

**COMMISSIONER MEETING**  
**515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644**  
**November 2, 2020**

Commissioner Darrel Folkvord called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Commissioners Laura Obert and Mike Delger were present via conference call. Also, present were following: Cory Swanson, Doug Ellis (via conference call), Debbie Kelley, Leona Holman and Helen Coleman.

This meeting was closed to the public, with exception to those listed on the Agenda. However, this meeting was available for comment and review by means of Livestream/YouTube.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public comment: None at this time.

COVID-19: Darrel Folkvord shared a report from Teresa Monson, the Public Health Nurse. Thirty-five active cases and nine new cases were reported over the weekend, with ten discharged.

Elections: Doug Ellis stated there was early voting on this date, until noon. Polls are to be open at the Fairgrounds 4-H Building, from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Election judges will be present, along with the County Sanitarian to help with COVID-19 positive members of the community. Cory Swanson took a stand, to ask questions on behalf of the people, regarding the location of the polls. Doug Ellis responded, stating there will be signs posted at the original voting locations, to direct voters to the new location. This is required per statute. Information was also posted on the County and state websites.

Public Comment: None at this time.

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Minutes: Mike Delger made a motion to approve the minutes, dated October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Laura Obert seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Minutes: Laura Obert made a motion to approve the minutes dated October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Mike Delger seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mail: Darrel Folkvord reviewed the mail received, which included checks from the Family Medical Clinic & Metal Mines, as well as Magazines. The magazines will be in file for review.

Payroll: Mike Delger made a motion to approve the payroll. Laura Obert seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion was approved. This is to be signed by the Chairman.

Commissioner meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Public Hearing opened at 10:15 AM

Final Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2019/2020: Debbie Kelley explained the Net and Revenue increases and decreases, with expenditures. A detailed list was provided, explaining each.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Resolution: Darrel Folkvord read the first portion of Resolution FY 19-20, Expenditure and Revenue Budget and Amendments, section 7640064 NCA.  
No Public comment.

Public Hearing closed at 10:20 AM.

Regular Commissioner's meeting was re-opened at 10:20 AM, to adopt the Resolution FY 19-20, approving final budget amendments for fiscal year 2019-2020. Laura Obert expressed a heartfelt thank you to Debbie Kelley for her hard work and professionalism. Laura Obert also recused herself, due to lack of participation in the budget. She made note that this did not reflect whatsoever on the quality of Debbie Kelley's hard work with the Amendment. Debbie Kelley acknowledged this statement, with appreciation. Mike Delger made a motion to adopt the resolution to approve the final budget benefits for fiscal year 2019 and 2020. Darrel Folkvord seconded the motion. Two of the Commissioners voted in favor. Motion carried.

Initiate Request for Qualifications process for the Silos Recreation Area Management:

Laura Obert shared information, in the interest of proceeding with this. The steps in the process was explained in great depth. A Request for Qualifications and Request for Proposal will be required of perspective applicants for the position. The Request for Qualifications will need to include experience and skills required for the position. The Request for Proposal will need to include how the applicants plan to manage the Recreation area, both long and short term. The solicitation timeline was discussed. Mike Delger recommended submitting this to the BOR. Laura Obert was in agreement. The Financials for the Silos, dating back to 2011, are available with exception to 2013. A Thank you letter will be sent to JSJ. There was discussion regarding the docks, financials and usage data. There was also discussion regarding the Trust Board's involvement with financials.

Public Comment: Sheriff Wynn Meehan disagreed with the county paying extra money to cover the base campground. This expense should be covered through fees.

Mike Delger made a motion to initiate the request for Qualifications for the Silos Recreation Management, upon approval of the next Monday's meeting. Laura Obert advised that because there is no action, there is no need for a motion. There was a verbal agreement to add this topic to the agenda for next week's meeting and potentially move forward from there.

Co-Counsel Request: Cory Swanson presented a lawsuit in which he is managing litigation and costs. This is the case of Broadwater Reporter versus Broadwater County and the Sheriff. Peter Simon is the assigned counsel, representing County and the Sheriff. Cory Swanson provided additional claims for attorney's fees, due to complications in the case. Mr. Simon has requested authorization for co-counsel from Elizabeth Lund, from the Burkley firm in Bozeman, to join for the civil law suit. Peter Simon will remain with the case, as Elizabeth Lund takes over as lead counsel. Mike Delger made a motion to approve the resolution for approving the special deputy county attorney. Laura Obert announced she is recusing herself from this motion. Darrel Folkvord seconded the motion, authorizing litigation assistance to approve Elizabeth Lund from the Burkley Firm.

There was public comment from Tim Ravndal. No other public comment.

Two thirds of the Commission voted in favor of litigation assistance. Motion carried. Laura Obert requested it be on the record that this resolution was not received by the commission until after 6:38 Friday evening, therefore the rights to participate were nil, and, the second word on the top of the document is resolution. County policy does state that there shall be a public hearing, prior to adoption.

Approval of on-call engineering contract from Great West Engineering: Mike Delger made a motion to approve the on-call contract with Great West Engineering. Laura Obert announced that she is recusing herself from this vote. Although her husband, Mr. Obert, has nothing to do with any of the engineering companies that submitted applications or were selected, he is a trained engineer. Darrel Folkvord seconded the motion.

Public comment: Tim Ravndal asked if this contract was submitted for a bid. Darrel Folkvord responded. Two thirds of the Commission voted in favor. Motion carried. The Project Manager will be Carl Yakawich.

Townsend Airport Capital Improvement Plan Submission to Montana Aeronautics: Project is planned for the year 2023. Laura Obert made a motion to move forward with the submission for the Townsend Airport. Mike Delger seconded the motion to move forward with the submission for the Townsend Airport. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of the Airport Lease Agreement for Mark and Lisa Sauder: Mike Delger made a motion to approve the lease agreement. Laura Obert seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Darrel Folkvord will submit a copy to the City, to be added to the Agenda for approval.

Public Comment: Sheriff Wynn Meehan requested to be added to the next week's agenda for a general Law Enforcement update. Darrel Folkvord agreed.  
Darrel Folkvord reminded the public to get out and vote.

Laura Obert stated that the county does not pay for camping at the Silos. That is all covered by fees. This is a fee based fund, from public usage of the Silos.  
Laura Obert also requested confirmation on requirement of mask usage for ALL. It is important that everyone follow this policy. Make it known that Mr. Tim Ravndal was observed at the meeting without proper facial covering, and should be treated equal.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

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Darrel Folkvord, Chair

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Attest:  
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder