

Commissioner Meeting
416 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
May 03, 2021

Commissioner Mike Delger called meeting to order at 10:04 am. Commissioner Darrel Folkvord and Debi Randolph were present, and others present were Erik Wilkerson, Tim Ravndal, and Shirley Wilson.

Public comment: Tim Ravndal, Conservative News of Montana, requested to have a meeting with commissioners regarding HB 95, HB 702, and HB 257. He also addressed the commission concerning mistakes on the agenda and the ability to view documents on the county web site. He is asking for more transparency with county claims. Answer: the county has to be careful in what they disclose due to privacy and cyber security issues.

Mike Myers, County Maintenance Supervisor, RFP for roof was postponed until the meeting next week.

Erik Wilkerson, Superintendent of Broadwater High, presented the Interlocal Agreement for the Library between the school and the county. He discussed changes they are requesting in the agreement. He requested a meeting between the school and the commission to discuss the agreement. Jania will review and research the agreement.

The mask mandate for county buildings was discussed. District Court and Public Health will still be required to wear a mask. Commissioner Folkvord stated that he would suggest members of the community to continue to wear a mask if they are still at risk, and he encourages the community to get both 1st and 2nd dose of vaccination. There are still future clinic dates for vaccination with the next clinic scheduled for Thursday 05/13/2021. Commissioner Folkvord moved to remove the mask mandate with the exception of District County and Public Health. Motion seconded by Commissioner Randolph and carried. Tim Ravndal made public comment. Claire Reading had public comment read.

Nichole Brown, Community Development, presented an increase of fees on new construction address applications. The current fee is \$20 and she is requesting an increase to \$50. The current cost for the county is \$18.75, which is only \$1.25 profit. The current fee has been in place since 2004. There are 3 applications required for new construction, Driveway/Approach application, Septic permit application, and Address application. Nichole suggested that the address fee remain the same (\$20) for existing address that wish to obtain an address plate.

Commissioner Folkvord would also like to review the other application fees. The fee increase has been added to the May 10 agenda.

Commissioner Randolph moved to approve the Montana DRNC Local Government Forestry Assistance Grant for the total of \$1779.40. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and motion carried.

Tim Ravndal made public comment requesting to be on agenda to bring forward an issue on Forestry.

Neal Bouma requested an exemption from the two-year requirement that the land wouldn't sell for 2 years. He stated he had life changes and is selling the ranch as one piece, not as parcels. After discussion with Mr. Bouma, the Commissioners, and Nichole Brown, Commissioner Randolph moved to give Neal Bouma an exemption to the two-year time period on the land. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and motion carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve claims in the amount of \$176,695.50 dated 4/21/21. Motion seconded by Commissioner Randolph and motion carried.

Commissioner Randolph moved to approve claims in the amount of \$46,036.63 dated 4/21/21. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Delger, Chair

Attest:

Misty Masolo, Office Assistant1)