

December 20, 2021 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on December 20, 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 said that the crew has finally had to plow snow. The road closed sign is up at Lakeview.

Sheriff Paul Craft, County Attorney Jed Fitch, Facilities Assistant Jim Sivils, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools Mike Miller and DES Coordinator Tom Wagenknecht joined the meeting.

Jed stated that the county is signed up for the Opioid Settlement Agreement as of today. Jed mentioned again that the Dillon City Attorney is done as of December 31 so Jed's office has offered short term assistance to them until that spot is filled.

Paul said that the electronic lock bids have been sent out. He hopes that by Feb 1, 2022 the jail renovations will begin. The sally port upgrade looks good.

Tom W. asked where we are for the upgrade for the EOC for Search & Rescue. Paul will check into that this week. Tom also brought up the transformers in the outside breezeway between Tracy and Paul's offices and the fact that they are currently a huge hazard. He requested that the commissioners draft a letter to NW Energy asking them for assistance with this issue. Jed will help with the content.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK December 12th to December 18th, 2021 Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Plowed snow on the following roads: Pioneer Mountain Scenic Byway, Horse Prairie, Elkhorn and local roads.
- Closed the Pioneer Mountain Scenic Byway and Lemhi Pass Road.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Plowed snow on the South Valley Road.
- Sign installation on Lima Dam Road and South Valley Road.
- Mowed on Big Sheep Creek Road.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Plowed snow on the following roads: Upper North Fork, Lower North Fork, Lower Bender Creek, Lower Mussigbrod, Skinner Meadows, Miner Lake, Little Lake Creek, and Gibbonsville.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the December 13, 2021 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the minutes of the December 13, 2021 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.