

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**BROADWATER COUNTY, STATE OF MONTANA**

**LOCATION:** 416 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644

**DATE:** October 12, 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.

10:02 Regular Commission Meeting closed. Public Hearing opened

Nathan Bilyeu with Jackson, Murdo & Grant, P.C. presented Montana Opticom Resolution to issue industrial development bonds.

10:22 Public Hearing closed and Regular Commission Meeting opened.

Opticom General Manager of Montana Dean Nelson commented. 10:25 Broadwater Acting County Attorney Jania Hatfield commented. 10:30 Nelson commented regarding amendments. 10:31 Bilyeu commented. 10:33 Commissioner Randolph moved to approve Resolution of the Broadwater County Commission Stating Its Intention to Proceed with Issuance of Industrial Development Revenue Bonds. Commissioner Delger seconded. Hatfield commented. 10:35 Commissioner Delger discussed benefits of broadband to Broadwater County. Commissioner 10:39 Randolph commented regarding Broadwater being 2<sup>nd</sup> worst broadband in the state, so this is a necessity. Commissioner Delger commented. 10:42 Commissioner Folkvord commented on better broadband for hospital, schools, businesses and agriculture business. 10:43 Nelson commented regarding investment and fiber optic system. 10:46 Motion carried.

10:48 Public Health Director Margaret Ruckey presented Task Order # 23-25-5-01-004-0 Broadwater County Unified Government Master Contract, Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Program. Commissioner Delger moved to approve. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

10:54 Community Planning and Development Assistant Tacy Swanton presented Appointment approval of Tayla Snapp to the Fair Board. Jessica Erickson Fair Board Manager commented. Commissioner Randolph moved to appoint Tayla Snapp for a 3-year board appointment to the Fair Board. Commissioner Delger seconded and carried.

11:00 Community Planning and Development Assistant Tacy Swanton presented COS Grover Exemption for the Gift or Sale to Immediate Family Member. Grovers need to amend the deed and the PLAT to accurately reflect ownership. Acting County Attorney offered comments regarding plat needing to match the quit claim deed and that both signatures are notarized on affidavit. Bernadette Swanson of Schaubert Surveying commented.

11:14 Resolution Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans. November 7-13<sup>th</sup> place a green light to honor and recognize veterans for their sacrifices. 11:20 Commissioner Folkvord moved to approve Resolution. Commissioner Delger seconded and carried.

11:21 Broadwater County Acting County Attorney Jania Hatfield presented Broadwater County Personnel Policy update Probation Section to the current Legislative changes. Broadwater County Sheriff Wynn Meehan commented. Commissioner Randolph moved to approve suggested change of probationary period of employees to be extended to 12 months rather than 6 months, and up to 18 months, if needed. Another change is regarding children in the workplace; cannot bring children into the workplace in lieu of childcare. 11:33 Commissioner Delger seconded. Commissioner Randolph amended motion to include change for federal mileage. Motion carried.

11:33 Commissioner Randolph moved to approve the Resolution to adopt the handbook of personnel and procedures, superseding all other personnel policies and procedures as amended. Commissioner Delger seconded and carried.

11:38 Acting County Attorney Hatfield presented Broadwater County Hiring Procedure Checklist dated May 2, 2016. Commissioner Randolph moved to revoke any other hiring procedure checklist or policies. Commissioner Delger seconded and carried.

11:39 Discussion and Decision, Award Contracts for Fairgrounds projects 1.) 4H Building water 2.) 4H Building upgrades 3.) Pavilion. Great West Engineering's recommendation to the commission goes to Gruber Excavating \$182,322.42 for Schedule A and AV Construction for \$318,300.00 for Schedule B restrooms addition. Other funding is \$105,000.00 for ARPA, \$400,000 from the trust board for the project as a whole. No tax money is being used for this project. 11:47 Pavilion. Broadwater County Rodeo President Wynn Meehan commented regarding parking during rodeo and the airport project. 11:56 Commissioner Delger moved to award the construction of the Pavilion to Dick Anderson Construction in the amount of \$383,000.00 with the additional \$5,000.00 gutters and downspouts with a requirement that snow break is put on the roof. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

11:57 Commissioner Delger moved to award the wastewater system to Gruber Excavating in the amount \$182,322.42 and the award for bath and restrooms addition to AV Construction in the amount of \$318,300.00. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

11:58 Public Notification Commissioners met Friday afternoon in an emergency meeting to award a contract to CMS communication management services for an ongoing investigation and that contract was signed.

11:59 Commissioner Randolph moved to approve October 5, 2022, Minutes. Commissioner Delger seconded and carried.

12:05 Commissioner Randolph moved to approve claims in the amount of \$2,335.50. Commissioner Delger seconded and carried.

12:07 Commissioner Delger moved to approve claims in the amount of \$24,972.13. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

12:08 Broadwater County News October 7, 2022, an article Townsend City summary meeting August 4, 2022 date is wrong on the headline. The statement in middle paragraph "Council Member Rauser announced that Broadwater County Officials agreed to provide 447,000 towards a water storage project. That funding community block grant program CBG." Correction to this statement, the money came from ARPA funds.

Communications Received: Resolution of the Broadwater County Commission Stating Its Intention to Proceed with Issuance of Industrial Development Revenue Bonds, Task Order # 23-25-5-01-004-0 Broadwater County Unified Government Master Contract, Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Program, Letter to Broadwater County Fair Board from of Tayla Snapp, COS for Nancy E. Grover transferring to Lamont Grover 52C, Quit Claim Deed 194487, Certificate of Survey Exemption Affidavit Nancy Grover and Lamont Grover, Resolution Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans, Ltr from DEQ Oct 6, 2022 re well monitoring Petroleum Release, Ltr from DEQ permit issued to town of Juliette for wastewater survey, Ltr re Water Testing Silos Recreation Area, Ltr from Townsend Ranger District proposal for Woodduck Project, Ltr re Helena Ranger District.

Present at the meeting: Broadwater County Sheriff Wynn Meehan, Bernadette Swanson with Schuaber Surveying and Nancy Marks MT43News.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next regular Commissioner Meeting will be held October 17, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.



Attest:  
ANGIE PAULSEN  
Clerk and Recorder

  
DARREL FOLKVORD  
Commissioner Chairman