

January 22, 2024 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on January 22, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present: Commissioner Michael J. McGinley, Commissioner John H. Jackson, Commissioner C. Thomas Rice, 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 the board

Commissioner McGinley informed that usually the commissioner who is up for reelection is the chair that year. Commissioner Jackson was unsure if he was going to run. He has decided to file for election, so Commissioner McGinley believes that with Beaverhead County tradition, he should be chair.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made.

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

Updates on County Projects

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

Reporter Casey Elliott, Lead Maintenance Shonna Graham, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Land Use and Planning Director Rob Macioroski, Superintendent of schools Mike Miller, Sheriff David Wendt, HR Specialist Paul Craft, Sanitarian Joyce Pollastro, Land Use Sanitarian/DES Coordinator Tom Wagenknecht, Mayor McGinley and Solid Waste Supervisor Nick Hoem were present.

Bob said they have been plowing a little bit of snow but not much. They have mainly been sanding,

Nick stated he helped Tom Wagenknecht with the ice Jam. Nick stated they went to Sierra repeater last week.

Mike Miller said Wednesday they will have the county spelling bee this week.

Tracy Sawyer stated that he got a deficiency letter on the Stibal gravel pit, so he will work through that.

Rob stated they had a public meeting for the subdivision regulations last week. There will be a public hearing with the Commissioners on January 29.

Sheriff Wendt stated that they are at 23 inmate's downstairs. Sheriff Wendt stated they got Shonna's UTV up and running for facilities. They had a big case this last week and seized 13 cell phones so they have been working on that.

Shonna stated that last week they worked on one of the four-wheelers. She informed they put up a few TV mounts upstairs. They have been working on public health and the treasurer's office. Discussion about the 4wheeler they will be selling took place.

Paul Craft stated that they are moving forward with HR.

Joyce stated they Beaverhead county was chosen for an FDA grant again. They help buy supplies. They have their quarter 4 audit and they pull 25 random inspections to audit. She stated

that she did an inspection on a hotel where she had to call law enforcement in because there was suspicious material in a room.

Tom Wagenknecht stated the river flooding has kept him busy. It looks like the ice jam broke apart and they are in the clear now.

Mayor McGinley stated they received their DEQ approval for the drying beds.

Commissioner McGinley stated that we will have the emergency declaration at 9:30am regarding the ice jam.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK
January 21st to January 27th, 2024
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Plowed snow on the following roads: Pioneer Mountain Scenic Byway, Horse Prairie and at Bannack.
- Hauled millings to Lima.
- Attended 811 locate class.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Plowed snow on Little Sheep Creek Road.
- Attended 811 locate class.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Plowed snow on the following roads: Big Swamp Creek, Little Lake Creek, Big Lake Creek, Twin Lakes, Moose Creek, Lower North Fork and Jackson.
- Flood control on Little Lake Creek Road.
- Worked on Lower North Fork bridge.
- Attended 811 locate class.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Discussion & Action ~ Resolution 2024-05 Declaration Resolution

Tom Wagenknecht stated that that resolution would allow up to 2 mills to help with the cost of managing the disaster.

Discussion about who has been involved with assisting in the flooding.

Tom stated that this resolution would reimburse for costs that have occurred since the flooding started. He stated that just because we have this resolution doesn't mean we have to use the full 2 mills. If we used the full 2 mills on expenses, the emergency would move up to the state level.

Commissioner Rice discussed the amount of gravel and hay bales that went out.

Commissioner Rice asked about the drone footage. Tom W. and Nick answered stated that they still have footage from the drone.

Commissioner McGinley stated that this resolution is easy to compare to a forest fire as far as costs go. He discussed the reimbursable items. Tom stated it is for our operational cost and does not cover people's property.

Commissioner McGinley discussed that in an emergency the chairman has the authority to declare an emergency and then this resolution is added to the agenda.

Commissioner McGinley informed that this resolution needs a unanimous decision to pass.

Commissioner McGinley stated this resolution gives the commissioners to do the 2 mills on the taxes next year. He discussed that he would like to see the costs before we taxed the taxpayers. He stated that we do not have to do the full two mills. Commissioner McGinley stated that the city residents don't pay the two mills. This is county residents only.

Chairman Jackson asked if we are thinking not to pass this resolution. Commissioner McGinley stated that we can do it and are not obligated to use the two mills.

Discussion about the Drone costs took place.

Chairman McGinley stated that with this property tax issue, we need to control and think about adding the mills to the tax bills.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that Resolution 2024-05 Declaration Resolution be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley motioned and Commissioner Rice seconded to close this disaster at 9:45am on January 22, 2024. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action ~ Brown- Lacey Boundary Relocation Survey

Paul Lacey, Zach Medina, Gary Love, Travis Wilson, John McGinley, Bob Ferris, Tom Wagenknecht, Tracy Sawyer Casey Elliot

Rob mentioned that we saw this property and it had a weird piece coming off of it. This is relocation moves the boundary to remove that little piece.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the Brown-Lacey Boundary Relocation Survey be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action ~ Turnbull Boundary Relocation Survey

Rob stated this is just a simple boundary relocation. There was a building on a little bit of the neighboring property. This just moves that building to on piece of property and the boundary was barely moved.

Commissioner McGinley asked if these boundary relocations cost money. Rob stated yes, they can be anywhere from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the Turnbull Boundary Relocation Survey be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action ~ Love Boundary Relocation Survey

Rob stated that our MACo attorney advised not to accept the survey and change some things.

Travis Wilson asked why all these are going to MACo if there is a committee in house. Tina Caron stated that not all go to the MACo attorney, just ones they have questions on.

Discussion about the process took place.

This survey will go back to the committee.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the January 16, 2024 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the minutes of the January 16, 2024 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Recess

At 12:00 noon, Chairman Jackson recessed the meeting. At 1:30 p.m., Chairman John Jackson reconvened the meeting with Commissioner Michael J McGinley, Commissioner C. Thomas Rice, and their assistant Taylor Longie present.

Payment of Invoices

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$58,134.71, beginning with check #214132 and ending with check #214175. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

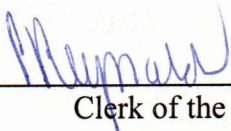
Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda

No public comments were heard

Adjourn

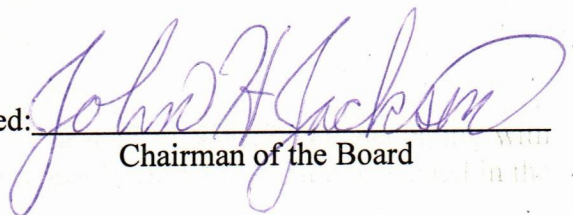
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Attest:



Clerk of the Board

Approved:



Chairman of the Board