

COMMISSIONER MEETING
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
December 16, 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 is the opinion of citizens and does not necessarily reflect accurately on Broadwater County actions, operations, policy, practice or processes.

Public comment: Debra Brown presented petitions opposing to changes in Solid Waste procedures, and stated a light is needed at the Winston/Highway 287 intersection. Jodi Moore asked that Mason Moore's name and badge number be removed from the designated account.

Karon Kougioulis stated one detention officer had worked 48 hours, as there were no funds for a relief officer.

Shirley Wilson stated she had asked in writing for information in November and again today. Commissioner Folkvord had provided said information to her prior to today's meeting.

Tim Ravndal requested information on the Barrus case, presented a letter from a Granite County resident concerning the Barrus case and commented county roads need work, and meetings should be at another time than 10:00 a.m.

Al Christophersen, Co-Chair of the Big Elk Divide Restoration Committee, asked the Commission to write a letter of support for a proposed forest landscape restoration project.

Alan Wright asked for a copy of a MOU for maintenance for White's Gulch Road.

Bernadette Swenson, Schaubert Surveying, presented the Heinemann boundary relocation COS for approval. Commissioner Obert moved to support the COS exemption. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Amy Tenny and Dan Crouse, Boyd Andrew, gave an update on community services. They have received State approval to provide services in Broadwater County, and are working with Broadwater Health Center/Billings Clinic. They will be in Townsend on Thursdays starting in January, and will use the Jury Room as a temporary site.

Kim Kondelik, Trust Board, stated the Board had approved the Search and Rescue Grant of \$7,000 to purchase tracks and cab for the Yamaha Viking Side by Side, and asked for Commission approval. Commissioner Obert moved to approve said grant. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to approve minutes dated 12/2/2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve payroll for pay date 11/29/19 in the amount of \$174,727.06. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Communications received: Christmas card from WWC, Black Mountain and Action Print; receipt for rent from Family Medical Clinic; DEQ notice of wastewater permits for Montana Rail Link and Jefferson County, and notice of general permit for statewide petroleum cleanup; rural Montana and Secretary of State magazines. Communications are on file in the Commissioners' office as deemed necessary and are available for review.

A letter from the Big Elk Divide Restoration Committee requesting a thorough vetting of the issue of whether several roads are county or Forest Service before making a decision. Tom Williams, Dan Pate and Tim Ravndal agreed with the request.

Commissioners discussed an HR debate from the MACo Newly Elected Officials training. There is disagreement and varied opinions from experts on open meeting laws versus rights to privacy.

Cheryl Campbell, Brandon Harris, Debi Randolph, Nichole Brown, Zona Hale, Franklin Slifka, Jon Heinemann, Ed Shindoll, Eric and Jessica Crusch, Mike Koehnke and Laura Nagel were also present.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

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Mike Delger, Chairman

Attest:
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder