

## January 27, 2025 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on January 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present: Commissioner Chairman John Jackson, 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 not present. The following Road Department Report was submitted and scanned into the minutes:

January 19th to January 25th, 2025  
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

#### DILLON AREA

- Plow snow on Local Roads and Elkhorn
  - Haul Gravel on Carter Ck Road
  - Equipment Service and repair
    - Check local roads

#### WISDOM AREA

- Road Check
- Snow Berms on Upper and Lower North Fork
- Plow snow Twin Lakes and Moose Ck
- Sign Install on Rock Ck Cattleguard

#### LIMA AREA

- Shop maintenance and cleaning
  - Move Equipment
  - Equipment Repair
  - Road Check

Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds, Extension Agent Jack Bazemore, HR Paul Craft, Planner Rob Macioroski, School Superintendent Mike Miller, Jail Commander Ian Ternes, Weeds Supervisor Amber Burch, Landfill Supervisor Nick Hoem, Justice of the Peace Randi Braddock, Food Sanitarian Joyce Pollastro, Sheriff David Wendt, County Attorney Sky Jones, Facilities Manager Shonna Graham, and Land Use Sanitarian Tom Wagenknecht, joined the meeting.

Tom mentioned he got a call from Bob about ice jamming. It is building up but not threatening. He is working on DES stuff with grants and mitigation.

Nick commented that last week they were able to get the Weeds Office radio fixed. There were firefighters that came through town going home from California and needed housing overnight so they had 2 stay at the landfill.

Jack commented he had a great week last week taking kids to Helena to meet with legislature.

Rob mentioned he presented a letter to the commissioners from DNRC regarding the Floodplain Hazard Management Regulations and discussed it needing some revisions.

Mike added it is county spelling bee week. Wednesday is the spelling bee for the kids. Champion will go to Bozeman for the state bee. He asked if Commissioner Jackson would be able to present the trophy to the champion. He responded that he is in Great Falls that day.

Randi added last week she got the registration information for the judicial institute and she applied to attend for 2 weeks in June. County only covers per diem if she is accepted.

Stacey mentioned that thankfully they are still slow. Her office is still playing catch up and getting many documents digitized. The facilities crew helped reorganize the vault and move file cabinets.

Amber added she is heading out to annual conference this week.

Joyce commented just busy getting many inspections done.

Shonna added they worked in the Clerk and Records vault last week and painted offices (weeds, sheriff).

Ian added it was a busy weekend with increase people in the jail and there was a medical emergency with an inmate.

David added he stayed busy. He is remodeling the deputies room including adding kennels for the K-9 units. There was a crash on Monida Pass over the weekend.

Sky mentioned law enforcement appreciation dinner was Saturday night. There are a lot of cases in district court this week. Working with the conservation district on some permits.

### **Action on Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the January 21<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Jackson 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 and their Assistant Dana Basile present.

### **Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda**

#### **Legislative Update**

No one attended to give or hear an update on legislation this week.

#### **Unfinished Business/Other Topics of Discussion**

County Attorney Sky Jones joined the Commissioners and requested an Executive Closed session.

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 \$44,081.41 beginning with check #217095 and ending with check #217126. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

- Check # 217091- 217094 were written and approved 1/23/25

### **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