

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROADWATER COUNTY, STATE OF MONTANA

LOCATION: 416 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644

DATE: June 29, 2022

Commissioner Darrel Folkvord called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners Mike Delger and Debi Randolph were also present.

Public comment: none.

Commissioner Randolph moved to approve Minutes from May 25 and June 27, 2022. Commissioner Delger seconded and carried.

Broadwater County Trust Board member Steve McCullough presented grant request approval in the amount of \$50,733.00 to County Rec Board for pavilion at the Holloway Park. The Trust Board received a request in the amount of \$395,172.00 for Gazebo at the Fair Grounds. The Trust Board voted to award \$300,000.00 Commissioners budgeted \$100,000.00 to allocate from the County for the project at the fairgrounds.

Commissioner Randolph moved to approve the Trust Board grant \$50,733.00 toward the pavilion at Holloway Park. Commissioner Delger seconded and carried.

Commissioner Delger moved to approve the expenditure of \$300,000.00 for the pavilion at the Fairgrounds from the Trust Board and also \$100,000.00 from the County. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

Broadwater County Community Planning Director Nichole Brown presented a Resolution Establishing Broadwater County Subdivision Fees. Commissioner Randolph discussed pre-application fee and variance request amendment fees previously discussed are missing on this document. Updated fee schedule will be presented at Wednesday July 6, 2022, Meeting.

Regular meeting closed at 10:18 a.m., Public Hearing on Final Annual 2022-2023 Budget opened.

Commissioner Folkvord commented on a job well done to elected officials, as there is a reserve in almost all elected officials' accounts. Salary fee reflects wages at a 6.4% COLA recommended to the Commission by the County Compensation Board.

The Compensation Board recommended to the Commission a \$2.50/hr increase to base salary of elected officials. Seven years ago, in 2015, was the last time elected officials had a salary increase. Some budget updates include a 32/hour a week position increase to a full-time assistant for Environmental Health. A full-time position assistant was added for the Planning Department. Commissioners will move from 32 hours/week to 40 hours/week. Broadwater County Clerk of District Court Valerie Hornsveld and Broadwater County Sheriff Wynn Meehan offered thanks to the County Commissioners.

Public Hearing closed at 10:29 a.m. Regular Meeting opened.

Broadwater County Finance Officer Debbie Kelley presented Final 2022-2023 Budget. Jania Hatfield offered comments. Commissioner Delger moved to adopt Resolution 2022-23 FY2022-2023 Final Operating Budget and Setting Appropriation Authority with the suggested edits. Seconded by Commissioner Randolph and carried.

Nathan Bilyeu Jackson of Murdo & Grant P.C. presented a Resolution of the Broadwater County Commissioners authorizing the issuance of a 90-day notice and comment period under 26 usc § 142(n) for the purpose of receiving comments to be considered at a later Public Hearing regarding the issuance of conduit exempt facility broadband bonds on behalf of Montana Opticom for the construction of fixed, terrestrial broadband service infrastructure. County Attorney Hatfield offered comments. General Manager of Montana Opticom Dean Nelson offered comments. The actual design would be throughout the wintertime. Will need the funds to be available when the contract is signed. Add further discussion to Wednesday, July 11, 2022, meeting.

Commissioner Delger moved to approve claims in the amount of \$31,289.60. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

Communications Received: Proposed Resolution Establishing Broadwater County Subdivision Fees, Resolution 2022-23 FY2022-2023 Final Operating Budget and Setting Appropriation Authority, Resolution of the Broadwater County Commissioners authorizing the issuance of a 90-day notice and comment period under 26 usc § 142(n) for the purpose of receiving comments to be considered at a later Public Hearing regarding the issuance of conduit exempt facility broadband bonds on behalf of Montana Opticom for the construction of fixed, terrestrial broadband service infrastructure.

Present at the meeting were Broadwater County Treasurer Melissa Franks, Broadwater County Justice of the Peace Kirk Flynn, Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder Angie Paulsen, Broadwater County Attorney Jania Hatfield, Broadwater County Sheriff Wynn Meehan, Broadwater County Clerk of District Court Valerie Hornsveld, Broadwater County Undersheriff Brandon Harris, Jessica Erickson of the MSU Extension Office, Broadwater County Building Maintenance Supervisor Bill Malone, Broadwater County Public Health Nurse Margaret Ruckey, and Broadwater County Public Works Director Josh Obert.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m. The next regular Commissioner Meeting will be held Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.



DARREL FOLKVORD
Commissioner Chairman



Attest:

ANGIE PAULSEN
Clerk and Recorder