

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BROADWATER COUNTY, STATE OF MONTANA**

LOCATION: 416 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644

DATE: May 23, 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: Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder Angie Paulsen presented polling place location updates for Precinct 7, 11, and 12, due to construction of the elementary school community room unforeseen timeline changes. The new polling place location for Precincts 7, 11 and 12 for the 2022 Primary Election is Broadwater High School located at 201 N. Spruce St. Townsend, MT 59644. Please check-in at the high school front desk and follow signs due to construction.

Commissioner Delger moved to approve May 16, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

Community and Economic Development Coordinator Katherine Anderson with Montana Business Assistance Connection (MBAC) and Gateway Economic Development District (GEDD) requested CDBG-ED Application for the Jack Rabbit Pub (Bridger Brewing), located on the intersection of Wheat Montana directly behind the trailer sales. No county taxpayer funds are involved. Commissioner Randolph moved to approve the CDBG-ED Grant Application for the Jack Rabbit Pub. Commissioner Delger seconded and carried.

Broadwater County DUI Task Force Tracie Kiesel presented DUI Budget 2022-2023. Meeting calendar for FY 2023 is every other month. Discussed member contact list, reinstatement fees, DUI laws. FY 2022 – 2023 budget changes due to training, travel and minor equipment. Sheriff Wynn Meehan offered comments. State and County laws regarding marijuana, fentanyl, heroin, alcohol abuse and driving under the influence were discussed. Commissioner Delger moved to approve the Broadwater County DUI Task Force Plan, FY 2022- 2023 Budget, Meeting Calendar and Member Contact List. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

Townsend Airport Task Order #1 Agreement to Furnish Engineering Services to Broadwater Co. for Improvements to the Townsend Airport, Land Acquisition Assistance and Services discussed. FAA procedure is to have an appraisal completed. Once the appraisal is complete, then enter into negotiations with the landowner. Airport Board met and approved the appraisal expenditure. Commissioner Randolph moved to approve Task Order #1 in the amount of \$20,540.00 for the Townsend Airport Agreement. Commissioner Delger seconded and carried.

Montana State House District 70 Representative Julie Dooling gave an update on Legislative activities and other topics. Representative Dooling has been working with Broadband in Broadwater County. Representative Dooling sits on three legislative committees: Ag, Transportation and State Admin. SAVA committee is working on election laws. Pension system for the state of Montana is inflated and looking at liability options for the state. Property tax issue is putting undue pressure on lower income and elderly. Representative Dooling is not in support of CI-121. For more information on CI-121 visit: Knowtheconsequences121.com. Representative Dooling recommends that rather than change the Constitution of Montana, bring this bill before the legislature for 150 legislators to thoroughly give this a look.

10:57 a.m. Regular Commissioner Meeting closed. Public Hearing opened for Broadwater County Preliminary Budget 2022-2023.

Broadwater County Finance Officer Debbie Kelley presented the Preliminary Budget for FY 2022-2023. Resolution for Preliminary Budget Approval was discussed. Compensation Board recommended 6.4% COLA for all employees and to increase the elected official base pay by \$2.50/hour, so the budget was built around that. Some changes included allowing for one new employee for Broadwater Community Planner. Treasurer and Clerk and Recorder was one office split into two offices. District Court assistant was updated 40 hours. Commissioners are moving from $\frac{3}{4}$ to full-time. Putting money away for Meridian Bridge, for Old Town Bridge, CASA, Tree Board, Food Pantry, and the ambulance. There have been discussions about longevity pay for all of the employees. Longevity pay will be given to employees after they have been employed 5 years. If longevity pay is approved it would not start longevity until January 1, 2023, Commissioners continue to encourage departments to put money into CIP.

Preliminary Budget 2022-2023 public questions. Hearing will remain open until final budget for opportunity to discuss as needed.

11:12 a.m. Open Regular Commissioner Meeting.

Commissioner Delger moved to approve the Resolution for FY 2022-2023 Preliminary Budget. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.


Commissioner Randolph moved to approve claims in the amount of \$81,432.38. Commissioner Delger seconded and carried.

Communications Received: Election Judges and Polling Places designations for 2022 Federal Primary and General Elections, Appendix H Resolution 16 to Authorize Application, Appendix M2 Management Plan, Appendix 01 Hiring and Training Plan Appendix C MT Dept of Commerce Business Resources Division, Montana Business Assistance Connection, Inc. fka Gateway Economic Development Corporation, Appendix A MT Dept of Commerce Economic Development Project Application form and Table of Contents, Appendix B Local Government Local Development Organization and Business Application Certification, Appendix H Resolution to Authorize Application, Appendix E-A Environmental Review Site-Specific Checklist, Broadwater County DUI Task Force Plan SFY 2022- 2023 Budget, Meeting Calendar and Member Contact List, Preliminary Budget FY 2022-2023, Letter from DEQ to Commissioners re: PUBLIC NOTICE no. MT-22-09 May 16, 2022, FY 2022/2023 Preliminary

Budget Approval Resolution 17 -2022, Task Order Number One Agreement to Furnish Engineering Services to Broadwater County for Improvements to the Townsend Airport Land Acquisition Assistance and Services.

Meeting Wednesday May 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m. The next regular Commissioner Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.


Darrel Folkvord, Chair
Attest:
Angie Paulsen, Clerk and Recorder