

## **PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **BROADWATER COUNTY, STATE OF MONTANA**

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

**DATE:** September 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.

Toston Bridge Discussion. Commissioner Folkvord presented images of the bridge.

Commissioner Delger moved to approve September 7, 2022, Minutes. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

Commissioner Randolph moved to approve claims in the amount of \$21,952.21. Commissioner Delger seconded and carried.

Commissioner Randolph moved to approve claims in the amount of \$84,420.01. Commissioner Delger seconded and carried.

Commissioner Delger moved to approve payroll claims in the amount of \$249,932.99. Commissioner Randolph

Public Hearing regarding Trident Solar I, LLC ("Trident Solar") opened. Regular meeting closed.

Jeff Fox with Trident Solar presented property tax abatement pursuant to Mont. Code Ann §§ 15-24- 1401. Gallatin Power President Adam Schumaker commented. Broadwater County special county attorney Murray Warhank commented. Broadwater County Public Works Supervisor Josh Obert commented. Christine Ravndal with Broadwater County News commented. Brian Obert with MBAC commented. Lori Ridley offered comments. Commissioner Folkvord explained the location.

Close public hearing. Regular commission meeting opened.

Options are no abatement, 25% or 50%. Jeff Fox of Gallatin Power offered comments regarding next steps. Warhank commented. Hatfield commented. Commissioner Randolph moved to accept the Solar 25% tax abatement for the Trident Solar Project. Commissioner Delger seconded. Resolution approving the application of Trident Solar was presented and read aloud by Hatfield. No public comment. Motion carried.

Acting Broadwater County Attorney Jania Hatfield presented additional Deputy County Attorney for civil lawsuits, along with day-to-day advice for elected officials, all county boards, HR issues, and more. Hatfield is requesting one Broadwater County Attorney deputy. The County Attorney would then work on major civil and criminal matters. Approximately 150 cases are

open right now and approximately 100 cases that need to be reviewed for prosecution. Commissioner Delger moved to approve Resolution to authorize Hatfield to advertise for a second deputy county attorney. Commissioner Randolph seconded. Christine Ravndal with Broadwater County News commented. Hatfield commented. Nancy Marks with MT43News commented. Hatfield commented. Marks commented. Motion carried.

Broadwater County Community Development and Planning Director Nichole Brown presented Bridger Brewing East Minor Subdivision Preliminary Plat Approval. Hatfield commented. Consent of Each Finding of Fact on page 3: impacts on agriculture agree, impacts on agriculture water users agree, impacts on solid waste agree, mail delivery agree, utilities agree, roads and traffic agree, schools agree, emergency services agree, parkland agree, impacts of natural environment agree, impacts on wildlife agree, wildlife habitat agree, public health and safety agree, compliance with subdivision regulations agree, survey requirements agree, provision of easements agree, legal and physical access to each parcel within subdivision agree. Commissioner Randolph moved to approve Bridger Brewing East Minor Subdivision with Conditions 1-11 with the revision on #8. Commissioner Delger seconded. Elizabeth Barton commented. Motion carried.

Broadwater County Public Works Director Josh Obert discussed solid waste and road updates.

Sept 25-29 No Commission meeting due to MACO conference.

Career opportunity: Airport Board and Trust Board are looking for Admin Assistants.

Communications Received: Trident Solar I, LLC ("Trident Solar") presented property tax abatement, Broadwater County Public Works director Josh Obert provided sample of road hardening, Resolution Approving the Application of Trident Solar I, LLC, for a New and Expanding Industry Tax Abatement, County Attorney office Estimated Total Cost per Year for Salary and Benefits, Bridger Brewing East Minor Subdivision Preliminary Plat Approval.

Present at the meeting: Shirley Wilson, Christine Ravndal with Broadwater County News, Nancy Marks MT43 News, Public Works Director Josh Obert.

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m. The next regular Commissioner Meeting will be held Monday, September 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

  
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DARREL FOLKVORD  
Commissioner Chairman  
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Attest:  
ANGIE PAULSEN  
Clerk and Recorder