

COMMISSIONER MEETING
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
October 21, 2019

Commissioner Mike Delger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Darrel Folkvord was also present. Commissioner Laura Obert is out of the country.

Public comment: Sheriff Wynn Meehan asked for a moment of silence to honor Gallatin County Deputy Jake Allmendinger who died in the line of duty Saturday. Commissioners have sent a letter of condolence to the Gallatin County Commissioners.

Julie Lethert questioned Cory Swanson, County Attorney, about the MCA code he referred to in a March 11 meeting re: contracts, and how the contract with Shawn Rowland falls under this code. She also questioned if the person approved to do food inspections is qualified; if not, she will file a complaint. If Nichole is giving any sanitarian advice, she will file a complaint.

Ed Shindoll, Rural Fire Chief, presented information on the Capital 360 Campaign, and asked for one commissioner to act as representative.

Duane Holom complained about a solid waste charge, and questioned why the department head meeting was not noticed.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve the resolution authorizing prosecutorial assistance in District Court case TK-2019-0755, as requested by Cory Swanson, County Attorney. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried.

Teresa Monson, Public Health, requested permission to use another billing company, which will lessen the amount of time she will have to spend on Medicare charges. Commissioner Folkvord moved to allow her to contract with Transact Rx. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried.

Ann Rauser read a letter from Commissioner Obert, stating her support for funding the Peer to Peer Program. Melinda Holom reported the work she has done so far within the program, and the outreach events she has organized. Wynn Meehan, Sheriff, advocated for the program, as Melinda's assistance has saved the Public Safety department both time and money with her intervention and assistance. He has arranged for someone to write a grant for funds to continue the program, and asked for a commitment to fund an equal match. Michael Stevenson spoke in support of the program, as did Tim Ravndal. Both Commissioners voiced support of the program and the grant process.

Wynn asked permission to purchase a transportable VHF repeater, antenna mast and solar power option, price quote \$21,541.42. He has 911 funds available for the purchase. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve said purchase. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve minutes dated 10/11 and 10/15/2019, and to pay approved claims dated 10/18/19 for \$2,790.03. Motions seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried.

Communications received: DOR notice of settlement with Blackfoot Communications for a 9% reduction in market values; letter from Three Forks Rural Fire District; test kits brochure; HIPPA Compliance Seminar information. Communications are filed in the Commissioners' office as deemed necessary and are available for review.

Commissioner update: Commissioner Delger attended the Weed, Health and THS Board meetings. Commissioner Folkvord attended the Board of Health, Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, and met with Senator Daines' representative, who reported he is working to lower prescription drug costs.

Tim Ravndal questioned the duties of the Hospital Board after the sale of the building, and where tax revenues will be allocated.

Shirley Wilson asked who owns the hospital ground and building.

Cheryl Campbell, Tom Lethert, Nancy Marks, Hugh Van Swearingen, Mike Evans, Sarah Seiler and Mike Koehnke were also present.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

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Mike Delger, Chairman

Attest:
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder