

COMMISSIONER MEETING
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
April 15, 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: Tim Ravndal stated he had submitted an application to serve on the planning board, but had not received any answer.

Shirley Wilson asked when the front door would be opened (it is locked in winter to save money on substantial heating costs, why a local business had a claim go more than 30 days, and when she would get requested information on the brochure.

Commissioner Obert moved to approve minutes dated 3/27/19 and 4/8/18. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner update: All commissioners attended the Department heads meeting, Bill Jarocki presentation and Safety Committee meeting. Commissioner Delger toured the opportunity Bank building. Commissioner Obert was at the legislature where the entitlement share bill to raid local law enforcement and prosecution services to fund Office of the Public Defender was voted down on the 3rd reading. Commissioner Folkvord met to negotiate the lease agreement, attended the Recreation Board meeting, met with Wynn Meehan, Brandon Harris and the Three Forks Ambulance Board.

Commissioner Folkvord presented the lease agreement for the triple-wide with Dr. Campbell for consideration. After discussion, it was decided to postpone a decision until Tuesday as the county attorney didn't make the contract available until just before the Commission meeting..

A public hearing was opened to adopt a resolution to set amendments for the FY19 budget. Debbie Kelley, Accounting, presented the resolution with explanation. Wynn Meehan commented on the juvenile transport amendment. The hearing was closed.

Commissioner Obert moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried. He then reminded all departments of the goal of finding 10% savings in their budgets.

A public hearing was opened for a petition to request the county to assume road maintenance of Grandview Loop and Midway Drive. Justin Meissner stated a petition has been signed by landowners. The water storage for Grandview Manor is an asset, but not used by owners in the subdivision. With growth in the area, the subdivision roads are seeing increased use. The hearing was closed.

A decision on the request was postponed until some questions are answered.

Michelle Beebe, Accounting, was present to discuss the large increase in phone/internet charges with the change to Blackfoot. - \$900/month. Commissioner Delger stated Mike Myers, not Blackfoot employees, had done a great deal of the necessary work for the installation and set-up. Wynn verified Mike Myers spent a great deal of time in the Sheriff's department on the project. Commissioner Folkvord will contact Scott at Blackfoot to meet and discuss the charges.

Dan Strencha, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), was present to discuss the partnership between Broadwater County and BOR at Silo's Area. The County is the managing partner, with a signed contract from 2/2013 to 2/2023. The county has elected to have Sharon Walker, JSJ, as the concessionaire. BOR is satisfied with the agreement. The Master Plan for the area was developed, with help and cooperation from Citizens' Action Group. Sharon Walker explained her responsibilities, which include cleaning, maintenance and minor repairs, year-round. Al Christophersen and Steve McCullough also offered information.

Commissioner Obert moved to approve the adjusted journal entries for December, January and February. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Discussion ensued about the analysis of the Sheriff's department and plans for other departments. Tim Ravndal asked if the process is a duplication of the annual audit expense. He was informed the audit is a look at the past; the analysis is a look to the future, a launching pad to inform of budgeting processes.

Shirley Wilson questioned the decision to postpone a vote on the lease agreement to another day. In response, the Commission stated it will be decided at 4:30 today.

Commissioner Obert moved to continue the contract with Bill Jarocki to perform a county-wide budget analysis. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Wynn Meehan presented the Wheatland Law Enforcement Interlocal Agreement between Broadwater County and the City of Three Forks. He stated Three Forks will provide office space for a Broadwater County Deputy. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve said agreement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

The open meeting was closed at 12:08 p.m.

A closed door session was held for annual performance evaluations.

In open session, Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve the commercial lease agreement between Broadwater County and Dr. Nicholas Campbell, d/b/a Family Medical Clinic, effective 4/15/2019 to 12/31/2020. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Shirley Wilson protested the vote, as it was 4:25, not 4:30, and the early vote could deny a citizen the right to comment.

Commissioner Obert moved to approve minutes date 4/10/2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

At 4:30 p.m., Commissioner Obert moved to reaffirm the vote approving the lease agreement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Cheryl Campbell, Debi Randolph, Debbie Buck, Dave and Ingrid Clouse, Dan Galloway and Steve Herring were among those present.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Delger, Chairman

Attest:
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder