**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
**BROADWATER COUNTY, STATE OF MONTANA**
**LOCATION:** 416 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
**DATE:** January 29, 2025

Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Commissioners Debi Randolph and Jesse Swenson were also present.

Public Comment: Broadwater County CAO Bill Jarocki commented regarding Federal agency grant loans. Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder Angie Paulsen commented regarding May 6, 2025, election. Commissioner Randolph commented.

10:05 AM Commissioner Swenson moved to approve the MACo Property & Casualty Trust, 2025 – 2026 PCT Renewal Scheduled Property. Commissioner Randolph seconded. Commissioner Richtmyer and Randolph commented.

10:07 AM Commissioner Richtmyer presented Family Medical Clinic letter and 2024 invoice. Broadwater County Public Health Director Ruby Taylor commented. Commissioner Swenson moved to approve the Family Medical Clinic letter and 2024 invoice in the amount of $6,000.00. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried. Commissioner Randolph commented. Broadwater County Public Works Director TJ Graveley commented regarding the tear down timeline for the building next to the County Courthouse tear down.

10:12 AM Director Graveley presented Interlocal Agreement for Waste Disposal of Broadwater County Solid Waste and Lewis and Clark County Landfill. Commissioner Richtmyer commented. Director Graveley commented. Commissioner Richtmyer commented regarding the new solid waste process and procedure regarding the Lewis and Clark County interlocal agreement. Director Graveley commented. Commissioner Randolph moved to approve Interlocal Agreement for Waste Disposal of Broadwater County Solid Waste and Lewis and Clark County Landfill through June 20, 2028. Commissioner Swenson seconded and carried.

10:20 AM Commissioner Richtmyer presented Resolution Updating Broadwater County Subdivision Fees and commented. Commissioner Swenson commented regarding the amended application fees prior to governing body decisions. Commissioner Randolph commented regarding edits. Commissioner Richtmyer commented. Bernadette Swenson with Schauber Surveying commented.

10:26 AM Appeal of decision of December 11, 2024, denial of Heinemann Boundary Relocation tabled.

10:27 AM Commissioner Richtmyer presented Armstrong Family Transfer Exemption Request S9 T8N R3E since Community Director of Development and Planning was unable to be present. Commissioner Swenson recused himself from the vote. Commissioner Richtmyer read the Staff Report into the record. Commissioner Randolph commented. Cameron Armstrong commented. Commissioner Randolph moved to approve the Armstrong Family Transfer exemption request. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried. Paul Armstrong was present via teleconference.

10:36 AM Commissioner Richtmyer presented Green Family Transfer Exemption Request S30 T3N R1E. Commissioner Swenson recused himself from the vote. Commissioner Randolph read the Staff Report into the record. Gary Green was present via teleconference. Commissioner Richtmyer commented. Broadwater Deputy County Attorney Kaylan Minor commented. Gary Green commented. Deputy County Attorney Minor commented. Commissioner Randloph moved to approve the Green Family Transfer Exemption Request S30 T3N R1E. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

10: 45 AM Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser presented Broadwater County Sheriff FY26-FY27 Missouri River Drug Task Force MOU. Commissioner Richtmyer commented. Sheriff Rauser commented. Commissioner Randolph commented. Sheriff Rauser commented. Commissioner Swenson moved to approve Broadwater County Sheriff FY26-FY27 Missouri River Drug Task Force MOU. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

10:50 AM Sheriff Rauser presented Sheriff Mill Levy Resolution discussion. Commissioner Richtmyer commented. Sheriff Rauser discussed the options for the Sheriff mill levy. Commissioner Richtmyer commented. Sheriff Rauser commented. Commissioner Richtmyer read the draft Resolution into the record. Commissioner Randolph commented that edits to the Resolution will be posted to the website. County Clerk and Recorder Paulsen commented. CAO Jarocki commented.

11:17 AM Commissioner Richtmyer read into the record letters of resignation, letters of interest and recommendations for Noxious Weed and Planning Boards.

Noxious Weed Board:

Commissioner Randolph moved to approve Nathan Kosto for 3-year term to the Noxious Weed Board. Commissioner Swenson seconded and carried.

Commissioner Swenson moved to approve Wes Munns for a 3-year term to the Noxious Weed Board. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

Planning Board:

Commissioner Swenson moved to accept resignation letters of Deanna Kolodka and Jeanine Stone from the Planning Board. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

Commissioner Randolph commented regarding the three open Planning Board positions, of which there are two 3-year terms and one 1-year term.

Commissioner Randolph read into the record letters of interest for Charles Freshman, Duane Meagher, Mary Heinemann, Jeff Cookson, and Shae Counts. Commissioner Randolph moved to approve Charles Freshman for a 1-year term to the Planning Board. Commissioner Swenson seconded and carried.

Commissioner Randolph moved to approve Duane Meagher for a three-year term to the Planning Board. Commissioner Swenson seconded. Commissioner Swenson commented. Commissioner Richtmyer commented. Deputy County Attorney Minor commented. Commissioner Richtmyer and Randolph voted in favor. Commissioner Swenson opposed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Randolph moved to approve Shae Counts for a three-year term to the Planning Board. Commissioner Swenson seconded. Commissioner Swenson commented. Commissioner Randolph commented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Swenson moved to approve claims in the amount of $118,521.21. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

Commissioner Randolph moved to approve payroll claims in the amount of $316,547.80. Commissioner Swenson seconded and carried.

Commissioner Swenson moved to approve claims in the amount of $18,107.51. Commissioner Randolph seconded and carried.

11:42 AM CAO Bill Jarocki commented regarding the Federal OMB order from January 27, 2025.

2:00 PM Broadwater County PER with WGM and the Department of Commerce.

Communications received: Memorandum for Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies from the Office of the President of the United States regarding Temporary Pause of Agency Grant, Loan, and Other Financial Assistance Programs, MACo Property & Casualty Trust, 2025 – 2026 PCT Renewal Scheduled Property, Family Medical Clinic letter and 2024 invoice in the amount of $6,000.00, Interlocal Agreement for Waste Disposal of Broadwater County Solid Waste and Lewis and Clark County Landfill, Resolution Updating Broadwater County Subdivision Fees, Armstrong Family Transfer Exemption Request S9 T8N R3E, Green Family Transfer Exemption Request S30 T3N R1E, Broadwater County Planning Board letters of resignation from Deanna Kolodka and Jeanine Stone, Broadwater Noxious Weed Board letters of interest from Nathan Kosto and Wes Munns, and Planning Board letters of interest from Charles Freshman, Duane Meagher, Mary Heinemann, Jeff Cookson, and Shae Counts.

Present at the meeting were Broadwater County Attorney Kevin Bratcher, Broadwater Deputy County Attorney Kaylan Minor, Broadwater County CAO Bill Jarocki, Bernadette Swenson with Schauber Surveying, Cameron Armstrong, Julie Merritt and Jon Gass with MGM Group, David Sigler, Ann Schwerd with Department of Commerce, Gus Byrom with Commerce, and Brian Obert with MBAC.

The meeting adjourned 11:45 AM. The next regular Commission Meeting will be held February 5, 2025, at 10:00 AM.

LINDSEY RICHTMYER
Commissioner Chair

Attest:
ANGIE PAULSEN
Clerk and Recorder