## June 12, 2017 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present: Chairman Tom Rice, Commissioner Mike McGinley, Commissioner John Jackson and Secretary Cindy Decker.

#### **Updates on County Projects:**

Road Supervisor Scott Jones and County Attorney Jed Fitch joined the meeting. Scott advised that the crew has installed the temporary bridge across the Rock Creek in the Big Hole but still need to haul in some fill.

Tom mentioned the Bailey bridge that the county can have at no cost through MDOT. Scott also brought up Cliff Road for discussion.

The crew has been blading and patching roads consistently.

Tom wanted to discuss a campaign from many people to get rid of all bicycle traffic from mile markers 56 to 59 on Hwy 91 South because of the heavy traffic from large talc trucks and other large vehicles. There was much discussion regarding how this could be done. Jed advised the commissioners to send a letter to the State requesting that no bicycles be allowed on that section of the highway.

Tom also advised that a logging company out of the Deer Lodge area that is logging in the Centennial had called regarding dust control. To have dust control applied, the company will have to pay for dust control through Monida (1000 feet).

They also asked if there is a speed zone through Monida. Tom replied that there isn't now but will be.

He asked Scott to get some estimates together for the Dooling Cattle Guards. There was discussion regarding creating a new resolution.

## Action on Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the May 30, 2017 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the minutes of the May 30, 2017 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Drought Task Force**

DES Coordinator Tom Wagenknecht set up the Drought Task Force Meeting. Chairman Rice opened the meeting at 11:00 A.M. A copy of the sign in sheet can be viewed below:

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#### Recess

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#### **Budget Discussion**

The Commissioners began to work on the Preliminary Budget.

Sheriff Kluesner and Javier Negron joined the meeting to review their budget with the commissioners.

## **Unfinished Business/Other Topics of Discussion:**

There was discussion regarding the CDBG meeting held in Jackson last week that Commissioner Jackson and Planner Rob Macioroski attended. They will keep everyone apprised.

The Commissioners opened their mail and email and responded accordingly.

The Commissioners worked on their individual County projects.

#### Payment of Invoices:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$48,471.77, beginning with check #196866 and ending with check #196965. The Invoice Payment

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## Bureau of Rec/East Bench Irrigation/Clark Canyon Water users - Dennis Miotke

Dennis Miotke did not attend this meeting.

### **NRCS**

None

#### Forest/BLM

## **County Fire Warden**

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#### City of Dillon

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#### **Extension Service**

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### Fish, Wildlife and Parks

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#### **County Des Report**

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## Watershed Report

Megan Guy joined the meeting but had no comment.

## Next Meeting

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#### **NRCS**

None

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## Payment of Invoices:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$186,082.37, beginning with check #196966 and ending with check #197054. This was for two weeks as the commissioners did not meet last week. 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

#### June 19, 2017 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present: Chairman Tom Rice, Commissioner Mike McGinley, Commissioner John Jackson and Secretary Sadie Caltrider. Secretary Cindy Decker was absent on vacation.

#### **Updates on County Projects:**

Road Supervisor Scott Jones did not attend this meeting as he is on vacation. Commissioner McGinley spoke about concerns regarding the Weed Department's overtime. Both Amber and Jack are working 6 days per week, with quite a bit of overtime each. Mike acknowledged that both Jack and Amber are very dedicated workers but the overtime has got to come to a halt. Amber had 50 hours of overtime in the last 2 weeks, that's \$1500 in overtime wages. With that money they could hire and pay another full time summer weed position. Commissioner McGinley presented the idea of having Amber and Jack work off shifts, rather than overlapping. As of today there is \$2400 cash in their budget and that is prior to payroll. Mike suggested the issue be presented to the Weed Board.

Chairman Rice noted that either Jack or Amber does need to be present on Saturdays for the weed days.

Mike stated that the Weed Department is always difficult to budget.

He also stated that they will not be hiring a second full-time weed employee after Jack retires at the end of the year. The Weed Department will need a second supervisor in the summer months, so there is the possibility of hiring a full-time seasonal supervisor for spraying months. Commissioner McGinley noted that it might be difficult to change it this year, but next year when Jack retires it could be curtailed that way. He also presented the idea of paying the weed seasonal employees a little more per hour next year and hiring one or two more employees in lieu of having all of the overtime. All of the Commissioners acknowledged that it certainly needs to be looked at again.

## **Action on Previous Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of the June 12, 2017 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Jackson moved and Chairman Rice seconded that the minutes of the June 12, 2017 meeting be approved with changes. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Opening & Action on Fuel Bids**

There were two bids for fuel which were received from Brown and Thompson and Rocky Mountain Supply. The bids are as follows:

Districts & Vendors	Mark-up Diesel 1	Mark-up Diesel 2	Mark-up Unleaded Gasoline
Sheriff's Office			
Brown and Thompson Oil Company	VV	VV	050