

April 18, 2022 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on April 18, 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 has been busy plowing snow and said that there was more snow right in town than almost anywhere except Horse Prairie!

Casey Elliott from the Tribune, Facilities Jim Sivils, County Attorney Jed Fitch, Sheriff Paul Craft, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Planner Rob Macioroski, Public Works Secretary Jamie Flynn, Land Sanitarian/DES Coordinator Tom Wagenknecht, Food Sanitarian Joyce Pollastro, Treasurer Cathy Hucke and Superintendent of Schools Mike Miller joined the meeting.

Rob said that there was a Flood Plain audit two weeks ago and it went fairly well. They did inform him however, that the new Flood Plain maps won't be adopted until later this fall. There was a Planning Board meeting last week and are hoping to have the growth policy completed by the end of May. There was one Family Transfer that was rejected and one will be approved today.

Mike Miller will be gone to Lewistown most of this week for the annual Superintendent of Schools spring meeting. The number of folks filing for all six rural schools trustee positions equals the number of empty spots, so all six elections were canceled. The only school election will be for District 10 where there are four candidates for two spots.

Paul commented that the jail is back up and functioning. There have been no applications for the open detention position so he will need to rethink that position. There are 16 inmates down there right now. Paul has spoken with Mike West (West Electric) and he has been in contact with NW Energy. It appears that most of the cost for removing the transformers will be covered by NW Energy.

Tom W. asked what the timeline will be and that is unsure. Paul spoke with the city about the backup power situation. He would like a 1000-gallon underground tank; a variance from the city would have to be obtained. Paul will meet later today with Tom W. and Tracy regarding this.

Tom W. said that he got a 30-day extension for the 911 grant. He commented that Rochelle is out on maternity leave for at least 6 weeks. Cindy, Joyce and Jamie will help fill in during her absence.

The Dillon Volunteer Fire Department has received 27 brand new SCBA's (self-contained breathing apparatus); this was covered by City Fire Department ARPA funds.

Joyce mentioned that most of the restaurant inspections are completed. She said her microbiology final is next week and then the State exam will follow sometime before next October.

Cathy H. presented the March Cash Report. The SRS money still has not come but is expected by May 1.

There are two facilities positions open; lead maintenance and custodian. The advertisement will be in the papers this week and next. The opening closes on April 29.

Jed commented that he is currently working on some civil cases along with the heavy criminal load.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK
April 10th to April 16th, 2022
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Plowed snow on local roads, Horse Prairie, and Pioneer Scenic Byway.
- Culvert installation on Buffalo Road.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Plowed snow on local roads.
- Brush burn on Bimat Lane.
- Fence repair at the Alaska Basin gravel pit. GP219
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Plowed snow on the following roads: Twin Lakes, Moose Creek, Rock Creek, Big Lake Creek, Big Swamp Creek, Little Lake Creek, Miner Lake, Skinner Meadows, Upper North Fork, Lower Bender Creek and Lower Mussigbrod.
- Bladed on Steel Creek Road.
- Sign repair in Wisdom.
- Shop maintenance.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the April 11, 2022 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Jackson moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the minutes of the April 11, 2022 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda

Discussion & Action ~ MT Natural Resource Coalition

This agenda item was discussed last week. Commissioner Rice commented that he attended the Forest Summit last week; and, according to most of the folks there, this agreement should help with NEPA issues. Madison County has just joined this Coalition as well. The yearly dues will be \$2,000.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that Beaverhead County join and support the MT Natural Resource Coalition. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ~ Klukan Family Transfer

Chairman McGinley began the discussion by stating that since Resolution 2022-06 was rescinded last week, it effectively changed the process. The Klukan Family Transfer was approved by the Planning board.

Safety & Wellness Team Meeting

At this time, Chairman McGinley handed the meeting over to Safety Coordinator Cindy Decker. The minutes can be found in the Clerk & Recorder's Office.

Recess

Recess Commission Meeting for 911 Communication Board Meeting and lunch.

At 1:30 p.m., Chairman McGinley reconvened the meeting with Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Rice and their Assistant Cindy Decker present.

Unfinished Business / Other Topics of Discussion

There were no public comments

Discussion & Action ~ Resolution 2022-08 – Accept Determination that Environmental Assessment is Appropriate for Anderson Lane Bridge Replacement Project

Ryan Elliott from Great West Engineering joined the meeting via conference call and began the discussion. He stated that Karl Yakavich will be attending the meeting (Public Hearing) next Monday.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that Resolution 2022-08 – Accept Determination that Environmental Assessment is Appropriate for Anderson Lane Bridge Replacement Project be adopted. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Resolution can be viewed below:



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Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder
By: *CSma*

**RESOLUTION 2022-08
RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE DETERMINATION THAT THE
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE
ANDERSON LANE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

WHEREAS, Beaverhead County has completed an assessment to identify potential environmental impacts of the Anderson Lane Bridge Replacement;

WHEREAS, the draft Environmental Assessment was made available for public comment and the findings were presented and reviewed at a public meeting;

WHEREAS, no substantive public comment was received;

WHEREAS, Beaverhead County has determined that the Anderson Lane Bridge Replacement project will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and accordingly, Beaverhead County has determined an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary;

That Beaverhead County adopts the final Environmental Assessment for the Anderson Lane Bridge Replacement project.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 18th day of April, 2022.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY**

Signed: *Michael J. McGinley*
Michael J. McGinley, Commission Chairman

Signed: *C. Thomas Rice*
C. Thomas Rice, Commission

Signed: *John H. Jackson*
John H. Jackson, Commissioner

Attested: *Stacey Reynolds*
Stacey Reynolds, Clerk & Recorder

Constitutional Initiative 121 – Questions & Answers – Discussion

There was no discussion today.

Payment of Invoices

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$69,127.53, beginning with check #209515 and ending with check #209558. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

Unfinished Business/Other Topics of Discussion

Animal Shelter Board members Laney & Cecil Jones, Joyce Polastro and Animal Shelter Executive Director Nikki Knight joined the meeting to discuss the Beaverhead Animal Shelter. Nikki began the discussion by handing out the latest newsletter outlining their goals for 2022 and what's new for the shelter. In 2021, they had a record amount of adoptions.

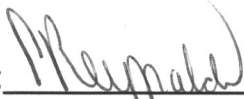
Brian England joined the meeting late. He is the Treasurer of the Shelter and the books are in very good shape now. He gave a brief synopsis of the current budget.

Routine matters occupied the attention of the Board for the remainder of the day.

Adjourn

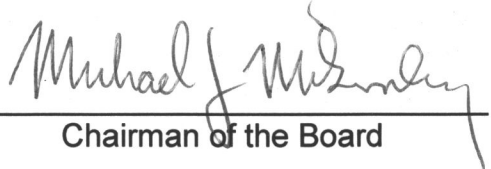
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attest: _____



Clerk of the Board

Approved: _____



Chairman of the Board