

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.