

## January 31, 2022 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on January 31, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present: Chairman Michael J. McGinley, Commissioner C. Thomas Rice, Commissioner John H. Jackson and their Assistant Cindy Decker.

### Pledge of Allegiance

At this time, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance aloud to begin the day.

### Updates on County Projects

Road Supervisor Bob Ferris joined the meeting. He stated that the crew fixed some cattle guards. Bob also stated that interviews were conducted and the committee recommends hiring Gene Longie.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the Commissioners agree with the hiring committee's recommendation that Gene Longie be hired to fill the vacant Road Mechanic position. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

He will start on February 7, 2022.

Facilities Manager Chris Booth, County Attorney Jed Fitch, Sheriff Paul Craft, Casey Elliott from the Tribune, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Planning Board Chairman Larry Volkening and Planning Board member Ken Scalzone joined the meeting.

Chris stated that he still has not heard back from Johnson Controls but has left him a voicemail this morning. This is for the panel upgrade with the new emergency lights etc.

Paul said that he has been busy doing some interdepartmental reconfigurations as far as equipment and logistics go. He did receive confirmation that the parts for the jail will ship on February 7, 2022. Paul hopes to start that project very soon.

Chairman McGinley stated that the Coroner vacancy will be addressed next Monday. The green suburban (county vehicle) will possibly serve as the Coroner vehicle.

Jed commented that his office is plenty busy. Thorin Giest is on the last of his cases that he took during Jed's absence.

Chairman McGinley commented that the commissioners received a letter regarding ski joring in Wisdom. This will be on the agenda next Monday.

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

#### BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK January 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

##### DILLON AREA

- Plowed snow on the following areas: Horse Prairie, Scenic Byway, Polaris and Wise River.
- Fixed a cattle guard on Hogsback Road.
- Cleaned a cattle guard on Albers Lane.
- Attended a "One Call" before you dig workshop.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

##### LIMA AREA

- Attended a "One Call" before you dig workshop.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

##### WISDOM AREA

- Plowed snow on the following roads: Twin Lakes, Rock Creek, River, Big Lake Creek,
- Attended a "One Call" before you dig workshop.
- Shop cleaning.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.