

COMMISSIONER MEETING
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
May 6, 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: Denny Nelson, Three Forks Rural Fire Board, reported an issue with a deep hole that may infringe on the emergency exit for Antelope Vista II Subdivision.

Commissioner Delger reported the Townsend Health System loan has been paid in full.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve minutes dated 4/24/19 and 4/29/19. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Communications received: request from Clerk of Court to hire an assistant to work 24 hours/week; receipt of restitution from W. Fleiner; health alert re: increasing risk from synthetic cathinones in Montana; MBAC quarterly financial report; S&S catalog; Rural Montana magazine. Communications are filed in the Commissioners' office as deemed necessary and are available for review.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve payroll for pay date 4/30/2019 in the amount of \$174,818.57. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to pay approved claims dated 4/30/19 for \$12,600.71. Motion seconded by Commissioner and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to sign the Noxious Weed Trust Fund Project Grant Agreement for the Crow Creek Cooperative Weed Grant MDA Number 2019-015. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

The Local Advisory Council Agreement will be on the agenda for approval.

Commissioner update: All commissioners attended the Black Butte Mine meeting in Meagher County and the emergency services meeting in Three Forks. Commissioner Delger attended the Hospital Board meeting. Commissioner Folkvord has concerns with safe access to Copper City. Commissioner Obert attended several community meetings and helped judge "Do the Write Thing" essays on youth violence.

Scott Lester, Blackfoot Communications, was present to discuss phone and internet charges and the contract. A lengthy discussion ensued with Commissioners, Scott, Mike Myers, Debbie Kelley, Cory Swanson and Terry Baldus, with Connect Group, offering information. The two-month free service can be assessed when final services are determined.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve inspection of the Opportunity Bank building for possible petroleum contamination by Griffith Environmental Consulting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to sign a letter to DEQ, in support of the Tintina Black Butte Mine in Meagher County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Nichole Brown, Community Development, was present to request adoption of a Family Transfer Policy, which would deter anyone from using the family transfer option to evade subdivision regulations. After discussion, Commissioner Obert moved to adopt the policy with a 2-year wait policy before a lot could be sold, and after review by the County Attorney. With no second to the motion, it was agreed to postpone a decision until next Monday.

Commissioner Folkvord opened a discussion about the Copper City Road and access to BLM property. Roads on BLM are in poor condition, some one lane only, limited parking, with sometimes several hundred vehicles present. Mike Koehnke and Brandon Harris also voiced concerns from both safety and law enforcement views. Nichole will organize a meeting with BLM to resolve some of the issues.

Mary Hendrickson, Public Works, expresses concern about the potential of excessive traffic on the old Toston Bridge during road construction, as some components of the bridge are rated as structurally deficient.

Richard Tramp stated had applied to the Trust Board for a grant to repair the wheel chair lift at the Silos docks, and it was denied. Commissioners had received the grant application and forwarded it to the Trust Board.

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

In open meeting, Commissioner Obert moved to approve the Scope of Work for the Growth Policy, CIP and Flood Pain as amended. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Delger, Chairman

Attest:
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder