

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BROADWATER COUNTY, STATE OF MONTANA
LOCATION: 416 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
DATE: April 12, 2023**

Commissioner Debi Randolph called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Darrel Folkvord and Lindsey Richtmyer were also present.

Public Comment: Broadwater Deputy County Attorney Jania Hatfield commented and read into the record how to address the Commission during the Commission Meeting and Public Comment. Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder commented regarding Townsend School Board Trustee Election May 2, 2023, mail ballots sent in the mail today, April 12, 2023. Please return your ballots to the Clerk and Recorder's Office via hand-delivery or mail.

10:03 Stephanie Michelson, SWMT Prevention Specialist, Request for use of State Alcohol Tax Funds for the new budget year. Unable to attend. Will be postponed until a later date.

10:10 AM Broadband By-Laws Discussion/Decision. Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve the edits for the Broadband Advisory Board By-Laws. Commissioner Folkvord seconded. Deputy County Attorney Hatfield commented. Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve Broadband Advisory Board By-Laws with edits. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

10:22 AM Proposal Broadwater County Emergency Services Facility, Preliminary Architectural Report (PAR). Commissioner Folkvord commented. Total contract for the PAR from Slate Architecture is in the amount of \$58,090.00. Commissioner Folkvord stated that they were hoping to get started in January with this first step, but will get started now and should take three months and will try to expedite this process. Commissioner Folkvord moved to accept and sign the Preliminary Architecture Report with Slate Engineering. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded. Nancy Marks with MT43 News commented. Bill Jarocki commented. The motion to accept and sign the PAR with Slate Engineering carried.

10:30 AM Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder Angie Paulsen requested a budget amendment for Elections Supervisor position for Clerk and Records Office. Bill Jarocki commented. Deputy County Attorney Jania Hatfield discussed anyone other than a deputy to direct report to elected officials and will research for next week. Additionally, Hatfield commented that to have another deputy, the county will need to have at least 10-20 million in taxable valuation. Jarocki determined there was a correct amount of taxation. Tabled until the Regular Commission Meeting on April 19, 2023.

11:10 AM Commissioner Folkvord presented the documents for the Broadwater County Airport Board to purchase land adjacent to the airport in the amount of \$266,666.67. The FAA will cover

90% of this cost and the county's cost will be \$26,666.67. If this is signed, an environmental assessment will still need to be completed. The deadline for the completed paperwork for the FAA was changed to June 15, 2023, to allow more time for completion. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve the Buy/Sell Agreement to purchase property adjacent to the airport. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried. Nancy Marks commented.

Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve the Minutes March 22, April 6, and April 10, 2023. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

3:00 PM Discussion/Decision, Confidential Personnel Meeting (may be closed to the public)

Communications Received: Resolution for the Temporary Limitation of Traffic on Broadwater County Roads, Scrap metal bids from Pacific Steal out of Helena, MT, and East Ridge Enterprise, MEMO from Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder to Commissioners re: Budget Amendment and Job Description Elections Department, Public Comment for Commission, Broadband Bi-Laws, BLM environmental impact statement.

Present at the meeting were Nancy Marks with MT43News.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next regular Commissioner Meeting will be held April 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.



Attest:
ANGIE PAULSEN
Clerk and Recorder


DEBRA RANDOLPH
Commissioner Chairwoman