

COMMISSIONER MEETING
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
October 25, 2021

Chairman Mike Delger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners Darrel Folkvord and Debi Randolph were present. Also present, was Deputy County Attorney Jania Hatfield.

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 appeared to thank the Commissioners for serving in a public office. Shirley also demonstrated a newspaper from another county, in which proceedings, commissioner meetings, and other information was disclosed. Shirley requested that Broadwater County do the same.

Commissioner Folkvord made a motion to approve the minutes dated October 18th, 2021. Commissioner Randolph seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Chairman Mike Delger shared the mail:

- A thank you letter from the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority, regarding the financial support, for the reinstatement of the Amtrak Southern line. This is otherwise known as the Hiawatha. This will bring passenger rail service back to Southern Montana. A letter from the office of the Governor, notice that Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund awarded to Permafrost Coolers. Broadwater County has been awarded up to \$21,500.00 from the Montana Department of Commerce Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund to assist Permafrost Coolers LLC. This award was affective September 30th, 2021, for Permafrost Coolers LLC to purchase construction materials, machinery equipment purchases and for wage reimbursement that will enable the business to create five net new Big Sky Trust Fund eligible jobs within one year. This is a cooler company that is located on Loan Mountain Road.
- Claims in the amount of \$121,639.71. Commissioner Randolph made a motion to accept the claims in the amount of \$121,639.71. Commissioner Folkvord seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
- Payroll claims in the amount of \$217,924.43. Commissioner Folkvord made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$217,924.43. Commissioner Randolph seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
- A payment was received from the Department of Revenue in the amount of \$750.00 for July, August and September room rent. Chairman, Mike Delger, announced that the Department of Revenue moved back in to the County building with five employees, in the basement. This covers Broadwater County, Meagher County and Gallatin County.

Planning and Development Director, Nichole Brown, confirmed that all Commissioners had their copies of the affidavit and COS for the Bruce Ag Tract, from the previous Commissioners' meeting. Nichole Brown explained that the owner, Arden Bruce, was submitting a Certificate of Survey to create a tract for agricultural purposes. This consisted of Tract A, being created for

agricultural purposes, and Tract B which is the remainder tract. The request being submitted was to separate the pivot farm ground from the existing buildings. Nichole Brown did note that Mr. Arden was aware that placing the agricultural covenant on that parcel does limit what he can do with it in the future and according to MCA, the only way this can be lifted is to go through subdivision review. Commissioner Folkvord made a motion to approve the Certificate of Survey for Bruce properties. Commissioner Randolph seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Nichole Brown appeared to present a board appointment, as part of the consent agenda. This was for the Airport Board, from Jessica Lancello of Townsend Montana. It was stated that the Airport Board had two vacancies at the time. Nichole also noted the three-year terms for all board members. Commissioner Folkvord added that the Airport Board met the previous Wednesday, and made recommendation for Jessica Lancello to be added to the board. Commissioner Folkvord made a motion to appointment Jessica Lancello to the Airport Board for a three year and two-month term. Commissioner Randolph seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Planning and Development Director, Nichole Brown, demonstrated the affidavit and COS for the Ketchum Boundary Relocation. It was stated that the owners intend to keep the driveway approach, as well as the seasonal stream. Nichole Brown did advise that Mr. Ketchum was available via phone, if needed. Commissioner Randolph made a motion to approve of the Ketchum Boundary Relocation. Commissioner Folkvord seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works Supervisor, Josh Obert, appeared to present the RFP for Solid Waste seeking for a landfill contract. Josh's intention was to send this RFP letter to Lewis and Clark County, Tri-County, and the landfill just outside of Logan/Trident as well. Commissioner Randolph made a motion to approve that the Solid Waste RFP for a landfill contract to be sent out and posted. Commissioner Folkvord seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Public Works Supervisor, Josh Obert, appeared to present a proposal for a grader. Josh stated that an RFP was sent out to both CAT and to RDO, John Deer. Chairman, Mike Delger, shared the bids from each business. The Commissioners and Josh Obert would schedule a time to meet, to review and discuss each of the bids.

Diane, from the County Health Department, appeared on behalf of Public Health Nurse, Teresa Monson, to Present the Task Order Amendment #1-22-07-4-31-103-0 Covid Immunization Services Grant for \$56,507.00. Commissioner Folkvord made a motion to approve Task order #1-22-07-4-31-103-0 in the amount of \$56,507.00. Commissioner Randolph seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Deputy County Attorney, Jania Hatfield, appeared to explain the Snowy Mountain Contract for Grover Buildings. Jania shared the promissory note and explained the application from Petroleum Board, along with Form 5 from DEQ. Commissioner Randolph made a motion to approve the signing of the promissory note from Snowy Mountain Development Corporation.

Commissioner Folkvord seconded the motion. Commissioner Randolph made a motion to amend the motion to sign the promissory note along with the entire loan document. Commissioner Folkvord seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carried. All voted in favor of the amended motion and motion carried.

Commissioner Folkvord made a motion to approve the signing of Form 5 from DEQ. Commissioner Randolph seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carried. Deputy County Attorney, Jania Hatfield, explained that no County funds will be utilized for this. All funding will be received from the Petro Board and the Brownsfield Grant.

Chairman, Mike Delger, concluded the meeting by congratulating the High School sports teams, stating that the Girl's Cross Country team had a State Championship and the boys won the District Conference Title for Football.

Public Works Supervisor, Josh Obert, appeared to extend a thank you to the Sheriff's Department, the Fire Department and the Community for their overwhelming support of the sport teams, as they returned home.

With no further discussion, Chairman, Mike Delger adjourned the meeting at 10:32 AM.

Mike Delger, Chair

Attest:
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder