

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROADWATER COUNTY, STATE OF MONTANA

LOCATION: 416 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644

DATE: December 13, 2023

Commissioner Debi Randolph called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Commissioners Darrel Folkvord and Lindsey Richtmyer were also present.

Public Comment: There will be a Rancher Roundtable Focus Session on policy and land management this Tuesday, January 9, 2023, at 12 PM at The Lodge with lunch provided. Please RSVP to Allison Kosto, MSU Extension Agent. A representative from Montana Stockgrowers will be there. Tentatively there will not be a Commission meeting on December 27, 2023.

10:03 AM Broadwater County Detention Center Commander Johnnie Spurlock's presentation for Resolution to Increase Daily Inmate Rate was moved to next week.

10:03 AM Broadwater County Administrative Officer (CAO) Bill Jarocki presented Public Safety Department Budget Amendment. Sheriff Nick Rauser presented a request to add a new full time deputy for School Resource Officer (SRO). During summer months, this officer will be available to patrol the south end of the county. In addition to investigating crimes, this officer will also provide education resources. The funds will be derived from the Public Safety mill levy in the amount of \$49,100.00. Jarocki commented. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve the public safety budget amendment for the SRO. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

10:19 AM CAO Jarocki presented Public Briefing Schedule, which will begin next Monday and continue every week on Mondays at 2 PM, as an additional channel of communication. Contents will include a brief of Jarocki's project list. Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve Jarocki's public project briefings Mondays at 2 PM. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

10:24 AM Broadwater County Fair Board Manager Jessica Erickson provided a Fair Board update. Broadwater County Fair is July 31- August 4, 2024, with the theme as Cowboy Boots and Country Roots.

10:36 AM Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve the legal advertising Resolution contract with MT43 News as the Newspaper of Record. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

10:37 AM Secretary of the Montana Lineman Rodeo Tabitha Dixon requested to use Broadwater County Fairgrounds July 19-20, 2024, and annually every 3rd weekend in July. Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve the to use the Fairgrounds for the Lineman Rodeo. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried. Broadwater County Deputy County Attorney Kaylan Minor commented.

10:48 AM Commissioner Folkvord presented on behalf of Jerry Grebenc with Great West Engineering regarding Toston Irrigation District Pump Site Floodplain Permit. Commissioner

Richtmyer moved to approve Great West Engineering Toston Irrigation Pump Site Floodplain Permit. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

10:52 AM President of Gallatin Power Adam Schumaker and Chief Development Officer of Gallatin Power Kirsten Eliassen presented Extension of the Tax Abatement for the Trident Project. The Trident Project pays Broadwater County \$13 million within the first 10 years of the project, and for the life of the project of 35 years, a total of \$43 million will be paid to Broadwater County. Commissioner Folkvord read Resolution 2023-21 into the record. Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve Resolution 2023-21 Approving the Application of Trident Solar I, LLC, for a New and Expanding Industry Tax Abatement. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

11:18 AM Broadwater County Community Development and Planning Director Nichole Brown presented Westside Trails Phase 3 (Township 2 North, Range 1 East, Section 18) request for final plat approval. Broadwater County Deputy County Attorney Kaylan Minor recommended to table this discussion until December 20, 2023, meeting to address some changes.

11:21 AM Deputy County Attorney Kaylan Minor stated that at this time they are not asking for A Resolution for Commission to assume duties of Solid Waste District Board to be considered, but are looking to advertise and put out sufficient notice for community members to join our Solid Waste District Board, which has two open positions. Please email the commissioners, or Melinda Banks, with a letter of interest. Jarocki commented.

Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve November 29, 2023, Minutes. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve claims in the amount of \$37,404.17. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve payroll claims in the amount of \$14,911.83. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve payroll claims in the amount of \$282,660.61. Commissioner Folkvord seconded and carried.

Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve claims in the amount of \$220,133.21. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

3:00 PM Weekly Working Meeting with Deputy County Attorney Kaylan Minor in the Commission Office regarding projects and deadlines.

Thursday, December 14, 2023

10:00 AM Working Meeting with OPXNETWORKS to discuss Telecom Assessment in the Flynn Building.

Communications received: Public Project Briefings Memorandum from CAO Jarocki, Broadwater County Detention Center Resolution 2023 Inmate Boarding Rate, Budget Amendment Proposal FY2023-2 regarding Public Safety School Resource Officer from Sheriff Rauser and CAO Jarocki, Public Briefing Memorandum from CAO Jarocki, Broadwater County Legal Advertising Contract with MT43 News, Certificate of Liability Insurance from Montana Lineman's Rodeo Association, Floodplain Development Permit for MT DNRC – Toston Irrigation District Pump Station Permit #: 23-FP-3, Resolution 2023-21 Approving the Application of Trident Solar I, LLC, for a New and Expanding Industry Tax Abatement, Findings of Fact and Order in the Matter of the Application of Curtis Van Dyken for Preliminary Plat Approval of the Western Trails Major Subdivision, Letter from the Concerned Citizens of Three Forks regarding Westside Trails, and a Resolution for Broadwater County Commissioners to Assume the Duties of the Broadwater County Refuse Disposal District Board.

Present at meeting were: Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser, Broadwater County Undersheriff Brandon Harris, Kirsten Eliassen, Adam Schumaker, Tabitha Dixon, Alanah Griffith, Jeff DeMars, and Jim Beck.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM. The next regular Commissioner Meeting will be held December 20, 2023, at 10:00 AM.



Attest:

ANGIE PAULSEN
Clerk and Recorder


DEBRA RANDOLPH
Commissioner Chairwoman