

June 20, 2022 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on June 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present: Commissioner C. Thomas Rice, Commissioner John H. Jackson, Assistant Amy Walker and Assistant Cindy Decker. Chairman Michael J. McGinley was absent on vacation.

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 blading roads steadily while there is moisture. They also installed culverts in Carter Creek out by Stone Creek and put down mag chloride out by the solar farm and the landfill. Bob will head up to the byway tomorrow with the engineer to finalize the striping.

Reporter Casey Elliott, Lead Maintenance Shonna Graham, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools Mike Miller, Sheriff Paul Craft, County Attorney Jed Fitch, Planner Rob Macioroski, Food Sanitarian Joyce Pollastro, Jail Commander Dan Fields, Luke Reyes, Howard Asbury and Clerk & Recorder Stacey Reynolds joined the meeting.

Tracy is still working on the Maurer project. He is working with contractor on MLI grant for next generation 911. He has to rework it since it has been cut substantially.

Mike stated that things are pretty quiet on his end. He attended the Youth Challenge Cadets' graduation last Saturday.

Rob stated there are problems with the Donny Smith survey. There was a Planning Board meeting and a preliminary plat was approved which will be headed to the commissioners soon. It should be pretty straight forward. The growth policy will be going to the contractor this week. Once it is finalized there will be several public hearings.

Shonna said that she made a few calls about getting the courthouse gutters cleaned. Jake hales will be coming in to make some more carpet estimates.

Paul stated that Bill Knox is retiring today. Paul has been through the interviewing process and the committee recommends hiring Luke Reyes.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Jackson seconded that Luke Reyes be hired as a new deputy. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Dan Fields said that the Detention interview committee recommends hiring Howard Asbury to fill the vacant detention position.

MOTION: Commissioner Jackson moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that Howard Asbury be hired as the new detention officer. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Paul continued by saying that he received the information on the Maurer site original lease from the site from the BLM, he has been in touch with Tom Dunne about the communication problems. Tom W. said there is probably an issue with the transfer switch. Paul would like Tom Dunne to take over the Maurer site.

Paul has gotten the lights for the detention center and they will be installed this week.

Tom W. mentioned that he was at the fire council last week and found out that the paging is out of range in some areas. Tom W. will head out there this Wednesday with Nick Hoem. Paul said that mixing new technology and old just doesn't work.

The county wide fire protection plan is outdated and Tom W. is looking at taking care of that.

The pre-disaster mitigation program is in process of being updated. The State will provide Tom W. with a checklist for him to complete and work with other entities to complete.

Tom W. commented that he and Joyce are addressing several sanitation issues across the county including one place where there is raw sewage. He and Joyce may start citing folks. Jed said he concurs that this should happen. Tom also mentioned that there is an abandoned trailer house in one of the trailer courts that needs to be taken care of.

Stacey said that the post-election audit was done last week and the machine count vs the hand count came back 100% spot on.

Jed reminded the commissioners that his office is still very much over loaded. He reiterated about the billing issues his office is experiencing with mental commitments.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK
June 12th to June 18th, 2022
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Ten Mile, Mansfield, Stone Creek, Bachelor Mountain, Medicine Lodge, and Hogsback.
- Installed culverts on Carter Creek Road.
- Magnesium chloride applied on Ten Mile Road.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Hauled gravel to and bladed on the South Valley Road.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Miner Lake and Rock Creek.
- Cemetery maintenance.
- Bridge maintenance on the Lower North Fork Road.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the June 13, 2022 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the minutes of the June 13, 2022 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda

Discussion & Action ~ Cyber Insurance Quote- Josh Boka with Mountain View Insurance

Jed Fitch, Dan O'Malley and Josh Boka joined the meeting and Josh began the discussion. He said that Big Sky is offering \$50,000 retention. The quote is \$8,633. He will bind this effective on July 1. This quote was written off of Tracy's computer information. Josh went over the coverages.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that Beaverhead County enter into contract with Mountain View Insurance for our cyber security. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Josh went on to say that no insurance company will cover an event unless the county hosts it referring to the Demolition Derby. It is just about impossible to insure a Demo Derby anymore. Commissioner Rice would like Josh to educate the Fair board about insurance. He would be glad to do this.

Discussion ensued regarding volunteers driving tractors during the fair. Josh said that we need to keep track of names and hours and get that list to Betty in a timely manner so she can add them to the Worker's Compensation list.

Discussion & Action ~ Body Scanner for the Beaverhead Co. Detention Center

Insurance Agent Josh Boka, Sheriff Paul Craft, Jail Commander Dan Fields, County Attorney Jed C. Fitch, Undersheriff David Wendt, and Public Safety Sr. Loss Control Specialist Dan O'Malley joined the meeting.

Paul began the discussion by stating that there has been an incident of contraband in the detention center. This new equipment would greatly help with this. He already has a place for it downstairs. The only cost to the county would be a dedicated circuit. The grant (ARPA) would cover the cost of this for \$132,000. Dan said that about 10 counties have done this.

Dan O'Malley continued to say that this is a huge issue across the state. Every county that has this has been extremely pleased with it. He said that Detention officers have a very thankless job and if we can make their jobs easier, we should. Paul stated that forward thinking is always a good thing.

Commissioner asked if there is a warranty to which Dan O. replied yes, a two-year warranty. Any maintenance is done over the phone or online. This particular model comes fully assembled.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that Beaverhead County use ARPA funds to purchase the Tech 84 Body Scanner for Detention Center. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously

Canvas for 2022 Federal Primary Election

Minutes for Official Canvass of 2022 FEDERAL PRIMARY ELECTION Held on June 7, 2022

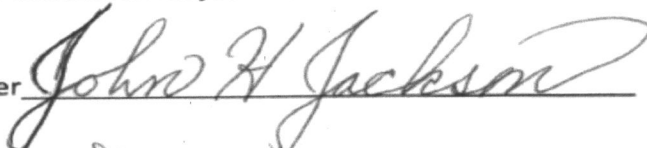
The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session as Board of Official Canvassers on June 20, 2022 at 11:00 A.M.

Present: Commissioner John H. Jackson, Commissioner C. Thomas Rice, Clerk of Court Carly J. Anderson and Election Administrator Stacey Reynolds.

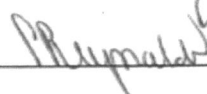
The Official Canvass of votes cast in the 2022 Federal Primary Election held on June 7, 2022 was completed and officially recorded in the Election Return Book in the office of the Election Administrator.

The Board of Canvassers adjourned.

Commissioner



Clerk of the Board



Recess

At 12:00 noon, Vice Chairman John Jackson recessed the meeting. At 1:30 p.m., Vice Chairman Jackson reconvened the meeting with Commissioner Rice, Assistant Amy Walker and Assistant Cindy Decker present. Chairman Michael J. McGinley was absent on vacation.

Safety & Wellness Team Meeting

At this time Vice Chairman Jackson turned the meeting over to Safety Coordinator Cindy Decker. The minutes of this meeting can be found in the Clerk & Recorder's Office.

At this time David Seitz with Seitz Insurance gave an update on the Worker's Compensation numbers. He handed the Commissioners the Renewal Proposal for the 2022-23 policy period.

Our MOD factor is 1.23 and last year it was 1.13. We will stay in the "gold group" and Dave thinks that our MOD will drop next year.

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 \$129,234.86, beginning with check #209959 and ending with check #210029. 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

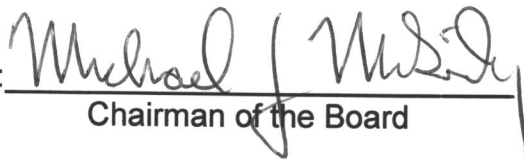
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attest: _____



Clerk of the Board

Approved: _____



Chairman of the Board