

COMMISSIONER MEETING
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
September 16, 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: Dennis Nelson, Three Forks Rural Fire District, stated he is concerned for the safety of fire fighters and residents in the Mountain Vista Subdivision, as there is only one useable access/egress for emergency access, as the private road previously used has been closed. A second access is needed for safety. The incident commander has been instructed to use his discretion as to the safety of responding to any fire in the subdivision. He asked the commissioners to help solve the problem. The purpose of this disclosure is to have the situation officially on record.

Alan Wright said Indian Creek Road above the lime plant is in bad condition. Mary Hendrickson informed him the road is on the schedule for maintenance this fall.

Josh Shively stated the road mentioned above (at Mountain Vista Subdivision) has not been closed, but has been gated, due to the very poor condition of said road. He is willing to work with emergency services.

Mike Koehnke commented it is important for fire fighters and residents to be able to exit.

Diane Kolberg, a Mountain Vista land owner, stated they want something to happen - they can barely afford to manage the subdivision roads, as there are few landowners in the subdivision.

The regular meeting was closed, and a public hearing was opened to consider a request for distribution of Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Program Funds. Mary Hendrickson, Public Works, explained the funds are from the gas tax legislation, and require a match of \$1 county funds to \$20 program funds, and must be requested by the county or they will be granted to other counties. The funds requested are approximately \$48,000. In response to questions from Duane Holom and Alan Wright, the money will be used to improve roads in the Crow Creek area. The hearing was closed.

The regular meeting was opened. Commissioner Obert moved to approve the request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Mary then requested permission to restructure the job description for a Solid Waste and Road/Bridge administrative assistant, with 60% of cost allocated to Solid Waste, and 40% to Road. She presented increased revenue and decreased expenditures for Solid Waste to support the request. Duane and Melinda Holom, Alan Wright and Commissioner Folkvord had comments and/or questions. Commissioner Obert moved to grant the restructured request as

presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord with a question about Road side duties, which was answered by Mary. Motion carried.

Mike Koehnke, DES, requested permission to use FEMA Emergency Performance Grant-Reverted Funds of \$6,000 plus \$6,000 CIP funds to purchase a used command and control vehicle for local DES from the Sheriff's office. Undersheriff Brandon Harris said this is a unique situation to other vehicle sharing in the past that has had no monetary exchange. After discussion, Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve the purchase of said vehicle. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Nichole Brown, Community Development Coordinator, asked that Jeff Langlinais be appointed to the Tax Appeals Board, term to run to January 2021. Commissioner Obert moved to appoint Jeff Langlinais to said board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve minutes dated 9/3/2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to pay approved claims dated 9/6/19 for \$40,086.87. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve payroll for pay date 8/30/19 in the amount of \$182,593.97. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to approve payroll for pay date 9/13/19 in the amount of \$185,122.10. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to pay approved claims dated 9/10/19 for \$2,379.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to approve and sign Task Order 20-07-5-01-004-0 between MT Department of Public Health and Human Services and Broadwater County Health Services to provide maternal and child health services. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Communications received: Federal Licensing, Inc. document, invitation to Farm Bureau Centennial Celebration, Inspection and Permitting Solutions information, DEQ notice of proposed rule amendment to vehicle recycling and disposal, DEQ notice of wastewater permit in Lewis & Clark County, DEQ notice of hearing to consider amendments to nutrient standards variances, Health Alert re: pulmonary disease associated with using e cigarette products, DOR notice of statewide school mill levies for FY202, map of city showing where MDOT will replace sidewalks at no cost to City or County. Communications are filed in the Commissioners' office as deemed necessary and are available for review.

Commissioner Obert stated Fish Wildlife and Parks has requested to store boat washing equipment at the Silos, as they have in the past. All commissioners agreed to the request.

Commissioner Obert stated the Radersburg group has not requested tax forgiveness, and the Commission has received no official word from Department of Revenue they have been denied. DOR denied forgiveness for the Toston group, as the exemption they applied for is not allowed by law, but is willing to reconsider if an acceptable plan is presented. She suggested Mr. Lane meet with the Board of Health. DOR has concurred that the Jefferson River property has been overcharged. The matter should be on the agenda in two weeks for consideration.

Commissioner Obert will be at Youth Justice Council meeting and Board of Crime Control retreat this week.

Due to MACo convention, there will be no meeting on September 23.

Shirley Wilson asked about the rumored phone outage last week – it was intermittent.

Alan Wright asked about the growth plan and a draft document. The flood plain portion is finished. There will be a public meeting when the draft document is complete.

Cheryl Campbell, Debi Randolph and Jessica Crusch were also present.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 30, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Delger, Chairman

Attest:
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder