

COMMISSIONER MEETING
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
February 25, 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: Bobbi Meehan asked if a final vote was taken re: Julie Lethert termination. Commissioner Obert moved to reaffirm the vote on 2/19/19. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord. Comments were made by Julie Lethert re: the process. A decision was tabled until later.

Tim Ravndal commented again about agendas.

Nichole Brown, Community Development, appeared to ask if Valley Drive is a public road, and to determine if it must be a county road to be eligible for creation of a RID. Comments and information were received from Gary Hansen, Bernadette Swenson and Mike Evans. Nichole was instructed to contact Tara Depuy and Cory Swanson for the status by use or dedication.

Nichole Brown requested preliminary plat approval for the 380 Views Minor Subdivision. Approval for this subdivision was revoked 1/14/19 at the request of the developer, who has re-submitted it. Item #10, requiring the applicant to contribute to the cost to upgrade the existing road "Springville Lane" to county road standards, had not been reviewed by the Planning Board, as there was no quorum at the last meeting. After discussion, which included the need for such a requirement but is not in the current subdivision regulations, Commissioner Obert moved to strike item #10 from the Findings of Fact and Order. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried. Commissioner Obert moved to grant preliminary approval for said subdivision. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried. Findings of Fact and Order is on file in the Planning Office.

Commissioners stated the need to move forward to update subdivision regulations to include language and a cost share formula for upgrading county roads to county road standards.

Nichole Brown presented the 380 Views 2 Minor Subdivision for preliminary plat approval. After review and discussion, Commissioner Obert moved to strike item #7 and first paragraph on page 5. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried. After further discussion and the agreement to include a letter from the Heinemann's holding the county blameless re: the abandonment of a portion of Big Sky Drive in the plat approval documents when they receive final plat approval, Commissioner Obert moved to grant preliminary plat approval to said subdivision. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried. Findings of Fact and Order is on file in the Planning Office.

Allison Kosto, Extension, appeared to discuss the need for meeting space for 4-H and Extension programs. About 75% of meetings were in the ambulance building in the past. There are

currently 142 4-H members in the county. She has investigated available spaces in town, but has no funds in her budget for rental of space.

Commissioner Obert stated there is a good possibility of purchasing the Opportunity Bank building, which could answer the need for office and meeting space, as well as housing for the ambulances. The county could get an intercap loan from Bureau of Investments for up to 15 years at 3.15%. Commissioner Folkvord agreed this is a good plan, and should include funds for any remodel if the building. After further discussion, Commissioner Folkvord moved to fill out the application for a loan, and to draft a letter to Opportunity Bank with an offer of \$150,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Teresa Monson, Health, presented a letter of termination of WIC program in the county for signature; this is due to the low number of participants and the high cost of the program.. After discussion, Commissioner Obert moved to sign the document to terminate Task Order #19075210020 as of March 12, 2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Mary Hendrickson, Public Works, reported the Road Department has all graders working now, and are clearing roads as fast as possible. Weed/Mosquito Department has to work on the weed management plan. The Mosquito Board needs members and has requests to expand the boundaries.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve minutes dated 2/19/2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Communications received: Vigilante Electric notice of annual meeting, Health Alert re: Measles, Montana Local Government Profile for FY 2107, Nationwide Retirement notice. Communications are filed in the Commissioners' office as deemed necessary and are available for review.

Commissioner Obert moved to pay approved claims dated 2/22/19 for \$109,354.53. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve payroll for pay date 2/15/19 in the amount of \$178,920.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Cory Swanson, County Attorney, plans to meet with the landowner concerning the Longhorn Driveway issue and hopes to get it resolved. He suggested one commissioner meet with Dr. Campbell's attorney to resolve the lease issue. After discussion among commissioners and comments from Jeannie Steele, the commissioner proposed a one-year lease and requested an answer by March 15. Cory will follow-through with Dr. Campbell's attorney per the Commissioners.

Bob Brastrup, Broadwater County Lions Club, via letter, asked permission to use the Courthouse lawn for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 20, 2019. The certificate of insurance was enclosed. Commissioner Obert moved to allow said event. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Brandon Harris, Bernadette and Jesse Swenson, Mike Evans, Wynn Meehan, Brooke Dolan, Cyrus Brandt, Alan Wright and Mike Koehnke were also present.

Commissioner Obert stated she will not be at the 3/4/19 meeting, as she will be in Washington, D.C. at the National Justice and Public Safety Committee meeting, paid for and representing MACo.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Delger, Chairman

Attest:
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder