

March 7, 2022 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on March 7, 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 reported that more snow is expected this week. They will be working on the bridge on Corinne Trail.

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

Chris stated that they had to come in this last weekend to plow snow. He also said that the underground fuel storage tank was inspected by Mile High Petroleum. Chairman McGinley said that we plan on having a fire drill this week to check the emergency lights. Each Department Head will stay in their area to check the emergency lighting in and around their offices.

Tracy commented that he is working on the fuel tax maps.

Mike Miller has been working on home school enrollment. The rural school science fair will be this Friday at Keltz Arena.

Paul said that he would like the Byway opened up sooner than usual because of the fact that there is no ambulance in Wise River. Bob stated that he could do that but not for several weeks.

The inmates were transferred successfully so Detention can be worked on.

Jed said that he working on the litigation record and they are very busy. He will be coming in to discuss his budget with the commissioners.

Stacey said that she has promoted Tina Caron to Chief Deputy Clerk & Recorder/Land Record Supervisor.

Mike also mentioned that Beaverhead County has completed the Work Safe Champions and was awarded a plaque. Our MOD factor was reduced substantially and he congratulated Cindy, Kari, John and Chris. This plaque is displayed in the Commissioners' Board room of the Courthouse.

Mike commented that our DES Coordinator Tom Wagenknecht was awarded the President's Award. He was congratulated by all present and was presented with a life size photo of him with his trophy as a fun joke. Everyone got a kick out of it!

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK February 27th to March 5th, 2022 Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Plowed snow on the following roads: Pioneer Mountain Scenic Byway, Old Canyon Road, Bannaek Pass (Hwy 324) and local roads.
- Bladed on the following roads: Sweetwater, Stevenson, Flynn and Ten Mile.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Bladed and rock raked on Big Sheep Creek Road.
- Bladed on Sage Creek Road.
- Plowed snow on the South Valley Road.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Plowed snow on the following roads: Steel Creek, Little Lake Creek, Jackson dump, Big Lake Creek, Big Swamp Creek, Lower North Fork, Wisdom, Skinner Meadows, and Miner Lake.
- Sand at Wisdom dump and Steel Creek Road and in Wisdom.
- Brush trim on the Lower and Upper North Fork Roads.
- Tree brush trim burning at the Wisdom dump.
- Shop maintenance.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.