

COMMISSIONER MEETING
416 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
March 8, 2021

Commissioner Mike Delger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., Commissioners Darrel Folkvord and Debi Randolph were also present.

Public comment: Jennifer Dalrymple, American Legion, asked about a recycle bin for aluminum cans. She was directed to Solid Waste for information.

Cory Swanson, County Attorney, stated he has hired a Deputy County Attorney.

Zoe Obert, Billings Health, said a clinic will be held on March 11 at the Fairgrounds to administer the 400 doses of Covid-19 vaccine allocated to Broadwater County.

Letter from Tim Ravndal re: FY20 audit, mask policy and expert witness expenses.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve minutes dated 3/1/2021. Motion seconded by Commissioner Randolph and carried.

Commissioner Randolph moved to pay approved claims dated 3/3/21 for \$27,039.82. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve payroll for pay date 2/26/21 in the amount of \$197,163.46. Motion seconded by Commissioner Randolph and carried.

Marty Lambert, Gallatin County Attorney and Special Deputy Attorney for the Obert case, appeared by phone to request up to \$10,000 for an expert witness for the case. Jennifer Dalrymple objected to further money being spent for the case. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve the payment. Motion seconded by Commissioner Randolph and carried.

Valerie Hornsveld, Clerk of District Court, requested funding for a 32 hour/week employee in her office in the next fiscal year. She was instructed to work with accounting for funding in the upcoming FY2022 budget.

Commissioner Folkvord stated the intent for the county building mask policy is to protect employees, not make a political statement. After comments from Cory Swanson and Wynn Meehan, Commissioner Randolph moved to approve the amended face mask policy. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to restate Condition #1 in the Findings of Fact and Order for the preliminary plat approval of the Peaceful Hilltop Subsequent Minor Subdivision by replacing "DEQ" with "Broadwater County Environmental Health Department". Motion seconded by Commissioner Randolph and carried. The Document is on file in the Planning office.

Nick Rauser, Deputy Sheriff, requested authority to purchase a commercial washer and dryer for the Detention Center. The cost is about \$18,000, and will come for the inmate welfare funds account. Commissioner Randolph moved to allow the purchase. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioners discussed a process for choosing a new name for the Opportunity Bank building, and having Bill Jarocki assist with the budget process.

Helen Coleman was also present.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

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Mike Delger, Chair

Attest:

Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder