

COMMISSIONER MEETING
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
September 3, 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: Tim Ravndal stated he has an audio/video system he will donate to the County. Amanda Wall asked to be on the agenda concerning a utility easement in Springville.

Commissioner Obert moved to approve minutes dated 8/26/2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to pay approved claims dated 8/30/19 for \$2453.25. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Communications received: receipt for Fleiner restitution funds; Health Alert re: severe pulmonary disease among adolescents and young adults who report vaping; DEQ notice of proposed technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material (TENORM) waste rules; Sandfire Resources thank you letter; notice of Meagher County Forest and Range Field Workshops; Forest Service notice of opportunity to object to the Stonewall vegetation project. Communications are filed in the Commissioners' office as deemed necessary and are available for review.

Commissioner update: Commissioner Delger was out of state for medical reasons. Commissioner Obert attended the Defensive Driving Class and several community meetings. Commissioner Folkvord also attended the class, webinars researching web sites, and met with Carbon County Commissioners who toured the Law Enforcement Center.

The public hearing was opened to adopt the FY2020 County Budget. Brandon Harris, Undersheriff, voiced concerns with the Public Safety Budget. Cory Swanson, County Attorney, via phone, had concerns with a portion of his budget and the Victim/Witness Advocate budget. Tim Ravndal and Commissioner Folkvord also had comments. Finance Officer Debbie Kelley gave detailed answers to all concerns and provided the full budget for open review two weeks prior to the hearing. The hearing was closed.

Commissioner Obert moved to adopt the FY2020 County Budget as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Mike Koehnke, DES, presented the BLM Spokane Hill Communication Site Lease Agreement for consideration. Broadwater County has had a repeater on the site since 1999. Commissioner Obert moved to sign the communications use lease between Bureau of Land Management and Broadwater County, which will be in effect until 12/31/2048. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Obert reiterated her statement of disclosure.

Mike presented the MSU School of Architecture Design Contract for the Wheatland Emergency Services Building for consideration. The agreement is to develop schematic design for said building, with a fee of \$2,500.00. Commissioner Folkvord moved to sign the agreement for said services. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Al Christophersen, Elkhorn Restoration Committee, reported the group has expanded its area of support and, by unanimous decision, changed its name to Big Elk Divide Restoration Committee. They are asking for a letter of support for their proposed project from the five counties that will be involved. Commissioner Obert stated this Commission has supported projects in the past, and suggested they work on a letter of support. All commissioners agreed.

Virgil Binkley, Trust Board, announced the board has approved the grant for the Silos Recreation Area Master Plan, and Steve McCullough, member spoke to a requirement by the Trust Board that the grant would only be funded if the County cancels or renegotiates the contract with Bureau of Recreation (BOR). Commissioners previously discussed beginning a renegotiation process with BOR in the fall, rendering the provision unnecessary. After much discussion, Commissioner Obert moved to accept and approve the grant of \$32,000.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord, with agreement to renegotiate with BOR. Motion carried.

Commissioners will open negotiations with BOR after the current season. Dan Gallagher, BOR, stated they are open to negotiating a new contract.

Nichole Brown, Planner, presented two COSs: boundary relocation for Dykema and create ag parcels for Lambott. Commissioner Obert moved to support both COS exemptions. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Mary Hendrickson, Public Works Director, presented the Solid Waste Board by-laws for approval. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve said by-laws. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to reaffirm the appointment of Stacie Summer to the Mosquito and Park and Recreation Boards, and Tom Hay to the Mosquito Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

After discussion and comments from Tim Ravndal, Shirley Wilson and Brad Campbell, Commissioner Obert moved to sign a letter of support for the Billings Clinic and for long-term care services for seniors. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioners signed a thank you note to Harold Blattie.

Upon agreement to proceed by commissioners, Michelle Beebe will be instructed to move forward with placing notices for open Sanitarian/Community Development Administrative Assistant to be run with the already approved District Court/Finance Administrative position.

Commissioner Delger announced he would be out of county next week.

Cheryl Campbell, Bobbi Meehan, Bob Hollister, Richard Tramp, Kim Kondelik, Debi Randolph, Mike Myers, Jessica Crusch, Bernadette Swenson, Shari Little, Brooke Dolan, Valerie Hornsveld, Jessica Bushnell, Kirk Flynn, Doug Ellis, Joe Jepson, Allison Kosto, and Kyle Hopstad were also present.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Delger, Chairman

Attest:
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder