

August 7, 2017 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on Monday, August 7, 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 Road Secretary Jamie Flynn joined the meeting. Scott reported that the bridges are completely done and they will install the skid rails or deck protectors on the last two bridges and then the road crew's work will be done. He will call Chuck Hogan regarding the bill for the crane work.

Scott stated that it looks like the State is getting ready to start the millings.

Tom mentioned the Cliff Road Bridge on Mel Rice's property. He wondered aloud if a narrower bridge could be used there. Discussion ensued. Scott will call Cory at True North to see if a 16' wide bridge could be a possibility. Scott also brought up the bridges at Rock Creek and Browne's stating that they will be needing attention soon too.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK
August 6th to August 12th, 2017
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Old Armstead and Medicine Lodge.
- Work on the Big Sheep Creek Road and bridge project. Project #1506-03.
- Replaced and cleaned a cattleguard on Alaska Basin.
- Cleaned three cattleguards on the Ruby Divide Road.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Cleaned cattleguards on the following roads: South Valley, Ruby Divide, and Little Sheep Creek.
- Replaced a cattleguard on South Valley Road.
- Flood control on Sage Creek Road.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads and bridges.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Miner Lake, Upper North Fork, and Lower Bender Creek.
- Hauled gravel on Skinner Meadows Road.
- Moved equipment.

I.T. Committee

DES Coordinator Tom Wagenknecht, GIS Coordinator Scott Marsh and Secretary Sadie Caltrider joined the meeting. Tom Rice stated that the main topic of discussion is the museum computers being serviced by DIS Technologies. Right now, the only computers included in DIS are in the courthouse and the Treasurer's Office. Sadie wondered out loud if DIS would offer a discount to the museum.

The Treasurer's Office is included because it is "line of sight" with the courthouse. Tom W. stated that every office had the chance at the beginning of the transition to DIS to get their information to him and he never heard from the museum.

The possibility of adding the museum under the county contract was discussed. If it makes the cost go up, it will come out of their budget. Sadie will call DIS to see what it would involve to include the 3 museum computers on our contract.

Scott Marsh wanted to express his gratitude and satisfaction for the prompt and efficient work that DIS does.

Tom W. wanted to update the commissioners regarding the siren testing. He had originally requested a noon hour test and that has never happened. Tom contacted them in April and still nothing. He is preparing a Master Status Report that will be delivered to the State of Montana and DES and Homeland Security.

Scott and Tom tried to test it themselves but he still is not sure it is functioning properly. He has put in a request last week into American Signal regarding the "chips" and why the noon siren doesn't seem to work, and still has not heard back. Tom is beyond frustrated.

Update on Fire Restrictions in Beaverhead County

Fire Warden Scott Marsh and Rick Later joined the meeting. Scott stated that Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are in place as of August 5, 2017 at 00:01. There is an exemption for back yard fires on personal property as long as the fire does not exceed a maximum size of 36" in diameter. The property owner is responsible if that fire goes out of control. He handed Tom a copy of the news release.

Recess

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

Budget Discussion

The Commissioners began to work on the Preliminary Budget.

Mike advised that the Taxable Values were delivered to Betty last Thursday (8/3/17) from the Department of Revenue. If and when SRS funds come, there will be some budget amendments done. There will be a Public Hearing on Permissive Mills for the Sheriff's Retirement and Health Insurance on August 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. and a Public Hearing for the Preliminary Budget on August 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Tom is concerned about the timeline of SRS if it will be every year or just one or two more years if at all. Mike believes that the maximum time we may obtain the SRS is two years.

Payment of Invoices:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$289,556.27, beginning with check #197440 and ending with check #197510. 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: Debra L. Scott
Clerk of the Board

Approved: C. Thomas Rice
Chairman of the Board