

COMMISSIONER MEETING
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
September 30, 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: Bill Upthegrove, representing Broadwater Health Systems, presented information about the positive economic impact of a rural hospital on the community, as well as long term, end of life, care for Medicaid patients, Emergency room and ambulance services.

Commissioner Obert moved to approve minutes dated 9/16/2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to pay approved claims dated 9/24/19 for \$95,760.36. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to pay approved claims date 9/27/19 for \$47,551.76. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve the FY2020 Extension Services Agreement between Montana State University Extension and Broadwater County, and to approve the Townsend Airport 5-year capital improvement plan. Motions seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to approve the DLA Grant Application for the Wheatland Area Public Safety building for fire, law enforcement and emergency services. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Communications received: Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) notice to issue a construction dewatering general permit; DEQ notice to issue a wastewater discard permit in Gallatin County; Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) report of clean water at Silos Recreation Area; Life Flight Network information; Health Alert re: pulmonary disease associated with vaping; receipt for Fleiner restitution funds; HIPPA Compliance training; signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) from Montana Stockgrowers Association and Montana Wool Growers Association, 2020 Census information; Virgil Binkley request to serve another term on the Trust Board; Government Solutions, AMT and WWD magazines; Black Mountain Public View information. Communications are filed in the Commissioners' office as deemed necessary and are available for review.

The regular meeting was closed, and a public hearing was opened to adopt a resolution for FY19 budgets amendments. Debbie Kelley, Administration, presented the resolution. After a comment from Tim Ravndal, the hearing was closed.

The regular meeting was opened. Commissioner Obert moved to adopt the FY2019 Budget Amendments resolution. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner updates: Commissioners attended the Montana Association of Counties (MACo) Conference in Great Falls. Commissioner Delger attended the Energy meeting. The closure of Colestrip will result in higher electricity costs, as there isn't enough wind and solar energy available, especially in winter, to meet energy needs.

Commissioners Delger and Folkvord attended the Public Lands meeting. Access roads are becoming a problem. Correct and current policies are necessary.

Commissioner Folkvord attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting and the Fairgrounds Master Plan meeting.

Commissioner Obert attended the Justice and Public Safety meetings. Long term care needs long term planning. Medicaid has a financial impact on long term care facilities with several closed and more planning to close. Adequate internet and cell phone service are still an issue. She has been reappointed to the National Association of Counties (NACo) Justice and Public Safety Committee.

Wade Johnson and Kendra Leanhart, St Peter's Health, presented their plans for the proposed clinic in Townsend. In response to questions from Commissioners, Bill Upthegrove and Nancy Marks, they have no plans for long term care, end of life services, as there are non-profit and for-profit entities for those services. They will have their own ambulance service. There will be no emergency room in the temporary clinic, and still to be determined for the permanent facility. They said they are not taking away from the hospital – the patients make the choice.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to sign the defendants' certification of Broadwater County responsibility for actions of officer and agents as requested by County Attorney Cory Swanson. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Parks and Recreation Board wants to have a single vault toilet installed at Holloway Park. They have funds from the Trust Board. After discussion and comments from Shirley Wilson, Commissioner Obert moved to support beginning the project, with solid costs for the vault, excavation, and maintenance provided before proceeding with the project, and with City of Townsend taking ownership of the vault. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to proceed with replacement of the server and 15 personal computers prior to January 2020, to be paid for out of PILT funds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Cheryl Campbell, Jessica Crusch, Mary Hendrickson, Kyle Hopstad, Jenny Clowes, Brad Campbell, Brandon Harris and Mike Koehnke were also present.

The meeting was adjourned at 11: 49 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Delger, Chairman

Attest:
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder