

COMMISSIONER MEETING
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
April 29, 2019

Commissioner Mike Delger called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Laura Obert and Darrel Folkvord were also present.

Julie Zipperian, Centennial Insurance, and Shannon Shanholzer, MACo, were present to review the Comprehensive Insurance and Workers Comp Insurance renewals and explain any changes and/or updates.

Mary Hendrickson, Public Works, stated there are issues with approaches onto county roads that weren't permitted. She proposed a policy to forgive the \$125 fee if the approach is rebuilt to county specs with the proper culvert size. A sunset date would be part of the policy. This would not include those in violation of subdivision regulations. Any new approaches require the fee and following the process.

Valerie Hornsveld, Clerk of Court, submitted a request for \$3,486 for courtroom furniture. She will be instructed to check with State Surplus. The request will be considered in the FY20 budget process.

Bernadette Swenson, Schaubert Surveying, stated they have been hired by the Trust Board to survey and locate a county road know as Bedford Lower Bridge Road for construction of a pedestrian and bicycle path to the lake, and will send a letter to the landowners of the area they will be surveying. The Trust Board has commissioned a booklet with the history of said road. Commissioners agreed to support the letter to inform the landowners.

Mike Koehnke, DES, reported Ed Shindoll represents Broadwater County on the Tri-County Firesafe Working Group. Lewis & Clark County has an agreement with Firesafe to do mitigation grants. He wants to start the process for an agreement between Broadwater County and Firesafe for grants.

Mike requested Mike Myers be a deputy to DES. Commissioner Obert moved to authorize the appointment of Mike Myers as Deputy DES Coordination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Nichole Brown, Planning, presented the 380 Views Minor Subdivision for final approval. All of he preliminary requirements have been met. Commissioner Obert moved to grant final approval to 380 Views Minor Subdivision as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Mike Ferguson, Airport Board, was present to request approval for a loan to purchase an Airport courtesy car. The Board can be reimbursed up to \$2,000 for purchase of the courtesy car. The Airport Board has CIP funds available to fund the purchase. Mike will work on the purchase.

After discussion, Commissioner Obert moved to respond to Opportunity Bank of Montana, and agree with their financing of the Building purchase of \$120,000 for 5 years at 5% interest. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Discussion ensued on support of the Black Butte Mine in Meagher County. Tim Ravndal stated most people are in support of the project. Alan Wright said the County should support the project. Both supported the responsible use of natural resources. Commissioner Obert moved to continue to support Tintina, and to write a letter of support for the endeavor. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to pay approved claims dated 4/25/19 for \$24,740.75. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Commissioner update: All commissioners attended the Safety Committee meeting. Commissioner Delger attended the Weed Board and RMDC finance and Board meetings. RMDC is anticipating the need for an additional \$800-\$900 next year. Commissioner Obert attended the Weed Board meeting, and Rotary, where School Board members discussed the plan to reconstruct the grade school building.

Nichole presented for signatures a letter to Mr. Barnett, owner of a driveway in the Longhorn Crossing Subdivision that is not in the proper location, who has not responded to previous letters. Commissioners signed the letter, and will revisit the issue in 30 days.

Cheryl Campbell, Brandon Harris, Jessica Bushnell and Melinda Holom were also in attendance.

The open meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m. A closed door session was held for personnel performance reviews. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Delger, Chairman

Attest:
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder