

COMMISSIONER MEETING

515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644

June 4, 2019

Commissioner Mike Delger called the meeting to order at 12:59 p.m. Commissioners Laura Obert and Darrel Folkvord were also present.

Public Comment: Rick Coder stated that he was upset with the new dumpster policy. Lois Christiansen mentioned that she had concerns with the county's fund deficiency in the amount of 3.5 million dollars. Fred Kessell wondered if there was an assessment done on the new Solid Waste Plan.

Commissioner Obert moved to approve minutes dated 5/28/19 and 5/30/19. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Bernadette Swenson, Schauber Surveying, presented a COS for Albert Bodle to create an Ag tract. Commissioner Obert moved to support the COS exemption. Commissioner Folkvord seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nichole Brown, Community Development, received 3 letters of interest for the Planning Board vacancies. There is one vacancy and one request to replace. Therefore, there are two positions available.

Commissioner Obert stated the board should remain a 5-member board as is was changed from a 7-member board many years ago due to consistent problems with quorum. The issue is cancelled meetings due to no quorum is with one vacancy and one chronic absent member, not with status as a 5-member board. Nichole confirmed this has been an issue for many months.

Commissioner Obert moved to appoint two new members to the Planning Board, Ross Johnson to fill the vacancy and Chad Kosel to fill the position that has been absent from meetings.

Commissioner Folkvord would like to discuss Tim Ravndal's application for becoming a board member. Commissioner Folkvord stated that he would be ok with entertaining the thought of having Tim Ravndal as a board member.

After discussion regarding the chronic absences, commissioners decided not to replace the position.

Commissioner Obert amended her motion to appoint Ross Johnson to the 5th member vacant position and appoint Chad Kosel as an alternate. They bring a business and construction perspective to the board it does not currently have.

Commissioner Folkvord made a friendly amendment to Commissioner's Obert motion to have Tim Ravndal as a member of the board instead.

Commissioner Obert did not accept the friendly amendment to the motion and presented documentation (associated Press) showing Tim's history of jokes about murder and a report of his threatening a city council member with "threats of rape and violence". She stated appointing Tim Ravndal to a County board would legitimize his actions.

Commissioner Folkvord seconded Commissioner Obert's amended motion of Ross Johnson for vacant position and Chad Kosel for alternate that was on the table. Motion carried.

Nichole Brown stated Planning, Sanitarian and Public Works need GPS equipment/personnel and are willing to share.

Mary Hendrickson, Public Works, will hire three repeat seasonal employee-positions. She submitted budget requests for Mosquito, Weed, Solid Waste and Road.

Solid Waste Ordinance was read into the record for the second time per MCA requirements. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve said ordinance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried. Solid Waste By-laws were reviewed, small edits were suggested. They will be sent back to the board for final approval.

Maintenance budget submission will be extended one week due to emergencies in the detention center.

Debbie Kelley, Finance Officer, submitted the finance office budget requests.

Val Hornsveld, Clerk of District Court, submitted her budget requests. Val is requesting a part-time employee to work three days a week in her office with an additional six weeks full time. This will be taken under advisement.

Cory Swanson, County Attorney, and Brook Dolan, Victim Witness Advocate presented their budget requests. The Board of Crime Control Grant that funds Victim Witness was reduced. Brooke has appealed that reduction. The Board of Crime Control will meet June 14. Cory and Brooke will attend the meeting

Wynn Meehan, Sheriff, and Brandon Harris, Undersheriff, submitted their budget requests. The budget submitted is \$159,000 is deficit.

Search & Rescue requested to purchase tracks for their 4-wheeler from their CIP fund. This will be taken under advisement pending review of their CIP balance.

Allison Kosto, Extension Agent, submitted her budget request. Commissioner Obert would like to increase her budget by half of a mill, about \$8,500, to help maintain ag-related programs.

Communications received: Good Neighbor agenda; letters from Mike Castleberry and Kathy Wilcox re; solid waste; notice of interest for mosquito board from Stacy Sommer; receipt for restitution funds from W. Fleiner. Communications are filed in the Commissioners' office as deemed necessary, and are available for review.

Commissioner Obert stated Commissioner Delger and she traveled together to the MACo Conference. They did not discuss Broadwater County business.

Commissioner Delger adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Delger, Chairman

Attest:

Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder