

April 4 & 5, 2022 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on April 4 & 5, 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 several of his crew members attended MACRS last week. They will be hauling gravel this week. He still needs get a culvert in the third water passage on Corinne Trail. Chairman McGinley suggested that the crew start some Mag Chloride even though there isn't any moisture; especially on Ten Mile and Stone Creek because of new gravel surfaces. Bob also said that "pot hole" season is in full swing. The oil for the durapatch machine is going to be ridiculously expensive. McGinley advised that SRS funds are expected to be deposited any day now.

Casey Elliott from the Tribune, Facilities Jim Sivils, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools Mike Miller, Sheriff Paul Craft and County Attorney Jed Fitch joined the meeting.

Paul said that Tom Dunne is on his way to Maurer right now and will be installing two repeaters; one for Dillon South and one for 966. This will put us closer to putting the grant to bed. Ellis is still under too much snow.

Also, he has gotten info from NOA that they want to go into the IM site. He is leaning towards having them put up another smaller guy tower that is at least 50 feet away from our tower stuff. In the contract, it needs to be stated that if their radio interferes with our emergency communications, we have the right to shut them down. He has heard that NOA has trouble with interference almost everywhere they go. Jed will assist with this contract.

As far as the jail project goes, the floors got their last clear coat on and need to dry for another two days. He will hold an open house on April 12 from 3 pm to 7 pm. Paul will advertise this on his Facebook page and Cindy will put an ad in the Tribune and the radio. The Chamber of Commerce will actually conduct a ribbon cutting ceremony right at 3 pm. The public will enter through the Sally Port and tour the jail only.

Jim will start up the generators this morning as a test to be sure that they are working before the predicted storm arrives. Chairman McGinley advised that Facilities Manager Chris booth has resigned so we will be looking for a replacement. Jim Sivils will be retiring in June.

Tracy has 3 out of 4 computers installed in the Treasurer's Office. He advised that there are 6 people that have not completed the Cyber Security annual assessment. He has started on the Stibal gravel pit and has tried to light a fire under the BLM to get their archeological report going so that might take a while. He hasn't heard anything from Barrett's Minerals regarding the address change.

Mike Miller has a Wisdom school board meeting this Tuesday. He would like them to hire a PE and Health teacher to travel to each rural school.

Jed said that there are a lot of difficult child victim cases going on right now. Jennifer has been working hard. He advised that Chief Guiberson will be retiring at the end of this month.

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