

April 11, 2022 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on April 11, 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 and began the discussion. He said that the crew plowed snow up at Elkhorn. The crew also hauled some gravel up on Stone Creek and are putting in a culvert on Buffalo Dr today which the ditch company bought.

County Attorney Jed Fitch, Casey Elliott from the Tribune, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Facilities Jim Sivils, Superintendent of Schools Mike Miller and DES/Land Sanitarian Tom Wagenknecht joined the meeting.

Tracy said that he has still been busy working on the new computers.

Mike Miller said that he will be busy for the next two weeks with school board meetings, teacher evaluations and the spring conference in Lewistown.

Tom W. commented that he has continually been working on more and more septic permits. He and Joyce will be headed to an Environmental Health Conference this week. Tom said he has several other conferences lined up in the next two months.

There was more discussion regarding the removal of the transformers from the breezeway. Chairman McGinley will call NW Energy and West Electric again and light a fire under them to get those removed.

Nick Hoem and Tom Dunne replaced the repeaters up at Maurer last week. The generator will be moved from the old site and put on Butler.

Jim commented that the air conditioners have been installed in the Sheriffs' dispatch room. Also, air conditioners will be installed out in the building in the breezeway to keep the computers cool during the summer.

Jed said that Jennifer is in San Antonio attending a conference this week. Their case load continues to climb.

Sheriff Paul Craft joined the meeting late. He estimates that the bill for the entire jail renovation, including the bill for the prisoners in Gallatin County, is roughly \$150,000.

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