

December 13, 2021 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on December 13, 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 Rock Creek Bridges project is complete. The crew has been blading a few roads and hauling gravel on Stone Creek. The byway and Lemhi Pass will be closed by this Friday the 17th.

County Attorney Jed Fitch, Facilities Assistant Jim Sivils, Casey Elliott from the Tribune, Superintendent of Schools Mike Miller and GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer joined the meeting.

Jed stated that he has advised that the signs need to be removed from Buster Brown Road. As of yet, the signs are still there. This is a County road up to Timber Creek. Jed will reach out to the attorney involved. He will also reach out to the owner of the LaCense as Buster Brown Road runs through there as well.

Jed also mentioned a letter he received from a resident who tried to access land by Lakeview Road which is across the Clark Canyon Dam. The issue is that there is a locked gate on a public road that crosses the Bureau of Rec onto BLM property. Tracy said that in the subdivision plat it says "private road" with five parcels. He stated that that wording should not be on the COS. Jed will be doing more research on this subject. He also stated that the new Deputy County Attorney is doing well and that he plans on filing for re election in January.

Jed also advised that the Dillon City attorney will be resigning effective December 31, 2021. Currently, the city will not accept any of the county's cases which are conflict cases. Jed is concerned that his case load may pick up because of this as his office is sworn to do justice regardless of the logistics. Of course, the County Attorney's Office already does many of the city's cases because they are felonies.

Mike Miller will be headed to Melrose today regarding track meets. He will be in Polaris on Wednesday. The county spelling bee will be February 16, 2022.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK December 5th to December 11th, 2021 Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Birch Creek and Sweetwater.
- Hauled gravel and bladed on Stone Creek Road.
- Plowed snow on the Pioneer Mountain Scenic Byway.
- Cleaned a culvert on Highway 324.
- Gravel pit test holes on South Valley Road.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Mowed shoulders on Big Sheep Creek Road.
- Spot repair on Big Sheep Creek Road.
- Dug test holes for Stibal Lane gravel pit.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Culvert repair on Twin Lakes Road.
- New employee training.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.