

COMMISSIONER MEETING
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
April 24, 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: Cheryl Campbell asked if the payment to the State Bank of Townsend, referred to in the 12/17/18 minutes had been made. She was instructed to talk to Broadwater Health Center, as they were responsible for the payment. But, the Commission believes it had.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve minutes dated 4/15, 4/16, and 4/17/2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to pay approved claims dated 4/15/19 for \$66,054.74. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve payroll for pay date 4/15/19 in the amount of \$175,103.29. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Communications received: DEQ notice of wastewater discharge permits for Gallatin and Missoula Counties; Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) notice of intent to file license application and authorization to use the traditional licensing process for the Broadwater Hydroelectric project; a request from Trust Board for Mike Evans to become a non-voting member of the Board; WWD Digest. Communications are filed in the Commissioners' office as deemed necessary and are available for review.

Commissioner Obert moved to designate Broadwater Health Center, a State-Approved Chemical Dependency Service Provider, to receive earmarked alcohol tax money for the provision of chemical dependency services in Broadwater County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Nichole Brown, Community Development, received a petition from landowners along Grandview Manor Loop and Midway Drive for the County to take over maintenance of the roads. Justin Meissner stated they are not asking for county road status, with the threat of more traffic through the subdivision. After more discussion, Nichole was instructed to contact Tara DePuy, MACo Land Use Attorney, for legal advice on any action. Commissioners and Planning Board members plan to get more information on Road Improvement District (RID) regulations, and to address them in the subdivision regulations and growth policy.

Steve McCullough stated landowners plan to reinstate the RID for River Road.

Commissioners discussed the request from a landowner in Park Trail Ranch Subdivision to install a culvert in a no-build zone. Commissioner Obert moved to honor the request if the

landowner gains permission to file an amended plat with a variance allowing the installation of the culvert. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioners discussed the proposed purchase of the Opportunity Bank building. One addition to the buy/sell –agreement dependent on Phase 1 review ensuring the building has no environmental issues. An appraisal of the property is also necessary. Commissioner Folkvord moved to proceed with the offer for the Opportunity Bank building with the item added to the agreement, and the appraisal. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Tim Ravndal asked when the purchase might happen. The answer was the sooner the better.

Allison Kosto, Extension, requested permission to hire a short term employee for eight weeks while Katria is on maternity leave; there is no increase required to the budget. Commissioner Obert moved to allow the action, with said employee to work less than 30 hours per week. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

The Blackfoot bill for internet/phone service was discussed. The charges are much higher than agreed upon, and they are charging for dormant lines, which the county has never paid for with the previous service. They will request a meeting with Blackfoot representatives on May 6.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Delger, Chairman

Attest:
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder