

COMMISSIONER MEETING
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
June 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: Karen Kougiolis, detention center nurse, stated the staff is the lowest paid in the state, with no raises in salary; Commissioners take money from detention for other projects; and asked them to work with the union to raise salary so staff stays. Commissioner Obert replied they have negotiated with the union; no money is not taken from the detention center for other departments – it stays with public safety and she welcomed Karen to review the budget for profits. The summary of commissioner meetings in the paper is not always accurate.

Nichole Brown, Planner, and Bernadette, Swenson, Schaubert, Surveying, asked if the landowner should be present when a Family transfer or other COS is presented for approval. After discussion, it was agreed the landowner should be present for all COS presentations.

Nichole presented the Gebhardt Subsequent Minor Subdivision for final approval. The owners have met all the requirements. Commissioner Obert moved to grant final approval for said subdivision. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Debi Randolph, Trust Board Clerk, presented the revised grant application form and by-laws for approval. Commissioner Obert moved to accept the by-laws. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried. After much discussion with Steve McCullough and Virgil Binkley, Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve the goal and standards, to approve the grant application with changes discussed, and to revisit the grant application process in the fall.

Shawn Rowland, Contract Sanitarian, and Nichole Brown discussed needs for a shared administrative assistant for their offices.

Val Hornsveld, District Court, and Janea Korthals appeared to discuss the need for an assistant in Val's office and the necessity of training for the position. The position time could be split between District Court and Finance.

Brandon Harris, Undersheriff, has worked on the budget, and has the deficit reduced to \$69,000. The Search & Rescue budget has not been corrected or resolved.

Commissioner Obert moved to sign the Opportunity Bank agreement to purchase. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve and post notice of position of public health officer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to approve minutes dated 6/4/19 and 6/17/19. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Communications received: Business Radio Licensing renewal; NACo annual conference information; Water & Wastes Digest. Communications are filed in the Commissioners' office as deemed necessary and are available for review.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve payroll for pay date 6/15/19 in the amount of \$189,305.95. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to pay approved claim dated 6/19/19 for \$61,374.00 to purchase a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Sheriff's department. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioners discussed Proposed PILT allocations, and worked on budget issues.

Shirley Wilson, Dan and Jesse Swenson Alan Wright and Allison Kosto were also present.

Commissioners entered into a close door session to discuss personnel issue/ legal strategy.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 1, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Delger, Chairman

Attest:
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder