

COMMISSIONER MEETING

515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644

March 25, 2019

Public Comment

Tim Ravndal asked if the Solid Waste plan which was discussed on March 18, 2019 had been decided on. Commissioner Delger let him know that there will be a Solid Waste meeting on April 4th to discuss the finalized new draft. The draft is not available until then. All decisions will be on the agenda for public deliberation.

Shirley Wilson asked about funding Solid Waste. She was told the Solid Waste Department is an enterprise fund.

Undersheriff Harris made mention that a deputy struck a deer last Friday night. The car is at Collison Pro. It is one of the cars that has high mileage so they're not sure if it will be repaired or totaled out.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Folkvord brought up the G/T Ranch item that was on the March 21st, 2019 agenda. He stated that he's reserving his full support to the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department. He mentioned that they need to have the Public Comment process and disclose their full proposal. His support is to explore not purchase the land.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve the March 21st, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Obert seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Commissioner Folkvord moved to pay approved claims dated 3/22/19 for \$76,600.57. Commissioner Obert seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to approve payroll for pay date 3/15/19 in the amount of \$166,901.67. Commissioner Folkvord seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mail

Blackfoot Bundle Bill

- Continue the process that Michelle uses in charging departments a percentage.
- Make claim for Blackfoot Bundle for \$3,664.00.

Public Hearing-To Adopt a Resolution Defining Board Members' Roles and Responsibilities

Commissioner Delger read aloud the Resolution.

Sheriff Meehan stated that Search & Rescue does not belong in the Resolution. He would prefer the Search & Rescue be removed from the resolution. Commissioner Obert requested that Sheriff Meehan develop his own resolution from the Sheriff's Office to include the Search & Rescue to comply with legal requirements.

Tim Ravndal mentioned he would like to be more informed on when the board meetings are held. The Commission stated that Nichole Brown is updating the community website (townsendmt.com – government page) with a calendar. There will be a link that the public will be able to access.

Commissioner Delger closed Public Hearing.

Commissioner Delger opened the Commission general business meeting.

Commissioner Obert moved to remove Search & Rescue from the Resolution as requested by Sheriff Meehan, provided he will submit a resolution from the Sheriff's office including Search & Rescue to comply with state law. Commissioner Folkvord seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to approve the resolution with the change excluding Search & Rescue. Commissioner Folkvord seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sheriff Meehan asked if there was any training for new board members. Commissioner Obert explained they held one in January. The resolution was house-keeping, established boards are advisory.

Commissioner Delger noted that the RMDC is having serious budget issues. Head Start, Affordable Housing, and Meals on Wheels are some of the services that might be affected with budget issues.

Commissioner Obert gave an update on the Board of Crime Control (MBCC). There was a jump statewide in violent and property crimes in the year 2015 and then it leveled out in 2016 -2018. There's no answer as to why there was a spike in crime within that year. She's interested to see and research why that happened. MBCC and MBAC have both been asked for their expertise.

Commissioners attended the Weed & Solid Waste & Board of Health meetings, and the Public Health training. Commissioner Folkvord toured the Crow Creek Valley Project along with the county's engineer. He said there were twelve new homes built over the winter season in Rolling Glen Subdivision.

Sheriff Meehan informed the Commission that Melinda Holom is the Sheriff's Office Peer-to-Peer contact. She is assisting people who have some struggles mentally. She is there for someone to talk to. After meeting with them and assisting them, Melinda will upload some information to the Sheriff's Office that is vital for them to have when assisting these folks.

Cory Swanson- Triple-wide Lease Agreement

Cory has been meeting with Dr. Campbell's attorney on this issue for two years.

Commissioner Folkvord mentioned that the building needs a lot of updates and repairs.

Cory's plan is to meet with Dr. Campbell's attorney. Commissioner Folkvord will be the point of contact for Cory, but Cory will keep all commissioners advised.

Commissioner Obert asked Cory if he can get a temporary liability coverage for the triple-wide property. She doesn't want the burden to fall on the taxpayers. Cory will bring that up in the meeting.

Commissioner Folkvord read a list needed repairs on the Triple-wide building, due to years of neglect. Mike Myers estimated around \$8,200 for repairs. Commissioner Folkvord thinks it will be even more than that. Commissioners agreed the County taxpayers should not be burdened with making repairs to the building as Montana State Law does not allow for such assistance to private for-private businesses. The building should either be sold for the new owner to repair or the lessee should lease as is, per earlier agreements, and maintain the building. Commissioners have been urging Cory to rectify this issue for over 2 years and are concerned the taxpayers are going to get stuck with additional costs.

Cory drafted a proposal that the county would do major repairs. Commissioner Obert mentioned that the county was intending to sell the building. The triple-wide would have to be sold in a public auction.

If there's an argument on the lease, Commissioner Obert would like to get the county's attorney that specializes in leases.

Longhorn Driveway

Cory will email the commissioners on the Longhorn Driveway, an issue Cory has been working on for 2 years. The owner is illegally connected to Antelope Road. Cory will contact Nichole about the process. Cory stated that the county records show that there should be an access to Tumbleweed Road. He cannot confirm because of the snow right now. COSA was done on the subdivision on 11-6-2006. Final approval was 06-2007.

The 1:30 p.m. meeting will be postponed today because some department heads are gone.

Commissioner Obert suggested staff evaluations of the Departments in April. She suggested a 360 evaluation where those can give anonymous feedback on the Commissioners.

Commissioner Obert brought up the Study Bill from the Board of Crime Control.

There was a transition of the Board of Crime Control from autonomous and administratively attached to Department of Justice within Department of Corrections. Since the Board of Crime Control money seems to be going to DOC not Public Safety, Sheriff Meehan mentioned.

Representative Mercer wants to do a Study Bill over the next two years. Bill #HJ31. The entire commission is in support of the Bill.

All Commissioners also support opposing the raid of Entitlement Shard finding from local law enforcement and county attorneys to funnel money to Office of Public Defender.

No Commissioner meeting next Monday.

With nothing more to discuss Commissioner Delger adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Mike Delger, Chairman

Attest:

Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder