

COMMISSIONER MEETING
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
October 15, 2019

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

Public comment: Dennis Nelson, Three Forks Rural Fire District, presented a letter from the Three Forks Rural Fire Board, citing their concerns with only one access to the Mountain Vista Subdivision, and requesting a prompt correction to the problem.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve minutes dated 10/7/2019, and to pay approved claims dated 10/11/19 for \$11,700.32. Motions seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to pay approved claims dated 10/9/19 for \$182,116.64. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner update: Commissioner Delger attended the Trust Board meeting, where the Fair Grounds Master Plan was reviewed; working meeting of THS Board, preparing for the 10/16 meeting; and the department heads meeting.

Commissioner Folkvord attended the meeting with Representative Greg Gianforte; Trust Board meeting, Mosquito Board meeting, where they are considering expanding the district, LEPC meeting and Recreation Board meeting.

Commissioner Obert attended the department heads meeting and Mosquito Board meeting.

Sheriff Wynn Meehan reported the news of a possible explosive device found at Rossiter School in Helena. He stated our Courthouse security is a concern. Commissioner Obert said a safety committee was formed several years ago, but did not remain active.

The regular meeting was closed and a public hearing was opened to adopt a resolution authorizing participation in the Intercap Program, for purchase of the Opportunity Bank building. In response to questions from Tim Ravndal, the loan is for \$200,000 and funding originates from the State. The hearing was closed.

The regular meeting was opened. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve the resolution authorizing participation in the Board of Investments of the State of Montana Annual Adjustable Rate Tender Option Municipal Finance Consolidation Act Bonds (Intercap Revolving Program), approving the form and terms of the loan agreement and authorizing the execution and delivery of documents related thereto. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Shawn Rowland, Sanitarian, requested authorization for his employee to perform food inspection services in Broadwater County, at a rate of \$50/hour, not to exceed \$5,000. Commissioner Obert moved to allow said authorization. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to sign the Interlocal Agreement for General Law Enforcement Services among Broadwater County, Sheriff, and City of Townsend. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

The Thornton tax issue was tabled until more information is available from DOR.

Steve McCullough, Trust Board, presented the contract with Debra Randolph/Winners' Circle Administrative Services for approval. Comments were heard from all commissioners, Steve, Debi Randolph, Wynn Meehan and Tim Ravndal. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve said contract. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delger. Voting in favor- Delger and Folkvord; voting no-Obert. Motion carried.

John Rauser, Fair Board, appeared to discuss the proposal to combine Extension and Fair management and staff, and the job description. He has reviewed the job description, which is getting closer to something the Board can support. He wants assurance the position is advisory, not supervisory. Both Extension and Fair have limited budgets and salary is a concern. The grounds maintenance should remain under the Fair Board, which works with the Rodeo Association.

Commissioner Folkvord clarified board members may not also be paid employees per an Attorney General Opinion.

Shawn Higley, WWC Engineering, gave an update on progress on the Fair Master Plan. He recommends a team of representatives from Commissioners, Trust Board, Recreation Board, Rodeo Club, 4-H, Fair Board, and as a recommendation, City. He recommended alternative B for prioritizing projects at the Fair Ground. The architect will review existing facilities and go over improvement alternative concepts. The Commissioner agreed unanimously. A public meeting is planned for late November.

Nichole Brown, Planning, presented the Walsh Family Transfer for consideration. John Walsh joined via phone. She reported the title company is holding a deed to transfer Tract A from Greer to Gifford, but can't record it as the tract isn't a separate entity. A septic permit was issued by the former sanitarian, using John's post office box address. Commissioner Delger commented as everything is aligned for a sale, it looks like an evasion of the subdivision process. The other commissioners agreed. Commissioner Folkvord moved to disapprove the Walsh Family Transfer as it appears to be an evasion of the subdivision regulation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Cheryl Campbell, Brandon Harris, Bill Kearns, Kim Kondelik and Mike Koehnke were also present.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Delger, Chairman

Attest:
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder