

December 27, 2021 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on December 27, 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 is on vacation. Public Works Secretary Jamie Flynn joined the meeting. Darin Morast is filling in for Bob and advised that the crew will be working on the snow plow that is broke down.

The entire county is saddened by the tragic and sudden death of the county road crew mechanic Mike Marsh. The Commissioners offer their deepest condolences to his family.

GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Deputy County Attorney Jennifer Morgan, Facilities Assistant Jim Sivils, Sheriff Paul Craft and Casey Elliott from the Tribune joined the meeting.

Paul stated that Tom Dunne was out in the Big Hole last week checking the two radios out there. Paul had pushed him about getting going on the grant.

Tracy mentioned that he has heard that the Forest Service plans on charging \$1,400 rent for radio sites per year. It is unclear right now if this applies to local government too. Tracy and Paul will do more research.

Jim stated that he will be starting on the light fixtures in the jail this week to get that project going before prisoners have to be moved for the main project. He will be replacing the door to a storage room this week that is in ill repair.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK
December 19th to December 25th, 2021
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Plowed snow on the local roads.
- Hauled gravel on Stone Creek Road.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Plowed snow on the Lima Dam Road and South Valley Road.
- Cleared and hauled willows on Bimat Lane.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Plowed snow on the following roads: Steel Creek, Gibbonsville, Upper and Lower North Fork, Lower Bender Creek, Moose Creek, Twin Lakes and Lower Mussigbrod.
- Shop cleaning.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the December 20, 2021 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the minutes of the December 20, 2021 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda

Mike mentioned that a letter needs to be written to NW Energy regarding the transformers in the breezeway.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Cathy Hucke joined the meeting and presented the November Cash Report. She mentioned that it has been nice this year because most folks are paying their taxes in full rather than just half now and half in six months. There are only 39% remaining taxes to be paid.

Appointments to Various County Boards**Airport Board**

There are 2 three-year terms expiring this year. Letters of interest have been received from Dan Cahill and Mike Blinn.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Dan Cahill and Mike Blinn be reappointed to the Airport Board with their terms to expire on December 31, 2024. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Airport Appeals Board

There are 2 five-year terms expiring this year. Letters of interest have been received from Scott Marsh and Steve Cottom.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Scott Marsh and Steve Cottom be reappointed to the Airport Appeals Board with his term to expire December 31, 2026. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Cemetery Board

There is 1 three-year term expiring this year. A letter of interest has been received from Mike Richardson.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Mike Richardson be reappointed to the Cemetery Board with his term to expire on December 31, 2024. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Fair Board

There are 2 three-year terms expiring this year. Letters of interest have been received from three individuals who are currently not on the board: Jessica Murray, Will Shirley and Alan Jenne. The outgoing members are Cathy Konen and Jules Marchessault.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Jessica Murray and Will Shirley and be appointed to the Fair Board with their terms to expire on December 31, 2024. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for Alan Jenne's interest to serve on the board.

Livestock Protective Committee

There is 1 two-year term expiring this year. Two letters of interest have been received: Jules Marchesseault and Dean Peterson.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Dean Peterson be reappointed to the Livestock Protective Committee with his term to expire on December 31, 2023. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for Jules Marchesseault's interest in serving on the board.

Museum Board

There are 3 three-year terms expiring this year. Letters of interest have been received from Donna Jones, John Garry and Neal Straus.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that Donna Jones, John Garry and Neal Straus be reappointed to the Museum Board with their terms to expire on December 31, 2024. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Planning Board

Planner Rob Macioroski and Planning Assistant Rochelle Hoerning joined the meeting. There are 4 two-year terms expiring this year. Letters of interest have been received from Kelly Rowe, Kristen Bailey, Larry Volkening, Vana Taylor and Lee Ann Jenne. Mike asked Rob if the 4 incumbents have been active to which Rob replied yes, he recommends reappointing them.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that Kelly Rowe, Larry Volkening, Kristen Bailey and Vana Taylor be reappointed to the Planning Board with their terms to expire December 31, 2023. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for LeeAnn Jenne's interest in serving on the board.

Solid Waste Board

There are 2 three-year terms expiring this year. One letter of interest has been received from John Jackson. The Commissioners will be searching for volunteers for the other open position.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that John Jackson be reappointed to the Solid Waste Board with his term to expire on December 31, 2024. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Tax Appeal Board

There is 1 three-year term expiring this year. A letter of interest has been received from Jason Karch.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Jason Karch be reappointed to the Tax Appeal Board with his term to expire December 31, 2024. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Weed Control Board

There are 2 three-year terms expiring this year. Letters of interest have been received from Dean Stanchfield and Carter Butori.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that Dean Stanchfield and Carter Butori be reappointed to the Weed Control Board with their terms to expire on December 31, 2024. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

City/County Board of Health

There are 2 three-year terms expiring this year.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Megan Evans and Nicole Hazelbaker be reappointed to the City/County Board of Health with their terms to expire on December 31, 2024. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action ~ Boundary Relocation Within Platted Subdivision/Crystal Air

Clerk & Recorder Stacey Reynolds and Surveyor Travis Wilson joined the meeting. Stacey began the discussion stating that this will be the sixth boundary relocation for this one. She has spoken with Tara Depew about this and she advised that the Commissioners need to approve this since it's the sixth one. This property is off of Hwy 278. This particular boundary relocation needs to be done because the line goes right through a house.

Eric Wendland joined the meeting late.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the boundary relocation within the Crystal Air subdivision be approved. 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 \$135,490.52, beginning with check #208722 and ending with check #208754. 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: P Reynolds
Clerk of the Board

Approved: John H Jackson
Chairman of the Board