

JUDITH BASIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 2, 2025

Present: Commissioner Hajenga
Commissioner James D Moore

Absent: Commissioner Cody McDonald

Also present: Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly
Road/Bridge/Supervisor Roger Riley
Steve Grove, Wade Kynett and Bing VonBergen

Commissioner Hajenga moved to approve the April 2, 2025 Agenda, second, motion passed.

Commissioner Hajenga moved to approve the March 28, 2025 minutes, second, motion passed.

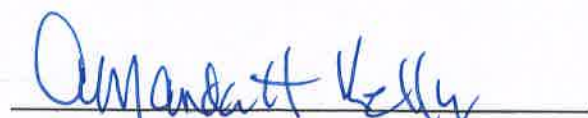
Randy Bogden Senator Daines Field Representative stopped in to visit with Commissioners about what is going on in Congress and the Forest Service workings.

Commissioner Hajenga, Commissioner Moore, (by phone Commissioner McDonald), Road Supervisor Roger Riley, Clerk & Recorder Amanda Kelly, Steve Grove, Wade Kynett and Bing VonBergen meet to discuss county road maintenance. Steve asked: 1-If the county still had a crusher? 2-Does the county need gravel pits? 3-Why are the so many roads in need of TLC? Roger stated the main issue the county is are dealing with is lack of employees. Currently the department is running 2-employees down. Bing stated that a number of heavy traffic roads need major maintenance annually and mowing of the ditches needs to happen before harvest for safety purposes. Trucks need to be able to see the shoulders. Wade stated that he was promised gravel on 5-miles of his road over 5-years ago. Clerk Kelly had prepared each individual with spreadsheets detailing their total taxes paid/ broke entity and fund; the grand total into: 4 categories: State/Schools 67%-69%; County (minus road) (17%-18.50%; Road 10.50% - 11.50% and Misc. (Fire, SID, Pool & Soil Conservation 2.5%-9%). County Commissioners realize the importance of good roads and top maintenance and have been looking at solutions. Wade, Steve and Bing all agreed that if the roads are not maintained it causes expensive repairs, so they willing to consider a tax increase to help with expenses. Commissioners stated that as we moved forward with options, we will be holding public hearings through the county and hope they will be well attended. In parting the 3-guys encouraged the commissioners to call to discuss new ideas.

Commissioners reviewed and approved claims.

ATTESTED:


COMMISSIONER JAMES D MOORE


CLERK & RECORDER AMANDA KELLY