

February 22, 2022 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on February 22, 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.

For posterity sake, it should be noted that today is 22222 and is "Tues"-day! Also, the wind chill temperature this morning was -37 at the airport.

Updates on County Projects

Road Supervisor Bob Ferris did not join the meeting today because he had training all day.

Clerk & Recorder Stacey Reynolds, County Attorney Jed Fitch, Sheriff Paul Craft, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools Mike Miller and Facilities Manager Chris Booth joined the meeting.

Jed stated that he will back here at 11:00 but he has District Court early today. He stated that his office may be having a trial soon that will have some up-front costs. He will be wanting to discuss budget issues soon with the commissioners. His case load is "off the charts" right now.

Paul said that the transitions to the Coroner position were easy and smooth. The ambulance is in process of being turned into the Coroner's vehicle. He has spoken with the outgoing Coroner regarding the files and records. He will make arrangements to get them moved to our storage shed. Chairman McGinley asked Chris to get the keys for the storage shed so we can put those Coroner files in there.

Paul said that Premier Plumbing was in taking a look at things in Detention last week so they'll be ready by March 7.

Stacey said that she attended a conference last week and they said that the county should have a FOIA (freedom of information act) policy in place. She handed out an example of the same for the commissioners to look at and consider for each department.

Stacey also said that a big topic of discussion was cyber security and that a task force should be formed in the county. She stated that the county should look at getting a sign for the stairs and the ADA compliant entrance sign for the courthouse.

Mike Miller said that Mike Gordon will be giving out kindles to the schools. The spelling bee was last Wednesday and it went off without a hitch. He had four Youth Challenge Cadets that helped out tremendously.

The Science Fair will be held at the Keltz Arena on March 11, 2022.

Tracy said that he worked on phones last week. He stated that we need to get some computers ordered soon. He has been pushing DIS to get the server moved from downstairs because of the intense heat.

Chairman McGinley said that Barretts' Minerals called this morning with concerns that when truckers type "Barretts' Minerals" into Google, it sends them North to various parts of the county. This will be on the agenda on March 7 to deal with this addressing issue.

Chris said that Jake Hale got back to him about the carpet estimate. It is \$18,000 for the Multipurpose Room, the main front hall of courthouse including the staircase and the area in front of District Court. He also broke it out into separate projects and Chris will get that to the commissioners soon. The earliest he could do it would be June or July. Johnson Controls emailed Chris about the panels in the Sheriff's Office.