

**COMMISSIONER MEETING**  
**515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644**  
**February 19, 2019**

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

Commissioner Obert moved to approve minutes date 2/4, 2/6, 2/7, and 2/15/19 as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner update: All commissioners attended the MACo conference and the annual county audit exit interview with county auditor Bob Denning. Commissioner Delger participated in the Land Use, Forested Counties, Hard Rock Mining Counties and Wildlife committee meetings. Commissioner Folkvord was appointed a member of the Transportation Committee; attended the Recreation Board meeting, and judged at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science Fair. Commissioner Obert participated in the Health and Human Services, Mental Health, Forested Counties, Hard Rock Counties and Justice & Public Safety committee meetings. She and Commissioner Folkvord testified against a bill which would decrease entitlement funds to counties for prosecution and law enforcement; there were no proponents for said bill.

Communications received: Experience Works! informational letter, Equipment Blades brochure, Highway easement deed from MDT, State-County Construction Agreement between MDT and Broadwater County, WWD magazine. Communications are filed in the Commissioners' office as deemed necessary and are available for review.

Commissioner Obert moved to sign the letter of intent to apply for a project grant under Title III of the Older Americans Act. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to pay approved claims dated 2/11/19 for \$42,586.91. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to sign the Montana Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Program Contract #MT-CDBG-PL-17-13, to provide funding for the grantee for planning activities, specifically updating the County Growth Policy, Capital Improvements Plan and Flood plain maps, approved by the Department under the CDBG Program. The grant is for \$30,000, with the county match of \$12,500. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Bids for the CDBG request for proposal were received from WWC Engineering, Great West, Stahly Engineering and WGM Group. Bids will be reviewed on Wednesday, 2/27/19 at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioner Obert moved to sign the Missouri River Drug Task Force Memorandum of Understanding for FY2020- Fy2021. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to appoint Mike Myers as County Safety Coordinator, with Mary Hendrickson to assist. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Teresa Monson, Health Department, presented the WIC Backup Staffing Agreement between Broadwater County and Jefferson County for approval. Commissioner Obert moved to sign the contract, with a termination date of 3/12/2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to sign the consent for access to property at 417 Broadway St to allow Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to conduct a Brownsfield remedial investigation to understand the nature and extent of contamination at the former Grover's Exxon. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

The public portion of the meeting was closed at 10:44 a.m.

Tim Ravndal, Mike Myers, Brandon Harris and Mike Koehnke were also present.

Commissioners entered into a closed door meeting at the request of a county employee.

Commissioners entered into a closed door meeting for a personnel issue regarding Julie Lethert. At the request of Mrs. Lethert, the meeting was opened to the public.

Commissioner Delger read a statement from Michelle Edmonds, HR Consultant: "After review and further investigation into the employee's due process response over the last week, MACo attorneys and myself believe the septic permit issue is a severe offense related to performance and conduct of the employee. We have not found that the employee's response meets a sufficient defense to offset the septic permit performance and conduct violation."

Commissioner Obert moved to terminate Julie Lethert for cause. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord. No vote was recorded.

Tim Ravndal and Tom Lethert were also present.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

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Mike Delger, Chairman

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Attest:  
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder