

COMMISSIONER MEETING
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
May 4, 2020

Commissioner Laura Obert called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., Commissioner 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.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve minutes dated 4/20/2020. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried.

Shawn Rowland, Sanitarian, is working with restaurants and other businesses to prepare for the Phase 1 opening.

Teresa Monson, Public Health, is also working with businesses on cleaning and disinfection routines.

Mike Myers, Safety Coordinator, is working with Shawn to safely open the courthouse.

Doug Ellis, Election Administrator, stated there will be 2 judges at the door on Monday and Tuesday to receive school ballots. The return envelopes for the primary election have postage paid. The ballots will be mailed on May 8.

After discussion with Teresa, Commissioner Folkvord moved to allow COVID-19 standby pay for weekends from Friday at 5:00 p.m. to Monday at 8:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried.

Teresa brought forward the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Funding Opportunity grant for discussion and possible approval. After discussion among Teresa, Wynn Meehan, Cory Swanson and Commissioners, plus comments from Tim Ravndal, Cheryl Campbell, Ross Johnson and Craig Burns, the issue was postponed until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday.

Nichole Brown, Planner, and Garret Jobe, lot owner in Park Trail Estate Subdivision, appeared to request modification of the no-build zone on his lot. Since the plat was approved by the county, all owners of the subdivision lots must be notified of the change to the covenants to define the no-build zone. Said definition would be only for this subdivision. Nichole, Cory and Tara DePuy will write the amendment to the covenants.

Nicole and Rebecca Osborne presented an easement for lots 13, 14 and 15 of Rolling Glen Ranch Subdivision, for a driveway to lot 15, which will be given a road name. Commissioner Delger moved to support the exhibit as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord, with a comment to construct the road so emergency services can navigate said road. Motion carried.

Nichole presented the Aspen Estates Tract 4 Minor Subdivision for final approval. Commissioner Delger moved to grant final approval for said subdivision. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Mike Koehnke, DES, and Cyrus Brandt, presented a Homeland Security Grant giving authority to purchase 2-way radios for emergency vehicles. Commissioner Folkvord moved to support the grant and approve the expenditures. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried.

The contract with Westaff for cleaning in the courthouse was approved via email by the commission, so staff could start today. Commissioner Delger moved to accept the contract with Westaff. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried. The expense will be reimbursed by COVID-19 grant.

Commissioner Delger moved to approve the Payne West comp quote request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Delger moved to approve and sign the Brownfields land farm operator certification. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to adopt the Tri-County Regional Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried.

Denning, Downey & Associates will start audit of the financial statements of Broadwater County on April 27, and issue the report on approximately June 30, 2020.

The information for the Board of Crime Control COVID-19 grant was sent to Sheriff Wynn Meehan.

Commissioners support the reimbursement of a 2nd solid waste fee to Stonehouse Distillery, and will ask the Treasurer to refund the same.

Communications received: acknowledgement of receipt of public safety plan update for Broadwater Project, FERC No. 2853; DOT notice of draft 2020-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP); DEQ notice of a proposed rule for water quality standards; DHHS report of water test for Silos Rec Area. Communications are on file in the Commissioners' office as deemed necessary and are available for review.

Commissioners agreed to sign and send a letter to Cheryl Campbell, concerning the Lower Deep Creek Project bid process.

Commissioner Delger moved to pay approved claims dated 4/30/20 for \$81,771.11. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Shannon Shanholtzer, MACo Property and Casualty Trust, via phone, and Julie Zipperian, Centennial Insurance discussed the insurance for the coming year, and explained the increase in

premiums. Commissioner Folkvord move to sign the acknowledgement form for 2020-2021 PCT Renewal Scheduled Property. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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Laura Obert, Chair

Attest:
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder