

**COMMISSIONER MEETING**  
**416 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644**  
**June 7, 2021**

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

Also, in attendance were Sheriff Wynn Meehan, Undersheriff Brandon Harris, Brittney Willis, Jessica Bushnell, Ken Brug, Mike Myers, County Attorney Cory Swanson, and Deputy County Attorney Jania Hatfield.

Sheriff Meehan presented a resolution to increase the Inmate daily fee. He stated that there have been several increases in operating expenses in the jail, therefore there is a need for an increase in the daily fee. The fee would increase the current daily fee of \$67.95 to \$69.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Randolph to accept the daily inmate fee increase at Broadwater County Detention Center from \$67.95 to \$69.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Brittney Willis, DES Coordinator, requested additional hours, increasing her weekly hours from 24 to 32 hours per week. According to the state, Broadwater County is the 4<sup>th</sup> fastest growing county in the state. There has been a great amount of growth in Broadwater County, which in turn brings the risk of more emergencies and adds more duties for the DES Coordinator. Therefore, most of the DES Coordinators in the state have gone from half time to three-quarter time or full time. A motion was made by Commissioner Folkvord to approve an increase in hours from 24 hours to 32 hours with benefits. Motion seconded by Commissioner Randolph and carried.

Sheriff Meehan presented a market wage adjustment for the entire Sheriff Office. This adjustment is per SB238. Sheriff Meehan is asking for an adjustment for dispatch from \$14.80/hr. to \$18.35/hr. and an adjustment for Detention Officers from \$14.80/hr. to \$17.76/hr., both with effective July 01, 2021 and COLA already factored in the increase. He is also asking that the starting wage adjustment for deputies change from \$22.01 to \$27.01. He asked that the deputies receive their COLA retroactive starting July 1, 2021, as their increase would not be effective until October 01, 2021. A motion was made by Commissioner Randolph to allow the market wage adjustment effective July 01, 2021. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Randolph moved to approve payroll claims in the amount of \$182,559.79. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve county claims in the amount of \$15069.84. Motion seconded by Commissioner Randolph and carried.

Commissioner Randolph moved to approve county claims in the amount of \$10,226.96. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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Mike Delger, Chair

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Misty Masolo, Office Assistant