Engineering Firm for County

Commissioner McGinley began the discussion and the other commissioners presented their score sheets and tallied them up.

As a matter of record, it was advertised in the Dillon Tribune for two weeks that Beaverhead County intends to hire a firm to provide general engineering and/or grant administration services related to the County's infrastructure on an on-call basis. Mike commented that a county may actually have more than one On-Call Engineering firm on the rolls.

The City of Dillon has WWC as their firm and he suggested that we have them on our rolls to deal with the water issue at the fairgrounds; and that we hire Great West for infrastructure

Planner Rob Macioroski joined the meeting and presented his score sheet as well.

Chairman Jackson called for comment from the public.

Being none, Chairman Jackson called for the question:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that Great West remain as our On-Call Engineering Firm and that it is understood that WWC will help us with the water problems at the fairgrounds. 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.

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 \$17,070.69, beginning with check #208487 and ending with check #208516. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction

There were no public comments.

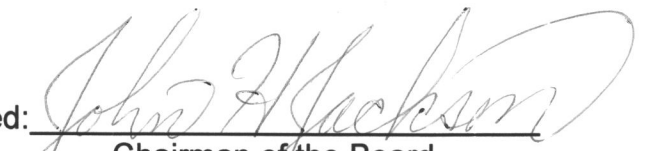
Adjourn

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