

January 21, 2025 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on January 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present: Commissioner Chairman John Jackson, Commissioner Michael J McGinley, Commissioner Tom Rice and Commissioner Support Specialist Dana Basile.

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 was present and reported the following. Bob added plowed a little snow, hauled a little gravel. Tomorrow they meet great west engineer for a look at Browne's bridge.

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

January 12th to January 18th, 2025
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Plow snow on Local Roads, Horse Prairie, ByWay
 - Haul Gravel on Nissen Lane
 - Repairs and maintenance
 - Road Check

WISDOM AREA

- Road Check
- Snow Berms on Lower North Fork
- Plow snow Warm Springs and Miner Lake
- Salt Blocks on Culverts on Little Lake

LIMA AREA

- Plow Snow on South Valley Rd
 - Moved Equipment
 - Equipment Repair
 - Road Check

Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, HR Paul Craft, Planner Rob Macioroski, School Superintendent Mike Miller, Food Sanitarian Joyce Pollastro, Finance Assistant Becky Hankinson, Sheriff David Wendt, County Attorney Sky Jones, Facilities Manager Shonna Graham, and Land Use Sanitarian Tom Wagenknecht, joined the meeting.

Sky commented things are going good, staying busy. The new space will need renovations to be move in ready but it should not be a big project. There are a handful of cases in district court today.

Tom commented he has just been monitoring the Blacktail Creek and Beaverhead River through the cold snap, checking for ice issues.

Mike mentioned it is quiet in the schools. The new teacher in Wise River starts today.

Stacey added they are playing catch up and getting projects done.

Paul is working on the employee manual. There are a few setbacks that will be brought up soon.

Joyce added she is doing many inspections recently and she should hear about grants this week.

Tracy commented that he has just been fixing issues with all the people moving offices. The Weeds department phones are now up and going. He asked to remind all to complete cyber security training.

Sheriff Wendt added there are 14 downstairs and 2 warrants coming in. There was a gentleman killed at Maverick Mountain ski hill this weekend. He is needed up there for a debrief today.

Shonna added that last week they got all the sheriffs file cabinets moved. They were able to get the Weeds office moved. They plan to move Stacey's filing cabinets today. There was an issue with furnace at Public Health yesterday.

Discussion and Update: County Capital Improvements Plan

Tracy Sawyer, Stacey Reynolds, and Becky Hankinson were present for the discussion.

Commissioner McGinley started the discussion by stating what started this conversation was looking at the Junk Vehicle one recently. All the current CIP plans are located in the Finance Office.

The law changed in 2016 that you need a plan for how to use the CIPs and some of them need to be updated.

If the Junk Vehicle grant budget is not spent from the DEQ funds, the monies go into the JV CIP. The Junk Vehicle one needs updating as to how the CIP can be spent.

The Public Health CIP was done in 2020 and that plan needs to be updated to maybe the County Annex CIP to include the Treasurers Building as well.

The Weeds Department and Courthouse CIP also need to be updated.

McGinley wanted to bring it to everyone's attention so we can begin working on these with each department that has a CIP.

911 Committee Meeting

The minutes from the 911 meeting will be available in the Commissioner Support Specialists Office upon request.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the January 13, 2025 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the minutes of the 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 Jackson and Commissioner Rice reconvened the meeting with Commissioner McGinley and their Assistant Dana Basile present.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda**Legislative Update**

McGinley updated that he wanted this time to start being on the agenda to keep everyone updated on what is going on in legislation right now. They can all have conversations about points of view for some of the bills and it is on the official minutes.

There are many interesting bills coming through the senate and the house right now.

Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds was present and discussed with the Commissioners about certain bills that effect the election and clerk and recorder topics. (HB 192, SB 130, and SB 11 were mentioned) She specifically wanted the Commissioners to be aware of LC 1448 and why the Clerk and Recorders are asking to raise the current recording fees.

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 \$65,940.05 beginning with check #217042 and ending with check #217090. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

- Check # 217039-217041 were written and approved 1/13-1/16

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction**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