

COMMISSIONER MEETING
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
January 27, 2020

Commissioner Laura Obert called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners 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 Delger moved to approve minutes dated 1/21/2020. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner update: All attended the yearly safety inspection of the jail and the web site presentations.

Commissioner Folkvord attended the MBAC meeting in Helena, LEPC, Solid Waste, and Fairground Master Plan meetings, met with Public Works Director Mary Hendrickson and Road Foreman TJ Graveley re: Springville bus turnaround, county road priorities.

Commissioner Delger attended the Hospital Board meeting, where they plan to sign final papers this week, apply for a new transport bus, work an agreement for ambulance storage and will have a physician and director of nursing on staff soon; Rocky Mountain Development Council where they discussed Head Start and Red Algar housing in Helena.

Commissioner Obert attended the Weed Board meeting where they have been awarded a large grant from the Noxious Weed Council; BCDC met with Ed Regan, R-Y Timber to discuss market opportunities; and Solid Waste Board where they are working to streamline operations.

Communications received: Excel program training notice, Northwestern Energy information, reminder one staff has excess hours to use. Communications are on file in the Commissioners' office as deemed necessary and are available for review.

Commissioner Delger moved to pay approved claims dated 1/23/20 for \$49,656.26. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Shawn Higley, WWC Engineering, presented the 2020 Broadwater County Fairgrounds Master Plan, a collaboration between Broadwater County, City of Townsend and Broadwater County Trust Board, for approval. The plan, with multiple stakeholders providing information and funding, prioritizes improvements for the site. The plan is scheduled to be adopted next week.

Bernadette Swenson, Schaubert Surveying, presented information on a tract of land that has conflicting designations according to current subdivision regulations, and asked for guidance from the commission. They will contact the MACo land use attorney for advice.

Nichole Brown, Planning, presented the Happy Flats Minor Subdivision for preliminary approval. After discussion and review, Commissioner Folkvord moved to grant preliminary approval for said subdivision. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried. Findings of Fact and Order are on file in the planning office.

Wynn Meehan, Sheriff, presented the Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan and Financial Plan between Broadwater County and USDA, Forest Service for approval. Commissioner Folkvord moved to accept and sign said plan. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried.

Julie Zipperian, Centennial Insurance, appeared to discuss the renewal application for insurance for FY 2020/2021. Commissioner Folkvord moved to accept the policy renewal with the discussed changes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delger and carried.

The insurance payment for hail damage in excess of actual damage to county property was discussed. David Payne, MACo insurance, will be invited to a meeting to determine the best solution for the problem.

Doug Ellis, Election Administrator, was present to get a decision on the School Board's request to put a display informational easel in the courthouse. Discussion ensued, both pro and con. Commissioner Delger moved to send a letter to the School Board stating any display is prohibited by Commissioner of Political Practice (COPP) 60 days prior to an election. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried. A policy strictly limiting which political entity could be allowed to utilize an informational display was proposed.

Commissioner Delger moved to allow the informational display with the policy specified prior to 60 days prior to the election. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord for discussion. He asked the policy be defined before the permission is granted. Commissioner Delger agreed to the amendment to have the policy in place prior to permission being granted, and the motion carried. The policy will be on the agenda next week.

Commissioners entered into a closed door session to discuss personnel.

Shirley Wilson, Tim Ravndal, Brandon Harris, Debi Randolph, Franklin Slifka, Scott and Dee Mostad, Della Ehlke and Mary Huth were among those present.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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Laura Obert, Chair

Attest:
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder