

COMMISSIONER MEETING
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
February 3, 2020

Commissioner Laura Obert called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners Mike Delger 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: Ed Shindoll, Fire Warden, presented copies of information for Montana excess property, Firefighter Property (FFP) Cooperative Agreement between Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) Forestry Division and Broadwater County, and agreement between Broadwater County Rural Fire District and Jeff & Carla Stewart for an access easement to the Fool Hen Building to be erected on Stewart property.

Wynn Meehan, Sheriff, has sent the interlocal agreement with Lewis & Clark County for review. The Super Bowl party for students was again a success. There are meetings scheduled for discussion for a proposed mill levy.

Tim Ravndal asked about the building on Stewart property.

Commissioner Delger moved to approve minutes dated 1/27/2020 and 1/30/2020. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner updates: All attended the update on the hospital. Commissioner Folkvord attended the Conservation District meeting, where officers were elected and 2 timber sales were reported by Forest Service; Fair Board Meeting and Public Safety meeting.

Commissioner Delger met with a Petroleum Board member re: storage of contaminated soil on county property during cleanup of the former Grover property.

Commissioner Obert participated in a phone conference re: hospital negotiations, and the communications team re: newsletter.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to accept the 2020 Broadwater County Fairgrounds Master Plan as presented by WWC Engineering, and to pay approved claims dated 1/29/20 for \$75,106.88. Motions seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried.

Communications received: GSA Public Buildings Service notice of government property on Canton Lane available for acquisition; Census Information tool kit; Notice of NACo meeting; notice of Forest Service Middleman Project; thank you from Citizens Action Group for the Silos Recreation Area; receipt for Fleiner payment. Communications are on file in the Commissioners' office as deemed necessary and are available for review.

Bernadette Swenson, Schaubert Surveying, presented more information on a tract of land that has conflicting designations according to current subdivision regulations, and asked for guidance from the commission. Diane Kolberg also asked for a resolution to the problem. No decision was reached. All parties are seeking a solution both legal and beneficial.

David Payne and Shannon Shanholtzer, MACo Insurance, and Julie Zipperian, Centennial Insurance. Were present to discuss the payment for hail damage claims. Travelers Insurance makes calculations on replacement costs, and makes payout accordingly. It is up to the County when and if all the repairs are made.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to purchase a desk and podium from Montana Correctional for \$2167.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delger.

Purchase of tables and chairs for the conference room will be the topic of a working meeting to decide which departments contribute to the cost.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to contract with Civics Plus for developments of a county website. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to use PILT funds to pay the outstanding Park Dietz & Associates claim for professional services for Barrus litigation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried.

Commissioner Delger moved to approve a policy to determine which agencies can display information in the courthouse, and to sign a letter authorizing the School Board to display information about the elementary school project. . Motions seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Heather McMurdie, Public Health, appeared to report on the success of the program last year to grant coupons to senior citizens to get fresh produce at the Farmers' Market. This is a federal program, and vendors have the choice to participate. She asked the commission to provide the necessary liability insurance as was done last year. Commissioner Folkvord moved to provide said insurance for the Farmers' Market. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried.

Brooke Dolan, Victim Witness Advocate, was present to request approval of the Victim Witness Advocate two- year grant. Commissioner Delger moved to approve and sign said grant. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioners signed the letter to Department of Revenue authorizing removal of taxable values from Radersburg Historical Preservation property in Radersburg, and to retain solid waste fees, as voted on in December.

Among those in attendance were Shirley Wilson, Tim Ravndal, Debi Randolph, Ross Johnson, Al Christophersen, Nichole Brown, Mike Myers, Della Ehlke and Michelle Beebe.

Commissioners entered into a closed door session with Cory Swanson to discuss lawsuit with Joe Schmaus, and then to discuss personnel.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Laura Obert, Chair

Attest:
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder