

**June 2, 2025 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners**

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on June 2, 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 not present.

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

**BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK**

May 25th to May 31st, 2025

Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

**DILLON AREA**

- Blade Trapper Creek, Cherry Creek, Big Horn
  - Move, Service and repair Equipment
  - Road Check

**WISDOM AREA**

- Blade Little Lake Creek, Rock Creek, Skinner Meadows
  - Road Check

**LIMA AREA**

- Job Prep for Steelbridge Lane Bridge Project
  - Checked Local Roads

Finance Assistant Becky Hankinson, School Superintendent Mike Miller, Justice of the Peace Randi Braddock, Facilities Manager Shonna Graham, Food Sanitarian Joyce Pollastro, Land Use Sanitarian Tom Wagenknecht, County Attorney Sky Jones, Extension Agent Jack Bazemore, Sheriff David Wendt, Jail Commander Ian Ternes, Weeds Supervisor Amber Burch, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Landfill Supervisor Nick Hoem, joined the meeting.

Nick commented that because of the mud they have been working out of a different pit, they should be back in the regular one this week. The scale is almost all the way up and running.

Jack added that he is heading to Red Bluff field day in Norris, Thursday he has a meeting in Butte and Saturday is the 4H animal weigh in.

Mike mentioned this week the teachers should all finish turning in final reports, attendance and grades.

Randi added she is leaving next Sunday for a two-week training. There is a possible jury trial later in the month.

Shonna commented the flowers are planted and the sprinklers up and running.

Joyce added she is still busy with inspections.

Becky added it is budget time, if you need help schedule meetings as needed with her, Mike or Betty.



Amber commented that last week she had trainings in Whitehall. Today the full crew is out spraying.

Ian mentioned the jail has been very busy. They might be losing an officer in the next few weeks and he will need to advertise they are looking to hire soon. He is working on the budget with the hospital and working on contract updates. There were multiple arrests over the week and the jail is at 17. McGinley and him briefly discussed the new bill regarding 1% longevity raises for the detention officers.

Tom added he is working on enforcement issues and later this week he is heading to Lewistown for a team training.

Tracy commented he is working on the CWPP for DES, working on the landfill scale, and working on phone lines for treasurer.

David added it was a busy weekend. A repeater went out last week, and him and Nick replaced it.

Sky mentioned he has lots of catch up and meetings this week.

Joyce added that an anonymous donor gave the city enough money to purchase the Meals on Wheels temperature-controlled vehicle.

#### **Discussion and Action- MDT County Detour Agreement**

Ben Rickman with Montana Department of Transportation emailed an agreement regarding the detour needed for the Highway 91 bridge construction.

After discussion ensued, the Commissioners motioned the following:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice motioned and Commissioner McGinley seconded to sign the agreement with MDT. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Chamber/City Update**

Chamber President, Rebecca Jones was not able to make today's meeting and give a chamber update.

City of Dillon Mayor, John McGinley was not able to make today's meeting and give a city update.

#### **Discussion- Headwaters "Road Tour" Presentation**

Kelly Sullivan emailed on Friday that they are not able to attend today. This will be rescheduled for June 30, 2025.

#### **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.

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

The minutes of the May 27th, 2025 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the minutes be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion and Action- DUI Task Force Plan Approval**

Shannon McWilliams joined the Commissioners and presented the DUI Task Force Report and Plan for SFY2026. Each year there is a plan submitted to the Commissioners and to the State. She briefly discussed the statistics from the last few years and answered questions for the Commissioners. The full report and plan can be viewed in the Clerk and Records Office.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the DUI Task Force Plan be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Beaverhead County DUI Task Force  
FY 2025 Report and FY 2026 DUI Task Force Plan

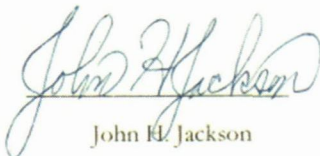
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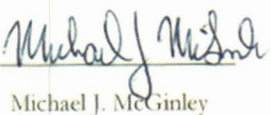
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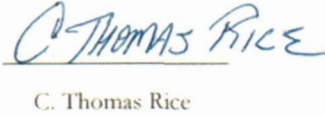
Commissioner Approvals

Approved By

Beaverhead County Commissioners

  
John E. Jackson

  
Michael J. McGinley

  
C. Thomas Rice

Date of Approval 6/2/2025

**Discussion and Action- Resource Use Plan Update Presentation**

Present: Kerry White, Jen Haley, Shannon Maness, Casey Elliott  
Kerry began with discussing the proposed changes to the Resource Use Plan. Full copy of the proposed plan can be located in the Commissioners Assistants Office and made available upon request.

The Draft will be added to the county website for public review, presented to the Planning Board, and the Commissioners will host a Public Hearing.



**Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda****New or 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 \$80,826.88 beginning with check #217894 and ending with check #217924. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_



Clerk of the Board

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



Chairman of the Board