

April 21, 2025 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on April 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present Commissioner John Jackson, Commissioner Tom Rice, Commissioner Michael McGinley 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 that they hauled gravel on Sweetwater, put a culvert in on Beaverhead Lane for Keller Subdivision, plowed snow on Thursday and bladed some roads. Kodie opened South Valley and Ben opened Twin Lakes and Gibbonsville. They also went up to Axes Canyon to look into the petition investigation.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK April 13th to April 19th, 2025 Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Plow Snow on local roads, By-Way
 - Haul Gravel on Sweetwater
- Bladed on Frying Pan and Lovers Leap
 - Replace Culvert on Beaverhead
 - Repairs and Maintenance
 - Road Check

WISDOM AREA

- Plow Gibbonsville open
- Plow Twin Lakes and Moose Creek open
 - Pile Willows
- Equipment move, setup and clean
 - Shop maintenance

LIMA AREA

- Blade Big Sheep Creek Road and Little Sheep Creek
- Blade West Rd, Reeder Rd, Munday Lane, Chute Canyon Rd, Gosman Ln, Nicholia Creek Rd, Meadow Nicholia Cut Across.
 - Plow Snow on South Valley Rd, Elk Lake Rd, and North Valley Rd
 - Equipment Clean and Setup
 - Shop Maintenance

Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds, Planner Rob Macioroski, School Superintendent Mike Miller, Landfill Supervisor Nick Hoem, Sheriff David Wendt, Payroll Administrator Stacy Setzer, Weeds Supervisor Amber Burch, Jail Commander Ian Ternes, Facilities Manager Shonna Graham, MSU Extension Agent Jack Bazemore, Fairground Manager Justin Kellabrew, Food Sanitarian Joyce Pollastro, Deputy County Attorney Coty Calvin, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, and Land Use Sanitarian Tom Wagenknecht, joined the meeting.

Nick added that the kiosk should be in by end of week or early next week.

Jack commented last week was super busy. There are two more Master Gardener classes left to go and Thursday he will be at Dillon Livestock Auction.

Justin mentioned EMS will be holding a Mock Accident training event on Wednesday for the high school at fairgrounds.

Mike mentioned this week he is working on a deal with Stacey for the Grant school. He has a lecture he is giving at Western talking about teaching in Rural Schools.

Rob added DNRC and him are meeting to visit the flood plain violator to see what can be done.

Stacey commented the ballots for school district election went out Friday.

Amber added Thursday she is going to Henneberry cabin with 7th graders and Friday she is going up to a rangeland management class.

Tom added he is working on permits and subdivision violations this week.

Stacy briefly discussed the safety incentive program that started last week.

Joyce mentioned she is working through inspections and following up on violations. She was looking at septic systems with Tom last week in Lima.

Shonna commented the Easter Egg hunt last week went well. Facilities was fairly quiet- there were some issues with General Population shower not draining and it needed to be snaked.

Ian added there are 22 downstairs including multiple holds for Madison county. One of the detention officers, Megan, completed ENT training.

Tracy commented last week he was in Helena for a conference.


David said it was a busy weekend and currently 22 downstairs.

Coty added Sky is in Texas thru Wednesday and there is a busy district court day tomorrow.

Discussion and Action- Service Provider Designation Form


The Commissioners received a form from DPHHS to designate service provider funds. After reviewing the form and selections it was decided that 40% will go to Southwest Chemical Dependency Program and 60% will go to Starr Addiction Services. The following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded to select service providers as stated above. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

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BEAVERHEAD COUNTY Filed 4/21/2025 At 10:15 AM
Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder
By: 

Service Provider Designation Form

Beaverhead



When designating a provider, the designated provider will be responsible for working with county commissioners to develop and seek Department approval for the countywide plan and annual updates.

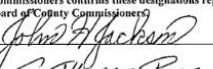
The following designation will be effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

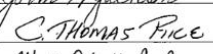
Program Name	Total % given	Prevention	Outpatient	Residential Home	Inpatient	Detox
Southwest Chemical Dependency Program	40%		x			
Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch						
Starr Addiction Services	60%		x			
Butte Cares						

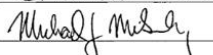
Fiscal Year: 2026 (07/01/25 - 06/30/26)

The Board of County Commissioners, hereby, designates the above State-Approved SUD Treatment and/or Prevention, and/or public health department and/or tribal council Provider(s) to receive earmarked alcohol tax monies and/or State-Approval for the provision of substance misuse/abuse treatment and prevention services in the county indicated above in accordance with 53-24-206, MCA. The Board of County Commissioners also acknowledge that revenue generated by 16-1-404, 16-1-406, and 16-1-411 for the treatment, rehabilitation, and prevention of substance misuse/abuse that has not been encumbered for those purposes by the counties of Montana or the department must be returned to the state special revenue fund for the treatment, rehabilitation, and prevention of alcoholism within 30 days after the close of each fiscal year and must be distributed by the department the following year as provided in 53-24-206(3)(b). The Board of County Commissioners acknowledges that revenue generated by 16-1-404, 16-1-406, and 16-1-411 earmarked to the counties for the treatment, rehabilitation, and prevention of alcoholism in fiscal year 2024 was encumbered for those purposes. Any unencumbered funds were returned to the department within 30 days after the close of the fiscal year in accordance with 53-24-108(6).

The Board of County Commissioners confirms these designations represents the majority of county commissioners on the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Signature:  Date: 4/21/2025

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Agreement 2025-01

911 Committee Board

The minutes from the 911 Committee Board meeting will be filed with the Clerk and Recorder and available in the Commissioners Assistant office.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the April 14, 2025 meeting were not read or approved. They will be read at the next Regular Commissioners Meeting.

Recess

At 12:00 noon, Commissioner Jackson recessed the meeting. At 1:30 p.m., Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner McGinley and Commissioner Rice reconvened the meeting with and their Assistant Dana Basile present.

Legislative Update

Commissioner McGinley began the discussion with they are about to wrap up only left is property tax reform. There are a dozen different bills.

SB537- Redo the marijuana bill to get money for road department. 2.5% going to DOJ for purchasing and training drug dogs. 31% is going to police and sheriffs office to help fund \$50K each dept.

SB236- Providing to detention officers 1% longevity from the time they were hired. Superseding the unfunded mandate law. MCA 1-2 referenced.

Preliminary budgets- has to be turned in by 6/10. Estimate operating tax from all mill levies done in the current budget year. Conflicts with us getting the budget for mills in August.

SB539- road districts, assessments taxable value. Voted out.

HB20- voted mills, cannot put mills on the ballot, only dollars.

SB 90- property tax bills, take from bed tax (tourism) and put it in bridge fund and match by 20%.

HB regarding the property task force, fixed mills. Both houses passed through.

SB117- changes 15 10 420. MACo is supporting. This would control the rate of growth by cutting local property taxes and fixing school levies.
All the sales tax bills did not pass.

Solid Waste Board Meeting

The minutes from the Solid Waste Board meeting will be filed with the Clerk and Recorder and available in the Commissioners Assistant office.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda**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 \$17,535.98 beginning with check #217618 and ending with check #217653. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

4/11/25 Void CK #217609 Wrong vendor
Reissued #217615 to Western States Equipment \$7,940.54

4/14/25 CK#217616 \$140.00 Livingston City Court Bond
CK#217617 \$473.30 Carly Anderson Mileage

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