

**June 30, 2025 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners**

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on June 30, 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 the following. Last week some roads received Mag chloride treatment in a few areas. They will be working on cleaning up Ten Mile Road for chloride treating soon. Blading is getting done around the county. The following Road Department Report was submitted and scanned into the minutes:

**BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK**

June 22nd to June 28th, 2025

Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

**DILLON AREA**

- Blade Nissen, Carter Cr, Sweetwater
- Dust Control on Stone Cr, Nissen, Carter Cr, Sweetwater
  - Haul gravel Sweetwater
  - Repairs and Maintenance
    - Road Check

**WISDOM AREA**

- Blade Lower North Fork, Big Lake, Upper North Fork, Big Swamp
  - Haul Gravel Lower North Fork, Big Lake
- Spray Weeds GP 303, Wisdom Shop, Wisdom Dump and Jackson Dump
  - Equipment Repair Shop
    - Road Check

**LIMA AREA**

- Bladed Steelbridge Lane and Medicine Lodge Road
  - Hauled Gravel on Glead Lane
  - Rolled Millings at the Shop Yard
  - Moved and Repaired Equipment
    - Checked Local Roads

School Superintendent Mike Miller, Clerk and Recorder Stacey Reynolds, County Planner Tina Caron, Facilities Manager Shonna Graham, County Attorney Sky Jones, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer, Fairgrounds Manager Justin Kellabrew joined the meeting.

Tracy commented that he submitted the Hirschy pit information again. He is also working on CWPP and the phone system.

Justin added that summer has been busy so far for Fairgrounds.

Shonna added that there were plumbing issues with jail again. There are 26 inmates downstairs and the overload created plumbing issues. The plumber had to be called in twice this weekend. She will be on vacation later this week. The electrician got the sign up and running at public health. They helped Margot get her office moved to upstairs.

Stacey added that she is back from vacation and catching up.

Tina commented nothing to report. She starts this week officially as county planner.

Mike mentioned that it is quiet in his office. Everything has been submitted to the state for the rural schools. He is attending a federal grant monitoring session this Saturday.

Sky added the Axes Canyon meeting went well last week. There have been some updates to be discussed later. His office is prepping for office expansion. He is working on moving some of the 26 out of downstairs. He is going to investigate the contract with the plumber regarding the consistent plumbing issues in the jail. Next week the nurse starts medical check visits with inmates.

Commissioner McGinley added a comment about today being the last day of the fiscal year and closing out budgets this week.

**Discussion and Action- Ordinance 2025-01 Emergency Speed Limit Ordinance- Bannack Days**

The Commissioners are putting this ordinance in place to lower the speed limit to 35 for the duration of Bannack Days.

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded to approve Ordinance 2025-01 Emergency Speed Limit Ordinance- Bannack Days. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Ordinance can be viewed in the Clerk and Records Office.

**Discussion and Action- Possible Setting Stage 1 Fire Restrictions Resolution 2025-13**

Present: Travis Wilson, BJ Klose,

McGinley added that a lot of counties have already gone to Stage 1 at this time of year. This just allows burning in a designated pit.

BJ talked to a few in the county and agreed to the Stage 1. He had some asking about wanting to light fireworks off at the M trail.

McGinley added it is already illegal in city limits to set off fireworks.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rice moved to approve the Resolution Proposing Stage I Fire Restrictions. Commissioner McGinley seconded. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. Effective immediately.

A copy of the resolution can be viewed below;



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 Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder  
 By: *[Signature]*



# RESOLUTION 2025-13

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, Beaverhead County Commissioners by unanimous vote on June 30, 2025 decided to enter into Stage 1 Fire Restrictions in the county.

**WHEREAS**, extreme drought conditions exist, high winds, record high temperatures, low relative humidity, low water supplies and lack of precipitation are contributing to an increase in fire danger.

**WHEREAS**, Beaverhead County Board of Commissioners declares that all the private land not under the jurisdiction of the municipalities or state or federal agencies is a high fire hazard area.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following acts are prohibited:

The following acts are prohibited until further notice:

Building maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire except within a developed recreation site, or improved site. 36 CFR 261.52(a).

Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials. 36 CFR 261.52(d)

Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark-arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order meeting either USDA Forest Service Standard 5100-1a (as amended), or appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a) (36 CFR 261.52(j)).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Beaverhead County Board of County Commissioners this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

Resolution 2025-13 Imposing Stage 1 Fire Restrictions in Beaverhead County

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*[Signature]*  
 John H Jackson, Chairman

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 Michael J McGinley, Commissioner

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 C Thomas Rice, Commissioner

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 ATTEST: Stacey Reynolds  
 Clerk & Recorder

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

## Discussion and Action- HB 643 Request for Override

Commissioner McGinley explained HB 643 regarding reimbursement for counties for costs of detaining individuals awaiting evaluation or committed by DPHHS custody. This bill was vetoed by the governor.

Asking for the Commissioners to call and send letters to ask to override that veto. This bill passed 147-3 but was vetoed by the Governor.

**MOTION:** Commissioner McGinley moved that the Commissioners, County Attorney and Sheriffs office to take action and write, email or call to veto this decision Commissioner Rice seconded. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously..

## Discussion- Headwaters Road Show

Kelly Sullivan and Brenan Hammer with Headwaters joined the Commissioners.

Kelly briefly discussed the program and what they are doing in the community. They lend small business capital and have special category loans and programs. They help with business planning and marketing planning. They do training opportunities for small businesses and leadership classes.

Brenan added they help ag businesses with finance through grants and help with writing grant applications. He is also a HUD counselor and puts on classes to assist with HUD financing and first-time home buyers. He can go out to trainings in the community as needed. He will be doing training in Dillon in September.

Kelly added information about the projects they have going on. She briefly discussed the Headwaters Tech fund. Rural economy planning grants- McCallie school got awarded one for the new school in Twin Bridges. Dillon received one for a TED district and Urban renewal district.

Kelly added they have a lot of partners they work with and can use as needed.

McGinley questioned if the other commissioners knew why are we pay dues and how much does it cost? Kelly answers approx \$.52 per capita. We are members to have a right to be on the board. Lima does and Dillon does as well. McGinley has a seat on the board- this will pass on to someone in the county as Commissioners retire. It doesn't need to be a Commissioner but they need to appoint someone as needed.

### **Recess**

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

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

The minutes of the June 23, 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.

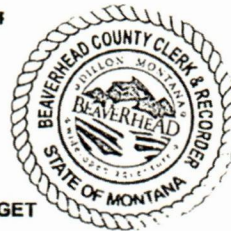
### **Discussion and Action- Budget Amendments Resolution 2025-14**

McGinley briefly discussed working on the budgets and the following funds need to be amended to reflect the corrections listed in the resolution (see image below). Last year transitions within the finance office, different accounts needed editing and cleaning up bookwork were the factors involved. Descriptions of each account is listed on the resolution.

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Rice seconded Resolution 2025-14 to Amend Budgets for Beaverhead County be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



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**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING BEAVERHEAD COUNTY BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Beaverhead County Commissioners have previously set the budget for the operation of Beaverhead County; and

**WHEREAS**, after the fixing and establishing of said budget, Beaverhead County has incurred budget overdraft; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate to amend the Beaverhead County Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate to amend the Beaverhead County Budget Fund # 4030, County Bridge CIP:

- Fund was over budget by \$162,134.97 due to unexpected bridge repairs or replacement; and
- Covered by SB536 reimbursement at 100% and LATCF.

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate to amend the Beaverhead County Budget Fund # 2926, Inoperability Mt:

- Fund was over budget by \$10,365.32 due to lightning strike on tower needed new tower control panel and 9GHz handheld cable and antenna; and
- Overages were covered by LATCF.

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate to amend the Beaverhead County Budget Fund # 4303, Bannack Bench Road CIP:

- Fund was over budget by \$4,173.00 due to closing Bannack Bench fund 4303.
- Funds transferred to road incurred interest
- Overages were covered by existing cash.

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate to amend the Beaverhead County Budget Fund # 2273, Beaverhead Resource Assistance Center:

- Fund was over budget by \$4993.56
- Beaverhead RAC should be treated like 7000 account.
- We budget cash. Unknown grants or donations come at a later date.
- Overages were covered by donations and/or grants.

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate to amend the Beaverhead County Budget Fund # 2384, Employee Liability:

- Fund was over budget by \$11,984.14 due to an unusual number of employees retiring or leaving.
- Overages were covered by LATCF.

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate to amend the Beaverhead County Budget Fund #4020 Airport CIP:

- Fund was over budget by \$291,092.83; and
- Need to document and account for large donations. Account for 4020 and



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- moved to 4307 to finish runway project.
- Overages were covered by large donations.

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate to amend the Beaverhead County Budget Fund # 2980 Wisdom Water and Sewer:

- Fund was over budget by \$18,989.74 due to finish project with HB832 monies; and
- Had to change order and move cash into their 7000 account
- Overages were covered by existing cash.

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate to amend the Beaverhead County Budget Fund # 2951 DARE:

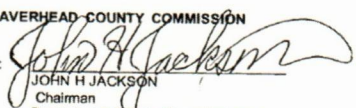
- Fund was over budget by \$0.67 due to closing the account in FY24 and the account accruing interest; and
- Overages were covered by LATCF.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Beaverhead County Budget is hereby amended to allow and permit the expenditure of the additional \$504,734.23.

DATED THIS 30<sup>TH</sup> day of June 2025.

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY COMMISSION

BY:

  
JOHN H. JACKSON

Chairman

Beaverhead County Commissioners

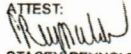
  
C. THOMAS RICE

Beaverhead County Commissioners

  
MICHAEL MCGINLEY

Beaverhead County Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
STACEY REYNOLDS  
Beaverhead County Clerk and Recorder

### 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 \$78,599.95 beginning with check #218081 and ending with check #218119. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

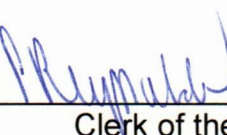
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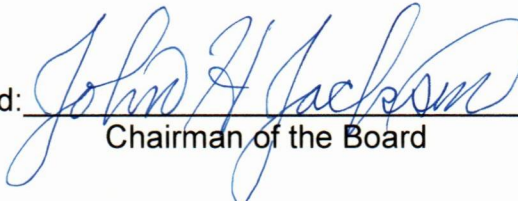
### Adjourn

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