

**COMMISSIONER MEETING**  
**515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644**  
**February 4, 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: Wynn Meehan reported 90 teens enjoyed the very successful 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Bowl Party, along with 15 chaperones plus family members.

Debi Randolph thanked the Commission for hosting the Board Training session.

Commissioner Obert moved to approve minutes dated 1/28/2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner update: All commissioners were at the Board Training and the County Management Team Caucus. Commissioner Delger attended the Solid Waste Board and THS Board meetings. Commissioner Obert testified at a hearing for grant money to continue the good neighbor program to promote forest timber harvests. Commissioner Folkvord attended the Solid Waste Board meeting and conferred with MDT concerning slow moving traffic signage on Hwy 285.

Communications received: MDT 2019 BaRSAA (Bridge & Road Safety & Accountability Act) fuel tax allocation of \$48,022.95; notice of BLM oil and gas lease sale; MBAC quarterly report: receipt for Fleiner restitution funds; Liberty, ESRI and Rural Montana magazines.

Communications are filed in the Commissioners' office as deemed necessary and are available for review.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to pay approved claims dated 1/31/19 for \$47,334.66. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Jenny Clowes, Broadwater Health Center, presented the 1/31/19 financial report. BHC is responsible for any unpaid care. Many patients are uninsured or have high deductibles. They are helping those who qualify to sign up for Medicaid. A community health survey will be coming soon.

Commissioner Obert said the Weed Board had requested a 7 member board, but the Commission decided to retain the 5 member board requirement; had they decided to make a change, the subject would have been on the agenda.

Ed Shindoll, Fire Chief, presented a proclamation recognizing Rocky Infanger for his years of service to the Tri-County Area and proclaiming the beginning of the 2019 fire fuel mitigation season. Commissioner Obert moved to adopt said proclamation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Cory Swanson, County Attorney, will contact Dr. Campbell's attorney re: the draft lease document. The lease agreement and County Health Officer salary are separate issues. Cory asked to have the Drug Task Force MOU on the agenda for 2/19/19.

A public hearing was opened to close and abandon a county road easement – Big Sky Drive between Blocks 20 and 21 of Springville Townsite in NE4 Section 23 North, Range 1 East. There was no public comment. The hearing was closed.

Commissioner Obert moved to close and abandon said easement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Discussion ensued on deeding the easement land, about .42 acre, to the current land owners. Decision was deferred to Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

A public hearing was held to declare an infrastructure deficient area in the Wheatland Certified Designated Place. There was no public comment. The hearing was closed.

Brian Obert, MBAC, presented information on the need for public infrastructure in the area for future development. Law and Fire services will benefit from taxes captured exclusively within the defined area, and answered questions from commissioners.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to declare an infrastructure deficient area in the Wheatland Certified Designated Place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Wade Cebulski and Matt Lindberg, MDT Aeronautic Bureau, were present to discuss acquisition by Broadwater County of the Spokane Hill radio towers for public safety and increased internet services. MDT is getting out of the "beacon business", as technology has rendered them unnecessary. They are willing to transfer ownership of the tower and equipment to Broadwater County and facilitate a lease with BLM for the site. Commissioner Folkvord moved to accept the offer from MDT Aeronautic Bureau for said property. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Commissioners discussed the need for additional space for ambulance, 4H/Extension, meeting rooms and storage, and agreed to pursue purchase of the Opportunity Bank building.

Kyle Hopstad, Vic Sample, Dave Clouse, Brandon Harris, Seth Wenzel, Mike Myers, Mike Harvey, Bernadette Swenson and Mary Heinemann were also present.

Commissioners entered into a closed door session to discuss State of Montana vs Barrus and personnel issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

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Mike Delger, Chairman

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Attest:

Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder