

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BROADWATER COUNTY, STATE OF MONTANA  
LOCATION: 416 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644  
DATE: October 4, 2023**

Commissioner Debi Randolph called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer also present.

Public Comment: Broadwater County Attorney Cory Swanson gave an update regarding property tax evaluations and assessments litigation in the State of Montana. Broadwater County Administrative Officer Bill Jarocki commented. Broadwater County Treasurer Melissa Franks commented that tax bills need to be sent to the printers by October 23, 2023, and will be mailed out by October 31, 2023. Nancy Marks MT43News commented. Franks commented. Jarocki commented.

10:25 AM Broadwater County Noxious Weed and Mosquito Coordinator Jessica Bushnell gave an update that Rush Skeleton Weed was found in a subdivision in Broadwater County, along with Palmer Amaranth weed, which is concerning for farmers. 10:40 AM Bushnell gave an update regarding the West Nile Virus.

10:42 AM Broadwater County Public Works Director TJ Graveley presented Purchase of Fast-12T Radar Speed Trailer Request in the amount of \$9,300.00 and will partner with the Sheriff's Office and split the cost of purchasing this speed trailer. Speeding on several roads in the south end of the county is concerning. Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve the Fast-12T Radar Speed Trailer, which the cost of \$9,300.00 will be split in half with the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

10:49 AM Director Graveley gave an update on roads and solid waste across the County. The walk-in can in Winston will be closed. Starting on October 10, 2023, the Winston Canister Site will be open on Tuesday and Thursday from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., which could be subject to change because there are not lights at this location. Also, Goose Bay has been grated. Copper City, which is not a county road, is currently closed for construction due to rerouting the road. 10:55 AM Director Graveley gave an update on bridges.

10:15 AM Broadwater Deputy County Attorney presented Newspaper RFP (Request for Proposal). Montana Code Annotated section 8-7-413 requires a bid to become a legal paper of record if there is more than one qualified local newspaper within the County. Maximum length of the contract up to two years and this will end June 30, 2025. Bids will be delivered in a sealed

envelope to the Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder. Jarocki commented regarding the score card and suggests a 0-10 scale. Christine Ravndal commented via online regarding the committee. Tim Ravndal with Broadwater County News commented. Commissioner Randolph commented. 11:09 AM Ravndal commented. Hatfield commented. Ravndal commented. Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve the newspaper RFP proposed timeline and the RFP, along with the two edits allow the ability prior to that meeting for citizens to email questions in advance and change on the scoring card 0-10. Commissioner Randolph seconded. Ravndal commented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve payroll claims in the amount of \$257,968.14. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve claims in the amount of \$19,441.01. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve claim for Sheriff office vehicles in the amount of \$70,345.00. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve claims in the amount of \$229.24. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve claims in the amount of \$7,426.08. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

Commissioner Richtmyer moved to approve claims in the amount of \$58,963.02. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

Thursday, October 5, 2023

10:00 AM Weekly Working Meeting with Jania Hatfield, Deputy County Attorney, in the Commission Office regarding projects and deadlines.

Public Meeting Notices

6:00 PM Oct. 11th Southern Broadwater County: (CTAP\*) Meeting at Bridger Brewing

6:00 PM Oct. 12th Northern Broadwater County: (CTAP\*) Meeting at the Flynn Building

6:00 PM Nov. 8th Southern Broadwater County: (CTAP\*) Meeting at Bridger Brewing

6:00 PM Nov. 14th Northern Broadwater County: (CTAP\*) Meeting at the Flynn Building

*\*Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP): Discussion Regarding Future Growth in Broadwater County*

Communications received: Proposed Broadwater County Schedule for Newspaper RFP, Draft County Legal Advertising Request for Proposal and FAST-12T Radar Speed Trailer.

Present at meeting were: Nancy Marks with MT43News, Tim Ravndal with Broadwater County News, Broadwater County Chief Administrative Officer Bill Jarocki

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM. The next regular Commissioner Meeting will be held October 11, 2023, at 10:00 AM.



Attest:  
ANGIE PAULSEN  
Clerk and Recorder

  
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DEBRA RANDOLPH  
Commissioner Chairwoman