

May 2, 2022 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on May 2, 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. There is still snow to be plowed across the county. They are blading where the moisture has hit.

Superintendents of Schools Mike Miller, Planner Rob Macioroski, Facilities Jim Sivils, Casey Elliott from the Tribune, DES/Land Sanitarian Tom Wagenknecht, Sheriff Paul Craft, Food Sanitarian Joyce Pollastro, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Jail Commander Dan Fields, Dillon resident Joey Heard, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Kelsey Swartsfager and Clerk & Recorder Stacey Reynolds joined the meeting.

Dan commented that the hiring committee recommends that Joey Heard be hired as the new detention officer. Dan feels that Joey will be a good fit for our Detention Center.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that Joey Heard be hired as the new full time Detention Officer. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Tom W. said the septic business is still very busy. He attended a conference in Kalispell last week and a guy from FEMA did presentations and it was interesting. He said that there will most likely be a shortage of personnel and equipment when the fire season hits. He and Nick Hoem will be attending a Landfill Manager Operations training to get certified.

Rob said that there will be a Minor subdivision reviewed by the Planning Board this week. He is hoping to get Cornell Park into the hands of FWP through subdivision.

Joyce said that she has been doing inspections; in fact, 80 this year. She has taken her final Microbiology test and will receive the results soon.

Mike will be back later this morning to do the Isolation Status for Grant. Tomorrow he will be going to Wisdom, Polaris and Jackson with the professor from UMW that runs the Rural Fridays Program.

He will be gone Thursday and Friday for training at Gardiner. Next week Reichle School graduates and one of the 8th graders has personally asked Mike to attend so he will be going to that.

Jim said that the flowers and soil are ordered for the Courthouse grounds; they are just waiting for the temperatures to warm up during the nights.

Tracy said that Maurer needs to get figured out. A letter was received from NPR saying that their radio has been stolen from up there. He will get together with Paul soon.

McGinley asked Tracy to send an email to the Facilities selection committee to meet this afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK
April 24th to April 30th, 2022
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Plowed snow on the following roads: Scenic Byway, Bannack Pass, and Taylor Creek.
- Bladed on the following roads: Anderson, Dutchman, Albers, Frying Pan, Birch Creek, Schoolhouse and Corinne.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Bladed and watered on Big Sheep Creek Road.
- Bladed on the following roads: North Valley, Gravley, and Steel Bridge.
- Plowed snow on the North Valley Road.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Upper North Fork, Lower North Fork, and Lower Mussigbrod.
- Brush trim on Rock Creek Road and at the Wisdom cemetery.
- Yard cleaning at the Wisdom Shop.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the April 25, 2022 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the minutes of the April 25, 2022 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda**Chamber of Commerce Update**

Beaverhead Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Rebecca Jones joined the meeting and began the discussion.

She stated that they are adding to the Board member numbers to 9 from 5. There will be a board meeting on May 12 at 4B's which Chairman McGinley plans on attending to discuss CI-121.

Discussion ~ City / County Update

Dillon City Mayor John McGinley joined the meeting. He said that they got the final engineering plans for the fairgrounds. He stated that the new 4-H building is required to have fire protection sprinklers installed.

Chairman McGinley commented that the city/county library budget is coming up. He said that they are thinking of asking for an additional mill.

Tom W. and Tracy joined the meeting late and asked for the timeline of the Idaho Street water project. John replied it is their hope that by the end of May it should be winding down.

There was discussion about Park Street which needs some attention badly.

Discussion ~ DNRC Fire Updates – County Co-op Program

DNRC Fire Management Officer Jay Lemon was unable to attend today.

Discussion & Action ~ Isolation Status – Grant School

Superintendent of Schools Mike Miller joined the meeting and began the discussion. The state requires that a school district with less than 10 students, in two consecutive years, must file for Isolation Status. If they fail to file, then they only get about ½ of the State direct aid. It is due to the Superintendent of Schools by May 1, due to be approved by the Commissioners by May 15 and then back to the Office of Public Instruction. He is asking the Commissioners to approve and sign this. This is Grant's second consecutive year using isolation status.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Jackson moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the Grant School be given authority to apply to the State for Isolation Status. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Recess

At 12:00 noon, Chairman McGinley recessed the meeting. At 1:30 p.m., Chairman McGinley reconvened the meeting with Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Rice and their Assistant Cindy Decker present.

Discussion ~ Early Childhood / Zero to Five in Beaverhead County

Early Childhood Coalition representative Callie Triller joined the meeting and began the discussion by handing out a packet to each commissioner. This group started two years ago. They are funded through Headwaters to make some strategic changes as far as childcare goes. They intend to apply for a million-dollar grant for childcare in Beaverhead County. They would like to expand Canvas Learning Center. There just aren't enough licensed centers for the need here. Right now, there is a significant lack of centers for 0-2-year-old children.

This grant would require a 10% match. She is asking if the commissioners could draft a letter of support.

McGinley commented that he heard this at the SWIB last week as well.

The commissioners will discuss this some more and get back to Callie.

Discussion & Action ~ Dancing Winds Major Subdivision – Final Plat Approval

Planner Rob Macioroski, Surveyor Travis Wilson and land owner Rich Long joined the meeting.

Rob said that Travis revised the drawings along with some of the language on the plat. He also sent it to our examining Surveyor, Mr. Everly. Jed had advised previously that at this Commission meeting today, it should be stated, on the record, that the language on this plat means that "these lots are in excess of 20 acres". Rob feels that we are ready to move forward on this. Tom W. and Jamie Flynn joined the meeting too.

McGinley examined the plat and it still says "private". Travis agreed that he missed that and will fix it.

Rob handed McGinley the 16-page covenants to review.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that Dancing Winds Major Subdivision Final Plat be approved with corrections on page one to match page two. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Long would like to put up some signs saying "Private Subdivision Road – No Outlet". The Commissioners gave their blessing.

Unfinished Business/Other Topics of Discussion

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

Payment of Invoices

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$25,566.56, beginning with check #209597 and ending with check #209619. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

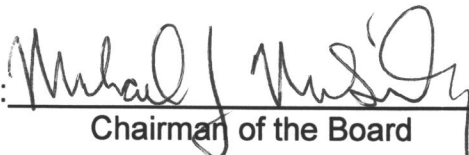
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attest:



Clerk of the Board

Approved:



Chairman of the Board