

**COMMISSIONER MEETING**  
**515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644**  
**August 26, 2019**

Commissioner Laura Obert called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Darrel Folkvord was also present. Commissioner Delger is out of state.

Public comment: Tim Ravndal likes the new podium, but wants it moved for better sight and hearing.

Commissioner Obert read a letter from Joan Potter asking for time on the agenda. Commissioner Folkvord has documentation he is working with her to address her concerns. He has also contacted Zona Hale, but has not met with her as yet.

Commissioner Obert read a letter from Karen Kougioulis, Jail Nurse, stating her concerns about jobs and pay schedule in the detention center. Commissioners have been working with the Union and Sheriff's office.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve minutes dated 8/12/19, 8/19/19 and 8/21/19. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Commissioner update: Commissioner Folkvord attended the Billings Clinic open meeting, MBAC meeting at White Sulphur Springs, Board of Health, Mosquito Board, where they discussed expanding the district and are using the new fogger truck and backpack sprayer; meeting with Harold Blattie, Airport Board, where they discussed building a new hangar; LEPC meeting, where they toured the school; Solid Waste Board where they discussed use of the new canisters.

Commissioner Obert attended the Board of Health, Billings Clinic community meeting, Mosquito Board, meeting with Harold Blattie, MBAC meeting and several Board of Crime Control meetings.

Commissioner Obert disclosed she and Commissioner Folkvord travelled to the MBAC meeting, but did not speak of any county business.

A public hearing was opened for consideration of adoption of a Resolution Creating an Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team. No comments were received. The hearing was closed.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to adopt the Resolution Creating an Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert. After comment from Shirley Wilson, the motion carried.

A public hearing was opened for consideration of a Resolution Establishing a Temporary Reduced Speed Zone on Highway 427 and Six Mile Road. Tim Ravndal offered comments. The hearing was closed.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to adopt the Resolution Establishing a Temporary Reduced Speed Zone on Highway 427 and Six Mile Road, for a two-month period for safety during harvest, to be revisited at two months if necessary. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Nichole Brown, Community Development Director, appeared to present the following board appointments: Stacy Summer for Park and Recreation and Mosquito Board; Tom Hay for Mosquito Board. Commissioner Folkvord moved to appoint Stacy Summer to fill a term on the Parks and Recreation Board, and a one year term on the Mosquito Board, and to appoint Tom Hay to a one-year term on the Mosquito Board.

Doug Ellis, Treasurer, was present to request a market adjustment of \$0.75/hour for the assistant clerk position currently held by Bev Rightnour. There are sufficient funds in his budget and it adheres to the salary matrix. Commissioner Folkvord moved to grant the request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Melissa Franks and Debbie Kelley, representing the County Health Insurance Committee, asked the Commission to continue funding the \$26.00/month/employee increase in premiums, as agreed in April. Commissioner Folkvord moved to continue to pay said premiums. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to accept the FY20 School Budget Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Jessica Bushnell, Weed Coordinator, presented the Weed Board by-laws for discussion. Topics reviewed were who will be responsible for the agenda, and should a secretary be hired, or a member of the board be appointed to take the minutes. She will take it back to the Board for revision.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve payroll for pay date 8/15/19 in the amount of \$199,025.58; to pay approved claims dated 8/23/19 for \$57,585.40; to sign the MOU with Montana Department of Livestock for \$8,688.00 for protection of cattle from destructive animals; and to sign the MOU with Woolgrowers Association for \$1,010.00 for protection of sheep from destructive animals. Motions seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Communications received: DHHS water quality report for Silos Recreation Area; Board of Investments notice of Short Term Investment Pool (STIP) bank account change notification. \ Communications are filed in the Commissioners' office as deemed necessary and are available for review.

Cheryl Campbell, Debi Randolph, Mary Hendrickson, Brandon Harris and Teresa Monson were also present.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

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Laura Obert, Vice-Chairman

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Attest:  
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder