

June 16, 2025 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on June 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present Commissioner 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 present and reported the following. The bridge on Steel Bridge is across the river finally. They are working on building the road to it. This week is more blading and getting ready for chloride around town. The Road Department mechanic turned in his 2 weeks' notice, we will start advertising that soon. Pioneer, Selway and White got pavement overlay last week. They will be back in couple of weeks to chip seal.

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

DILLON AREA

- Blade Schoolhouse, Hartwig, Burma, Blacktail, Sweetwater
 - Overlay on Selway, Pioneer Dr, White Lane
- Steel Bridge Lane Job Prep for Bridge Installation
 - Repairs and Maintenance
 - Road Check

WISDOM AREA

- Blade Twin lakes, River Road, Big Lake, Lower North Fork
 - Clean Brush at Wisdom Dump
- Weld Repair Surface Picks and Light Rack 0820
 - Equipment Tire Repair
 - Shop Clean
 - Road Check

LIMA AREA

- Steel Bridge Lane Job Prep for Bridge Installation
 - Checked Local Roads

School Superintendent Mike Miller, Facilities Manager Shonna Graham, County Attorney Sky Jones, Jail Commander Ian Ternes, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Food Safety Sanitarian Joyce Pollastro, Finance Assistant Becky Hankinson, joined the meeting.

Becky added that the preliminary budget is in. She is out for vacation starting Thursday thru next week. Betty will be helping out as needed.

Shonna commented that she is out Thursday and Friday this week. The inspector passed all fire alarms, smoke detectors and pull stations. They are knocking through the wall for the County attorney office expansion. Tracy has been moved into his new office.

Joyce added she has been busy around the county. There have been a lot of new mobile food trucks this summer opening.

Mike mentioned he is going to OPI summer institute and working with Grant school this week.

Tracy commented that he finished the Hirschy gravel pit and got paperwork submitted to DEQ. He is working on switching phones to add treasurer to courthouse system.

Ian added jail had shower plumbing issues which caused the jail flooded this weekend. Showers need new pieces and a plumber to change them out. The Summer Kick-off Concert and Derby brought in multiple arrests. This week he is working with other jails on transports. The jail number is in the 20s. He has a detention officer with their last day on the 25th so he is looking to get a new detention officer hired on mid-July.

Sky mentioned busy weekend from the Derby and other activities around Dillon.

Discussion and Action- MOU with Madison County regarding Planning Services

Madison County Planner Cody Marxer was present. An agreement was presented to the Commissioners between Madison County and Beaverhead County to express cooperation between the counties in regards to temporary planning services. Cody explained she took the last one when Beaverhead agreed to help Madison and flipped it for reciprocation. She added in the flood plain piece. She can support Tom or not help. Rice asked if she could be on-call for that, just as needed. Cody Marxer will be available as needed to Beaverhead County to assist with planning needs as they arise. Jackson asked for clarification on if Cody would help train the new hire for a period of time as this is not specified in the agreement. Cody said yes, this agreement can be more use her as needed. She is willing to help in interim and with the new hire.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded to approve and sign the agreement between Madison County and Beaverhead County. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

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.

Safety Meeting

The minutes of the Safety Meeting will be available in the Finance Office upon request.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the June 9, 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.

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 \$248,768.49 beginning with check #217981 and ending with check #218031. 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