

COMMISSIONER MEETING
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
July 22, 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: Tim Ravndal, reporting for the Redoubt News, asked the agendas be followed as printed and Wednesday agendas be emailed. Bobbie Meehan, Broadwater Reporter, asked why the Wednesday agenda was gone. Debi Randolph also requested the Wednesday agendas be emailed.

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

Bernadette also presented the Heinemann boundary relocation COS for review. Commissioner Obert moved to support the COS exemption. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to adopt the PILT expense allocations excluding the Economic Development amount as listed on the left side of the document. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Delger moved to adopt the Wheatland Turn Lane portion of the PILT expense allocation for economic development. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord. Commissioner Obert recused herself from the vote. Voting in favor – Delger and Folkvord; abstain – Obert. Motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed the tax levy requirements, which includes cash reserves. Some budgets have more than 33% reserve funds – these amounts will be moved to their respective CIP funds. They will work with the departments that have deficit balances.

Commissioner Obert moved to create a CIP fund for the Inmate Welfare and Morale Fund. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Cory Swanson, County Attorney, presented the union agreements with the Sheriff and Road Departments for consideration. He is okay with the documents. There is still some question with the health insurance. No decision was made.

Mike Koehnke, DES, appeared to present the design for an ambulance building by Montana State University School of Architecture students. Mike requested to proceed further with the School of Architecture to design a Wheatland Area Emergency Services building, with the cost not to exceed \$3,000. The design is necessary to apply for a USDA architect grant. Commissioner Obert moved to instruct Mike to proceed with said project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to instruct the Board of Investments (BOI) to proceed with the InterCap loan process for \$200,000 to finance purchase and renovation of the Opportunity Bank building to become the Courthouse Annex, and to notify Opportunity Bank to proceed with the purchase process. Motion seconded by Commissioner Obert and carried.

Michelle Beebe, Finance, appeared to discuss the hire of a part time person to work in that office and District Court. Michelle will work on the job description. Commissioner Obert moved to proceed with hire for the shared position for 36 hours per week, with 16 hours for District Court and 20 hours for Finance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Delger will discuss the job description for the shared position among Planning, Sanitarian and Commissioners. Commissioner Obert moved to proceed with the process to hire a person for 32 hours per week, with 15 hours each for Planning and Sanitarian and 2 hours for Commissioners. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to approve minutes dated 7/17/19. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Obert moved to pay approved claims dated 7/19/19 for \$2,434.97. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Communications received: Notice of Intent from Airport Board to Townsend Rodeo Association to activate the need of the airport lands for use; DHHS notice of water quality for Silos Recreation Area; DEQ notice of additional corrective action and work plan required for the petroleum releases at the former Grover Exxon property; Rural Montana magazine. Communications are filed in the Commissioners' office as deemed necessary and are available for review.

Commissioner Obert moved to send notification to Department of Revenue of Broadwater County's intent to create a Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD) containing a tax increment financing provision on approximately 1,000 acres along UD Highway 287, just north of the Interstate 09 – Highway 287 intersection. Motion seconded by Commissioner Folkvord and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord has contacted a vendor re: cost of an audio system for the Commissioner meeting room.

Shirley Wilson, Cheryl Campbell, Leonard Lambott, Mary Heinemann, Jessica Crusch, Brandon Harris, Doug Ellis, Cyrus Brandt and Eric Crusch were also present.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Delger, Chairman

Attest:
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder