

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BROADWATER COUNTY, STATE OF MONTANA  
LOCATION: 416 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644  
DATE: January 24, 2024**

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

Public Comment: Broadwater County Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) Coordinator Brittney Willis read into the record an Executive Order from the Office of the Governor declaring current harsh weather conditions that have resulted in a statewide emergency regarding delays to bulk fuel deliveries and extended wait times for fuel truck delivery drivers.

Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser commented regarding fatal vehicle crash.

10:12 AM Julie Zipperian with Centennial Insurances presented Renewal Application for Broadwater County 2024/2025 Insurance Policy. Commissioner Folkvord asked that the baler shed and airport fueling station be updated on the policy.

10:23 AM Broadwater County Public Works Director TJ Graveley presented Solid Waste Board Letter of Interest for the final Board position from Doug Jones. Commissioner Randolph moved to appoint Doug Jones to the Solid Waste Board for a two-year term. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

10:26 AM Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve Montana Coal Endowment Program (MCEP) Grant, Montana Department of Commerce Contract #MT-MCEP-CG-25-047 in the amount of \$750,000 for the Old Town Bridge West. Commissioner Randolph seconded.

10:31 AM Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve Old Town Bridge West-Beam Supply Project Award, Notice of Award to Rinker Materials in the amount of \$329,904.00. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

10:33 AM Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve Doug Jones for an appointment to the Solid Waste Board for a 3-year term. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

10:38 AM Public Works Director TJ Graveley presented. Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve Construction Agreement, Montana Department of Transportation and Broadwater County, Broadwater County Line - South; Uniform Project Number 10467000 for work on Montana Highway 284. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

10:47 AM Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve First Amendment to the Retro TV

Affiliation Agreement, First Amendment to the Rev'n Affiliation Agreement and First Amendment to the Action Channel Affiliation Agreement for the TV District. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

10:51 AM Commissioner Folkvord read into the record Robert Bargatze's reappointment letter of interest for the Airport Board. Commissioner Randolph moved to appoint Bargatze for a 3-year term on the Airport Board. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

10:54 AM Commissioner Folkvord read into the record Steven McCullough and Al Christophersen's reappointment letters of interest for the Trust Board. Commissioner Randolph moved to appoint Steven McCullough and Al Christophersen for a 3-year terms on the Trust Board. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

10:56 AM Commissioner Folkvord read into the record Vic Sample's letter of interest for a 3-year term on Broadband Advisory Board. Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve Vic Sample for a 3-year term on the Broadband Advisory Board.

10:57 AM Commissioner Richtmyer read into record Adam Six's letter of resignation from the Broadwater County Broadband Board. Commissioner Randolph moved to accept Adam Six's resignation from the Broadband Board. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

10:59 AM Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve January 3, 2023, Commission Minutes. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

11:00 AM Commissioner Randolph moved to approve claims in the amount of \$11,881.72. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

11:01 AM Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve claims in the amount of \$27,754.24. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

11:03 AM Sheriff Rauser commented regarding the data pulled from the new speed sign on Wheatland Road from eastbound traffic only and in approximately one month there was 21,436 cars that passed with the highest speed being 88 miles an hour in a 45 mile per hour speed limit.

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

Communications received: Centennial Insurances presented Renewal Application for Broadwater County 2024/2025 Insurance Policy, Letter of Interest from Doug Jones for Solid Waste Board position, Montana Coal Endowment Program (MCEP) Grant, Montana Department of Commerce Contract # MT-MCEP-CG-25-047, Old Town Bridge West-Beam Supply Project Award, Notice of Award to Rinker Materials, Construction Agreement, Montana Department of Transportation and Broadwater County, Broadwater County Line – South; Uniform Project Number 10467000 for work on Montana Highway 284, Robert F. Bargatze Letter of Interest to serve on Airport Board, Steve McCullough Letter of Interest to serve on Trust Board, Al Christophersen Letter of Interest to serve on the Trust Board, Vic Sample Letter of Interest to


serve on the Broadband Advisory Board, and Adam Six Letter of Resignation from the Broadband Advisory Board.

Present at meeting were: Representative Jane Gillette, Nancy Marks MT43 News, and CAO Bill Jarocki.

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM. The next regular Commissioner Meeting will be held February 7, 2024, at 10:00 AM.



Attest:  
ANGIE PAULSEN  
Clerk and Recorder

  
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DARREL FOLKVORD  
Commissioner Chairman