

**COMMISSIONER MEETING**  
**515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644**  
**May 13, 2019**

Commissioner Mike Delger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners Laura Obert and Darrel Folkvord were also present.

Commissioner Obert moved to approve minutes dated 5/6/2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Communications received: Notice of 2019-2023 draft statewide transportation improvement program; thank you from Lions for use of the lawn for Easter egg hunt; health alert re: prevent tick bites; voting credentials for the NACo Annual Conference. Commissioner Obert, who has been appointed to the NACo Justice and Public Safety Committee, will attend and act as voting delegate for the county. Communications are filed in the Commissioners' office as deemed necessary and are available for review.

Commissioner update: Commissioner Delger drove the Copper City, Hill Top, Vista, Six-Mile and Flynn Lanes and attended the THS Board meeting.

Commissioner Obert worked with the National Criminal Justice Association, attended Agency on Aging sub-grantee meetings. Commissioner Folkvord attended the Fair Board meeting and talked to Boy Scouts about local government. All commissioners attended the BOR/Silos Area meeting, Compensation Board meeting and Road Union negotiations.

A public hearing was held to adopt a resolution defining the boundaries of the Three Forks Ambulance Service District in Broadwater County. No negative comments were received. The hearing was closed.

In open meeting, Commissioner Obert stated Wheatland Area CDP should be the designated area. She then moved to adopt the resolution with the edits. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to sign the acknowledgement of by-law changes for MACo Workers; Compensation Trust and MACo Property & Casualty Trust. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioners reviewed the Weed Board by-laws. They decided to discuss minor changes with the Weed Board and adopt after the Weed Board review. .

Commissioner Obert moved to sign the Mental Health Local Advisory Council office use agreement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioners discussed a possible policy to allow a full-time employee to work in a second county department. Upon advice from MACo attorneys and the HR consultant, Commissioner

Obert moved to not allow an employee to work in two county departments if one position is full time, per advice from legal counsel. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Nichole Brown, Community Development Director, presented a Family Transfer COS policy for consideration. Cory Swanson, County Attorney, stated the document was fine as presented. Jenny Schaubert, Bernadette Swenson and Shirley Wilson voiced concerns with some of the requirements and written comments were received from Don Schaubert. Commissioners asked Nichole, Bernadette and Jenny to work on revising the document.

Terry Baldus, Customer Advocate for Connect Group, presented an evaluation of the Blackfoot phone/internet bill. It appears most of the increased cost is for more internet speed, increased cost for fax lines and higher long-distance charges.. She encouraged an annual audit of connectivity, to help ensure best service.

Commissioners voiced concern there is no standard or criteria for citizens who submit grants to the Trust Board. Steve McCullough, Trust Board, said they are working on standards. A grant was submitted to the Trust Board but forwarded to the Commission without communication. Steve stated the Board did not deny the grant request for repair of the wheelchair lift – it was the wrong venue, as the Trust Board doesn't fund maintenance

Tim Ravndal asked the status of his application to serve on the planning board.

Vickie Rauser, Cheryl Campbell and Mike Myers were also present.

Commissioners entered into a closed door session for personnel performance reviews.

In open meeting, Nichole Brown presented the amended COS exemption affidavit for family transfers. Commissioner Obert moved to accept and adopt the affidavit as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

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Mike Delger, Chairman

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Attest:  
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder