

May 15, 2017 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on Monday, May 15, 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 Secretary Jamie Flynn joined the meeting and Russ Sigman stood in for Scott Jones who is absent. County Attorney Jed Fitch and Scott Marsh joined the meeting as well. The crew has been blading roads steadily and has cleaned the sand off several roads in the county including 278 and Ten Mile.

Mike brought up the Pioneer Scenic Byway as far as it being closed. Russ said a large orange sign is posted now stating the road is closed approximately 12 miles ahead, also a sign on the Wise River side stating the road is closed approximately 12 miles ahead. Jed wanted to be clear that usually this time of year, the byway gets plowed but this year, it will not get plowed due to lack of funding from the Feds.

Scott Marsh handed out some colored maps of the area at Elkhorn/Polaris and discussed the Ordinance from 1992. The language of that Ordinance was discussed with the County Attorney's input and advice.

Russ suggested plowing up to the Fourth of July Campground. Much discussion ensued regarding four wheelers and side by sides.

Scott mentioned installing an unmovable gate for the winter.

The commissioners will contact the Forest Service asking for their input.

Also, Mike asked Jed if the county should issue an emergency road closure for that portion of the byway until it is drivable.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that there will be an emergency road closure approximately 12 miles from HWY 278 Pioneer Mountain Scenic Byway Junction and approximately 12 miles from HWY 43 Pioneer Mountain Scenic Byway until further notice.

Chairman Rice called for discussion.

Scott wanted it to be clear where the closure will be and it was reiterated from the motion.

Chairman Rice called for a vote.

A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Jed will draft an advertisement for the papers and radio explaining the reason the county will not be plowing the Pioneer Scenic Byway this year. A copy of the announcement can be viewed below:

Emergency Closure of Portion of Pioneer Mountain Scenic Byway

Due to the Federal Government's failure to fund the Secured Rural Schools (SRS), which is a large portion of the Beaverhead County Road Department budget, Beaverhead County will not plow the Pioneer Mountain Scenic Byway at this time. Please standby for updates.

The Beaverhead County Commission has enacted an emergency temporary closure of the road from the posted signs, approximately 12 miles up from both the Hwy 278 and Hwy 43 junctions.

The Beaverhead County Road Department has placed "road closed" signs approximately 12 miles ahead, near Hwy 278 and Hwy 43 junctions. Please observe these closures. The road will be opened when the snow melts naturally.

If you have questions or concerns about this matter, please contact your Senator or Representative at the following phone numbers:

- a. Senator Tester 406-449-5401
- b. Senator Daines 406-587-3446

Sincerely,

C. Thomas Rice, Chairman

Beaverhead County Board of Commissioners

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK
May 7th to May 13th, 2017
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Medicine Lodge, Sweetwater, Anderson, Ten Mile and at the Airport.
- Cleaned sand from the Scenic Byway, Ten Mile, and Overland Road.
- Hand patched on the following roads: Laknar, Webster, Schuler, Frying Pan, and Ten Mile.
- Cleaned cattle guard on the following roads: Old Armstead, Bloody Dick, and Medicine Lodge.
- Cleaned culverts on Bannack Road and Medicine Lodge Road.
- Put up "road closed" signs and lowered the snow machine signs on the Scenic Byway.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Lima Dam, Dell Airport, Hansen, Sage Creek, Oregon Shortline, Ashbough, Kidd, and South Valley.
- Flood control on South Valley Road.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads and bridges.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Rock Creek, Twin Lakes, Little Lake Creek, Big Swamp Creek, Miner Lake and in Wisdom.
- Repaired a culvert on Little Lake Creek Road.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the May 8, 2017 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the minutes of the May 8, 2017 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mental Health Local Advisory Council Update – Lynn Weltzien & Sandy Sloan

Lynn Weltzien and Sandy Sloan joined the meeting to give the commissioners a current update on what has been happening with the LAC.

This LAC is the most active in the Southwest area. There was discussion as to how often the commissioners wish to be updated.

It was suggested that maybe either Lynn or Sandy could attend the next Western Montana Mental Health Council meeting on May 24th with Commissioner Rice so they are on the same page.

Sandy Sloan gave a brief background history and why she is now with the LAC and the liaison for the commissioners.

Lynn referred to the flow chart of the LAC that she had previously emailed to the commissioners and gave a brief explanation of it.

Sandy reported the calendar of events for the next six months.

Lynn reviewed the "Report on Community Wide Intervention in Mental Health Crisis" that she had previously provided to the commissioners.

There was discussion regarding the original contract for the LAC.

Lynn and Sandy thanked the commissioners and left the meeting.

Action on Resolution 2017-09 – Appointing Members to the DUI Task Force & Approving the 2017-2018 Plan

After reviewing the resolution, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Jackson moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Resolution 2017-09 – Appointing Members to the DUI Task Force & Approving the 2017-2018 Plan be adopted. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



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Debra L. Scott, Clerk and Recorder
By: *Debra L. Scott*

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RESOLUTION 2017-09

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE DUI TASK FORCE AND APPROVING THE 2017-2018 PLAN

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Beaverhead County, Montana on August 8, 2005 passed Resolution 2005-16 creating a Beaverhead County DUI Task Force and appointing members to this same Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Beaverhead DUI Task Force desires to continue their mission of reducing alcohol and drug related motor vehicle crashes, injuries and death in the County as evidenced by their 2017-2018 Plan; and

WHEREAS, funds to be administered by the DUI Task Force, have accumulated and continue accumulating based on reinstatement fees, and will be available in the current fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Beaverhead County, Montana, that the following shall be appointed as program directors for the Beaverhead County DUI Task Force:

- Fred Chouinard, Chair, 406-660-2247
- Larry Iager, Vice-Chairperson/Treasurer, 406-596-6622
- Cherry Ellis, Secretary, 406-683-3760
- Dillon City Attorney, 406-988-0067
- Dillon City Police Chief, 406-683-3714
- Beaverhead County Sheriff, 406-683-3707
- Beaverhead County Attorney, 406-683-3731

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Beaverhead County, Montana, that the following shall be appointed to the Beaverhead County DUI Task Force as Volunteer Community Members at Large:

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Beaverhead County, Montana, that the public is invited to attend regular bi-monthly meetings to provide suggestions to the Beaverhead County DUI Task Force.

DATED this 15th day of May, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

C. Thomas Rice
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Chairman

Michael J. McGinley
Michael J. McGinley
Commissioner

John H. Jackson
John H. Jackson
Commissioner

ATTEST:

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.

Unfinished Business/Other Topics of Discussion:

County Nurse Sue Hansen joined the meeting to advise the commissioners that her department has purchased a used car for Public Health use.

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 \$97,881.51, beginning with check #196778 and ending with check #196838. 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: _____ Approved: _____
Clerk of the Board Chairman of the Board