

COMMISSIONER MEETING
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
December 23, 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 is the opinion of citizens and does not necessarily reflect accurately on Broadwater County actions, operations, policy, practice or processes.

Public comment: Shirley Wilson questioned if there is available parking if Commissioners hold their meetings in the Bank building/County Annex.

Craig Burns expressed concern about animal abuse if the County has to rely on the Townsend animal control officer.

The meeting was closed and a public hearing to adopt a resolution to refund property taxes for the Radersburg Historical Preservation Society. There were no comments. The hearing was closed.

The meeting was opened. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve the resolution to refund property taxes to the Radersburg Historical Preservation Society for FY 18/19. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Doug Ellis, Treasurer, appeared to request forgiveness of penalty and interest for Graymont Western, as three of their five bills went to a wrong address. After discussion and comments from Jennifer Dalrymple, Tim Ravndal and Craig Burns, Commissioner Obert moved to grant the request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

After discussion and comments from Tim Ravndal, Craig Burns and Al Christophersen, Commissioner Obert moved to sign a letter of support for the Big Elk Divide Restoration Committee landscape restoration project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to sign a letter to the Trust Board stating the necessity for funding to rebuild Gazebos #1 and #2 and funds for road work and MagChloride for roads in the Silos Recreation Area. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Adam Six, Recreation Board, requested permission to make the down payment for the Sweet Smelling Toilet (SST) to be installed at Holloway Park, and asked the septic permit fees be waived. He was informed the Board of Health has agreed to waive said fees. Commissioner Folkvord moved to allow the down payment for the SST toilet. Motion seconded by

Commissioner Obert, with the amendment to support the project moving forward. Motion carried.

Commissioner Folkvord asked that \$2500 be allowed from the Recreation Board fund to be used to help pay for the master plan for Silos Area. Commissioner Obert moved to approve the transfer of said funds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Nichole Brown, Planner, presented the Four Springs Estates Minor Subdivision for final approval. As all conditions have been met, Commissioner Obert moved to grant final approval for the subdivision. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Nichole presented Board appointment packets with expiring terms to the Commission. Decisions on appointments will be made early next year. Board training will be in February or March.

After discussion, Commissioner Obert moved to proceed with a four page, bi-monthly newsletter for the next year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner reviewed the County budget expenditures and receipts.

A recent MACo training was discussed. There was a vigorous debate amongst trainers regarding open meeting laws, closed door sessions and personnel management.

Commissioner Obert moved to sign the Right of First Refusal document *between Broadwater County and Opportunity Bank*. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Delger signed the letter to the Department of Revenue re: the creation of the Broadwater County Wheatland Targeted Economic Development District as approved by resolution on November 18, 2019.

Commissioner Obert moved to pay approved claims in the amount of \$81,231.33. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Communications received: Health Alert re: restriction on flavored e-cigarettes; DEQ notice of wastewater permit in Missoula County; DEQ notice of amended rule notice pertaining to motor vehicle recycling and disposal. Communications are on file in the Commissioners' office as deemed necessary and are available for review.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve minutes dated 12/16/2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord expressed thanks to the community for the generosity this Christmas Season.

Commissioners held a working meeting at the County Annex.

Debi Randolph, Jessica Crusch, Debbie and Alan Smith, Bernadette Swenson, Mike Evans and Allison Kosto were also present.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 30, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Delger, Chairman

Attest:
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder