

COMMISSIONER MEETING
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
January 14, 2019

Commissioner Mike Delger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners Laura Obert and Darrel Folkvord were also present.

Public comment: Tim Ravndal asked if agendas will still be sent via email. He was advised they will.

Commissioner Obert moved to approve minutes dated 1/7/2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Communications received: Denning, Downey & Associates letter re: FY2018 audit procedure; thank you and receipt from Broadwater Food Pantry for \$3,000 donation; receipt from Montana Internet for Limestone site rental - \$2,461.69; Institute for Tourism & Recreation Research information. Communications are filed in the Commissioners' office as deemed necessary and are available for review.

Commissioners reminded the audience the County has achieved the highest rating possible in the annual audit the past two years.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to pay approved claims dated 1/4/19 for \$2,216.19. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to sign the letter of support to the Board of Crime Control for the continuation of the Victim/Witness Advocate-Restitution Officer Grant Program, which funds our victim/witness advocate. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner update: All commissioners attended MACo fraud awareness training in Butte; Commissioners Delger and Obert travelled together – no county business was discussed. Maintenance came to the office hours to inform the Commission of a broken washing machine in the detention center. Commissioners listened in on a conference call with Blackfoot Communications. Commissioner Delger attended the THS Board meeting. Commissioner Obert attended Agency on Ageing meeting and communication team meeting. Commissioner Folkvord attended Trust Board meeting and talked with applicants to several board positions.

The Broadwater County Trust Board has received a donation of \$10,000 from JSJ Inc, (Sharon Walker, Silo's KOA), and recommends the funds be allocated to the Recreation Board to be used for operations and possible grants. Commissioner Obert moved to approve the request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

A public hearing was held to adopt resolutions: meeting dates of Commission – comments from Cory Swanson- support for email communications and requested a civility requirement be removed from meetings, and Tim Ravndal; hours of office operation- comment from Brandon Harris; travel rates- no comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Obert moved to adopt the three resolutions as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the Montana Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division and Broadwater County dated 12/14/2018. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Nichole Brown, Community Development/Planning, presented for consideration a Notice of Intent to Construct, which a landowner would be asked to complete when requesting an address. This would assist DOR and Solid Waste in assessing new taxes and fees. The document will be posted on the website. Commissioner Obert moved to adopt said Notice of Intent to Construct. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to appoint Jeanne Steele to the Planning Board for a one-year term; and to appoint Peter Reiss- one year, Don Hettinger-two year and Nate Kosto- three year term to the Weed Board, and Michael Santi as a non-voting member. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to appoint Laura Cater-Wood to the Compensation Board for a three year term. Motions seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to sign the Federal Lands Access Program Match Agreement among US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Western Federal Lands Highway Division and Broadwater County to improve Goose Bay Road. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

At the request of Brooke Dolan, Commissioner Obert moved to sign the application for the Victim/Witness Advocate grant. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Mary Ellen Schnur was present to give an update on the Broadwater County Mental Health Local Advisory Council. There are currently 15 members, with 5-8 regularly attending meetings. There is currently one trained certified mental health peer counselor for the county. The LAC voted to pay her license fee, as she works without compensation. They also voted to pay for another person to attend training in May. A mental health first aid class is being planned, needs funding and at least 30 people to attend.

Julie Zipperian, Centennial Insurance, appeared to review the MACo county liability insurance policy. Commissioner Obert moved to sign the approval for said insurance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Process to sell the county building (Clinic) was discussed. Cory suggested the cleanest process would be to lease the building to Dr. Campbell for a specified time, as-is condition, with maintenance and insurance paid by lessee. Cory will structure the lease to resolve any equity problem; Commissioners will research market lease rates.

Teresa Monson and Heather McMurdie, Health Department, were present to request permission to discontinue the WIC program in Broadwater County. There are very few using it, it is very expensive to maintain and there are several programs with inadequate training and where the funds and time would be better used- foot clinic, home visits, and meds setups for Senior Citizens, to name a few. The school immunization program incurs high administrative expense; they will investigate and report back.

Commissioner Obert moved to discontinue the WIC program in the county. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried. Commissioners in Meagher and Jefferson Counties will be notified.

Brandon Harris, Undersheriff, appeared to request permission to change the detention center vendor from Securus to Turnkey for managing inmate funds for postage and other expenses. The county will receive a percentage of the fees the system charges. Commissioner Obert moved to support Public Safety desire to switch to Turnkey. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Brandon requested permission to purchase a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD Police Pursuit Vehicle plus necessary equipment for \$54,354.00. This would replace a Ford Explorer, which would rotate to Detention Transport, which would replace the Chevy Impala, which he suggested should go to the City to be used for their City Animal Control and Ordinance vehicle. Commissioner Obert moved to accept the package as presented, including transfer of the Chevy. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Nichole Brown, Planning, presented the Sage Hill Minor Subdivision for final plat approval. Commissioner Obert moved to grant final plat approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Nichole requested revocation of preliminary approval of the 380 Views Minor Subdivision, which was granted 1/2/18, for 2 reasons: Montana State Historical Society has reviewed the project and determined a cultural review is not necessary; owners have a petition to close and abandon a portion of Big Sky Drive. Commissioner Obert moved to grant the revocation, based on the new information. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Cory Swanson, County Attorney, stated no action has been taken on a lawsuit concerning the Longhorn Driveway issue. He stated he just learned the property has changed ownership, and he will contact the new owners concerning the access problem.

Commissioners entered into a closed door session for legal strategy per the County Attorney re: Schmaus vs Broadwater County.

Cheryl Campbell, Debi Randolph, Virgil Binkley, Sarah Seiler, Wynn Meehan and Mary Heinemann were also present.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Delger, Chairman

Attest:
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder