

**January 2, 2024 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners**

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on January 2, 2024 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 Taylor Longie.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

At this time, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance aloud to begin the day.

**Reorganization of Board**

At this time the Commissioners reorganized:

MOTION: Commissioner Jackson moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that Commissioner McGinley hold the position of Commission Chairman for 2024. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Commissioner Jackson hold the position of Vice-Chairman for 2024. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman McGinley gladly accepted the Chairmanship.

**Updates on County Projects**

Road Supervisor Bob Ferris joined the meeting and began the discussion.

Beaverhead County Attorney Sky Jones, Lead Maintenance Shonna Graham, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools Mike Miller, Land Use and Planning Director Rob Macioroski, Land Use Sanitarian Tom Wagenknecht, Sanitarian Joyce Pollastro, Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds and Sheriff David Wendt were present.

Bob stated they plowed a little snow, but not much. There is a lot of shop time right now. Wendt asked if the snow blower is ready. Bob stated yes, it is. Bob informed they are working on getting the fuel tanks set up.

Rob stated that final sub division regulations should be coming soon so they can move forward on adopting them.

Shonna informed that it has been a little quiet. She is going to talk to the treasurer's office on moving them back to their regular office space.

Mike Miller stated that it was pretty quiet with schools.

Tom W. stated that there isn't much new going on in his department.

Joyce stated provided the commissioners with a chart of all 2023 inspections completed. 251 inspections completed in 2023. Joyce discussed that she is helping the distillery to meet code for a retail area. Katie at public health reached out to Joyce on a training on how to deal with food borne illness.

Stacey said everything in her office is going well.

Sheriff Wendt stated that it was a busy weekend, there were a few DUI's. There are 18 inmate's downstairs.

Sky Jones stated that it is going well. Sky informed he is going to work through a subdivision problem. He said that there are a few other small problems he is working through. He informed



that he is working on a problem with a few Sovren citizens. Stacey asked to discuss this with sky further on recording documents.

Chairman McGinley informed that Sky Jones was appointed County Attorney. Sky informed that Coty will work on the criminal side. Sky will work on the Civil side, but he is still working on the city cases and will assist Coty periodically.

Commissioner Jackson asked Bob Ferris if the county was going to take over a gravel pit of Fred Hirschy's, Bob answered no, we do not need it.

#### **Discussion~ County Planner's Year End Repot**

Rob read through the report. The report can be viewed in the Planning Department.

He stated that the numbers are down a little from 2022 but still moving along. He informed that they were busy with the subdivision regulations and adopting the flood plain maps in 2023.

Rob stated that there will be three certificates of surveys for next week's agenda.

Discussion on the process of the certificate of Surveys took place.

#### **Discussion & Action~ Human Resources Position**

Chairman McGinley informed stated that this position has been in discussion. Betty stated that she has been doing the HR for 25 years without any training and she does not want to put that on Stacey. Chairman McGinley stated that McKenzie from MACo does a lot of this but they aren't there to do it full time. Paul Craft approached the commissioners informing the commissioners that he would be interested.

Sky stated that he believes that the county attorney's office should still be involved. He thinks that his office would be a good option if anyone had conflict with going to Paul Craft and vice versa.

Betty informed that there is a committee to update the policy manual.

Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds asked if there will be a department head meeting on this: The commissioners answered that yes, that is the hope.

Paul Craft discussed that he would like to meet with all the department heads.

Betty stated that the committee makes changes and edits and the commissioners approve the final personnel policy manual.

Chairman McGinley stated that next week it is on the agenda to have a department head meeting.

Paul Craft stated that it is going to be a work in progress.

Chairman McGinley called for a motion.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that Paul Craft be approved for the Short-Term Human Resources Specialist Position. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Discussion & Update ~ Beaverhead Chamber of Commerce**

Rebecca Jones with the Beaverhead County Chamber of Commerce joined the meeting and began the discussion. Sky Jones was present.

Rebecca stated that memberships are coming in. She mailed 260 letters to prospects. The Gala is on the 12<sup>th</sup>. They have received nominations. She was stated they were very thankful for the SWMT Arts association. They donated their box trailer to the chamber the commerce.



She informed that she will have guests with her for the February meeting.

### Discussion ~ City/County Business with Updates

Mayor John McGinley was present.

Mayor McGinley stated that not much to discuss. He informed that he received a phone call that the doggie bags are out at the dog park.

Chairman McGinley stated that the Medical Marijuana comes quarterly, its about \$10,000 a year for the county. He said the city should be able to estimate theirs too.

Mayor McGinley stated that they were going to look at a sweeper from Billings, MT they are hoping to get. Discussion about street sweepers took place.

Mayor McGinley stated that the Wood Bank is going to move out near the sewer lagoon.

### Discussion & Action ~ Resolution 2024-01 – Set Commission Meeting Dates

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that Resolution 2024-01 – Setting Commission Meeting Dates be adopted. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Resolution can be viewed below:

113024 Fee: \$ 0.00 File: RES. NO. 2024-01 Page  
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY Filed 1/2/2024 At 11:29 AM  
Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder  
By: *adma*

**RESOLUTION NO: 2024-01**  
**A RESOLUTION TO SET COMMISSION MEETING DATES AND TO  
ESTABLISH LOCATIONS FOR POSTING PUBLIC NOTICES**

WHEREAS, Section 7-5-2122 MCA requires that county commissioners establish a regular meeting date and that the public be notified of this date.

WHEREAS, by resolution county commissioners shall set a time schedule for posting public meetings; and

WHEREAS, Opinion #13 of the Montana Attorney General states that 48 hours is considered sufficient to notify the public of meetings.

WHEREAS, HOUSE BILL 334 (2013) establishes requirements when public notice is to be provided by posting and is codified as 7-1-2123 MCA.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Beaverhead County Board of Commissioners that Mondays will be the Commissioners' regular meeting days. If Monday is a holiday, the meeting will take place on Tuesday. Regular meetings will be held in the Commissioners' Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse unless otherwise posted. If for some reason a meeting is cancelled, a notice will be posted at least 48 hours before the cancelled meeting was to be held.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that public meeting notices of the Beaverhead County Board of Commissioners will be posted throughout the County at least 48 hours before each public meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be filed with the Beaverhead County Clerk and Recorder, will be posted on the bulletin board near the west entrance on the first floor of the Courthouse, will be posted on the bulletin board located by the door of the County Commissioners' meeting room, will be posted at other places throughout the County, and will be given to the news media.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Beaverhead County Board of Commissioners this 2nd day of January 2024.

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY COMMISSION  
*Michael J. McGinley*  
MICHAEL J. MCGINLEY  
Chairman  
*C. Thomas Rice*  
C. THOMAS RICE  
Commissioner  
*John H. Jackson*  
JOHN H. JACKSON  
Commissioner

ATTEST:  
*Stacey Reynolds*  
Stacey Reynolds  
Beaverhead County Clerk and Recorder

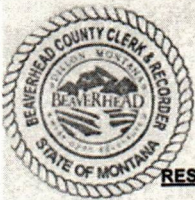
### Discussion & Action ~ Resolution 2024-02 – Adopt Mileage and Per Diem Rates

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** Commissioner Jackson moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that Resolution 2024-02 – Adopt Mileage and Per Diem Rates be adopted. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



A copy of the Resolution can be viewed below:



BEAVERHEAD COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER  
STATE OF MONTANA

113025 Fee:\$ 0.00 File: RES. NO. 2024-02 Page  
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY Filed 1/2/2024 At 11:30 AM  
Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder  
By: *Stacey Reynolds*

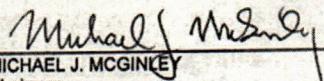
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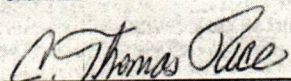
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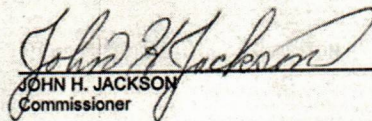
IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that effective January 2, 2024; the Beaverhead County Commissioners adopt the State's mileage rate and lodging rate, and the per diem rate for business travel as per Beaverhead County Personnel Policy.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Beaverhead County Board of Commissioners this 2nd day of January 2024.

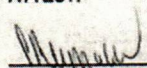
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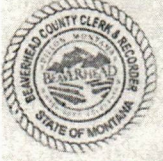
  
 STACEY REYNOLDS  
 BEAVERHEAD COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

### Discussion & Action ~ Resolution 2024-03 – Establish Fire Season

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that Resolution 2024-03 – Establish Fire Season be adopted. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Resolution can be viewed below:



BEAVERHEAD COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER  
STATE OF MONTANA

113026 Fee:\$ 0.00 File: RES. NO. 2024-03 Page  
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY Filed 1/2/2024 At 11:31 AM  
Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder  
By: *Stacey Reynolds*


**RESOLUTION NO: 2024-03**

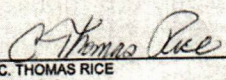
**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH FIRE SEASON**

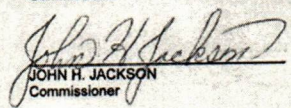
IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that pursuant to Beaverhead County Ordinance 2004-6, the Beaverhead County Commissioners establish for the 2024 calendar year the following fire season: January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024. This season may be adjusted depending upon weather and moisture conditions later in the year.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Beaverhead County Commissioners this 2nd day of January, 2024.

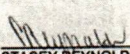
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY COMMISSION

  
 MICHAEL J. MCGINLEY  
 Chairman

  
 C. THOMAS RICE  
 Commissioner

  
 JOHN H. JACKSON  
 Commissioner

Attest:

  
 STACEY REYNOLDS  
 Beaverhead County Clerk and Recorder



**Appointments to Various County Boards****Airport Board**

Dan Cahill has resigned leaving his term open. Three letters of interest have been received.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that Lawrence Morrisroe be appointed to the Airport Board with his terms to expire on December 31, 2024. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Airport Appeals Board**

Tom Rice contacted Patti Rowland and she agreed to serve another term.

There are 3 five-year terms expiring this year.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Patti Rowland be reappointed to the Airport Appeals Board with her term to expire December 31, 2028. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Big Hole River Conservation Development Standards Review Board**

There is one open position and no letters of interest received.

**Fair Board**

There are 2 three-year terms expiring this year and one open term. Letters of interest have been received from three individuals David Schuett, JM Peck who are currently on the board and Jackie Sutton.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that David Schuett and JM Peck (as the Dillon Jaycee representative) be reappointed to the Fair Board with their terms to expire on December 31, 2026 and Jackie Sutton be appointed to fill the vacant position with her term to expire December 31, 2025. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Livestock Protective Committee**

There is 1 two-year term expiring this year. Dean Peterson submitted a letter of interest to renew his term.

MOTION: Commissioner Jackson moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that Dean Peterson be reappointed to the Livestock Protective Committee with his term to expire on December 31, 2025. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Museum Board**

There are 2 three-year terms expiring this year. Letters of interest have been received from Morgan McLaren and April Bordelon.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that Morgan McLaren and April Bordelon be appointed to the Museum Board with their terms to expire on December 31, 2026. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Planning Board**

Planner Rob Macioroski and Planning Assistant Rochelle Hoerning joined the meeting. There are 4 two-year terms expiring this year. Letters of interest have been received from Kelly Rowe, Kristen Bailey, Larry Volkening, and Vana Taylor.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that Kelly Rowe, Larry Volkening, Kristen Bailey and Vana Taylor be reappointed to the Planning Board with their terms to expire December 31, 2025. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



**Solid Waste Board**

There are 2 three-year terms expiring this year. Mark Boka Submitted a letter of interest to renew his term. Tom Rice voiced that he wishes to be reappointed.

MOTION: Commissioner Jackson moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Mark Boka and Tom Rice be reappointed to the Solid Waste Board with their term to expire on December 31, 2026. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Tax Appeal Board**

There is 1 three-year term expiring this year. A letter of interest has been received from Jim Harvey.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that Jim Harvey be appointed to the Tax Appeal Board with his term to expire December 31, 2026 and Vince Husted with his term to expire December 31, 2024. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Weed Control Board**

There are 2 three-year terms expiring this year. Letters of interest have been received from Debby Keller and Travis Hansen.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that Debby Keller and Travis Hansen be reappointed to the Weed Control Board with their terms to expire on December 31, 2026. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**City/County Board of Health**

There are 2 three-year terms expiring this year. Charlotte Quist submitted a letter of interest to renew her term.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that Tom Rice and Charlotte Quist be reappointed to the City/County Board of Health with their terms to expire on December 31, 2026. 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 Michael J. McGinley reconvened the meeting with Vice Chairman Jackson, Commissioner C. Thomas Rice, and their assistant Taylor Longie present.

**Action on Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the December 29, 2023 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the minutes of the December 29, 2023 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Payment of Invoices**

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$47,628.20, beginning with check #214028 and ending with check #214053. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

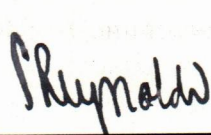
**Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction**

No public comment was heard.

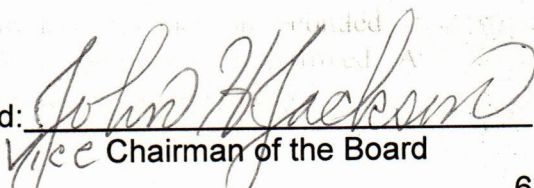
**Adjourn**


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

Attest:

  
Clerk of the Board

Approved:

  
Vice Chairman of the Board

by   
clerk