

COMMISSIONER MEETING
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
April 20, 2020

Commissioner Laura Obert called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m., due to a technical glitch with livestreaming with YouTube.com. Commissioner Mike Delger and Darrel Folkvord were also present.

Public comment is the opinion of citizens and does not necessarily reflect accurately on Broadwater County actions, operations, policy, practice or processes.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve minutes dated 4/6/2020. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried.

Discussion ensued on the petition to open Red Hill and Lefler Roads. Commissioner Obert read a letter from William Driscoll, attorney for CX Ranch, in opposition to opening the roads. Cory Swanson, County Attorney, and Joe Schmaus offered comments on the process. Commissioner Folkvord moved to acknowledge receipt of the petition to open Red Hill and Lefler Roads, and to investigate the merits of the petition. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried.

Commissioner Delger moved to authorize Commissioner Folkvord, with assistance of Schaubert Surveying, to investigate the feasibility and desirability of granting the petition request, and to authorize WWC Engineering to investigate the cost of said request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Delger moved to revoke the contract with Mary Hendrickson, which was approved on April 6, due to MCA 2-2-201, which prohibits contracting with employees within six months of leaving a position. Commissioners were not advised until April 9 of this MCA. He moved to sign a letter to Mary informing her of the decision. Motions seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

After discussion, Commissioner Delger moved to advertise for a Public Works Director. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried. Email from Ross Johnson opposed filling the position; email from E. Keith Howick objected to the contract with Mary Hendrickson.

Solid Waste Board members suggested a temporary interlocal agreement with Lewis and Clark County to supervise Solid Waste until a Director can be hired. Commissioners agreed to draft a letter to Lewis & Clark County concerning said agreement.

Commissioner Delger moved to accept the job description for Solid Waste foreman and to advertise for the position. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried. Comments were made by Cory Swanson and Bobbi Meehan.

A county groundskeeper position was discussed. Wynn Meehan, Rodeo Board, stated the Rodeo Board will take on the responsibility and cost of grounds maintenance at the Fairgrounds. This would leave courthouse, cemetery and property granted by Bureau of Reclamation (BOR).

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve the job description for groundskeeper, omitting the Fairgrounds, pending an approve agreement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried.

Teresa Monson, Public Health, appeared to discuss overtime and standby pay for her staff due to COVID-19. She has received \$14,000 from the State for this, and will work with accounting to budget the funds. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve the overtime and standby pay retroactive to March 17, 2020. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried.

Correspondence received: DHHS report of good water quality at Silos Rec Area; DEQ notice of review of water quality standards; Montana Historical Society notice that the Spokane Hills Airway Beacon is being considered for nomination to the National Register of Historical Places; DEQ notice of asbestos fee rule hearing; Montana Weights and Measures program notice regarding waiver of certain fuel specifications.

Commissioner Delger moved to pay approved claims dated 4/8/20 for \$32,027.32; to pay approved claims dated 4/10/20 for \$204,161.06; and to approve payroll for pay date 4/15/20 in the amount of \$195,414.32. Motions seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord move to pay approved claims dated 4/17/20 for \$27,934.27, and to approve payroll for pay date 3/31/20 in the amount of \$204,083.96. Motions seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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Laura Obert, Chair

Attest:
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder