PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BROADWATER COUNTY, STATE OF MONTANA
LOCATION: 416 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
DATE: May 14, 2025

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

Public comment: Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder/Election Administrator Angie Paulsen commented. Broadwater County Public Health Director Ruby Taylor commented. Citizen Steve Kurk commented. Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser commented.

10:05 AM Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder/Election Administrator Angie Paulsen presented recommendation of Appointment of Broadwater County Officer Melissa Franks to replace Commissioner Swenson for Canvass of Votes for Broadwater County Sheriff Public Safety Mill Levy Election. Commissioner Randolph moved to appoint Treasurer Melissa Franks. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

10:06 AM County Clerk & Recorder Paulsen presented Broadwater County Sheriff Public Safety Mill Levy Results with the Board of Canvassers: Commissioner Richtmyer, Commissioner Randolph and Treasurer Franks. Commissioner Randolph read the results into the record. Commissioner Randolph moved to accept the results of the Sheriff Public Safety Mill Levy Election Summary Results. Treasurer Franks seconded and carried.

10:28 AM Director Taylor presented Task Order No. 26-07-1-01-105-0. Commissioner Richtmyer commented. Director Taylor commented. Commissioner Randolph moved to approve Task Order No. 26-07-1-01-105-0, between Montana DPHHS and Broadwater County in the sum of $53,000. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

10:35 AM Broadwater County Public Works Director TJ Graveley presented clarification regarding Solid Waste Business Assessment. Director Graveley read into the record the Business Assessment Fee Schedule. Commissioner Randolph commented. Director Graveley commented. Commissioner Richtmyer commented. Director Graveley commented. Commissioner Richtmyer commented. Director Graveley commented. Broadwater County Assistant Public Works Director Masolo commented. Director Graveley commented.

10:54 AM Broadwater County Development and Community Planning Director Nichole Brown presented Albe Minor Subdivision S3, T7N, R1E. Director Brown read Conditions 1-8 with a check to Broadwater County from Steve Upton in the amount of $2,137.11, into the record. Commissioner Richtmyer commented. Director Brown commented. Director Brown continued to read Condition #9 with a letter from the Post Office, and Conditions 10 – 17. Director Borwn commented. Commissioner Randolph moved to approve Albe Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried. Sheriff Rauser commented. Director Brown commented. Sheriff Rauser commented. Motion carried.

11:25 AM Broadwater County Commissioner Richtmyer presented COLA for County Employees and discussed the health insurance increase. Broadwater County Finance Officer Debbie Kelley commented. Commissioner Richtmyer commented. Commissioner Randolph commented. Finance Officer Kelley commented. Commissioner Richtmyer commented. Commissioner Randolph commented. Commissioner Randolph moved to set the COLA for the 2026 budget at 2.5% and the county will cover the $74/month per employee increase for insurance premiums. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

Commissioner Randolph moved to approve May 7, 2025, Minutes. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

Commissioner Randolph moved to approve claims in the amount of $21,931.30. Commissioner Richtmyer seconded and carried.

11:46 AM Commissioner Randolph announced that the airport resurfacing project is delayed until June 2, 2025, due to the subcontractor's schedule.

Communications received: Task Order No. 26-07-1-01-105-0, between Montana DPHHS and Broadwater County, Solid Waste Business Assessment, Albe Minor Subdivision final plat conditions. Present at the meeting were Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser, Broadwater County Treasurer Melissa Franks, Broadwater County Assistant Public Works Director Misty Masolo, Broadwater County Finance Officer Debbie Kelley, Bernadette Swenson with Schauber Surveying, Broadwater, and Steve Kurk.

The meeting adjourned 11:48 AM. The next regular Commission Meeting will be held May 21, 10:00 AM.

LINDSEY RICHTMYER
Commissioner Chair

Attest:
ANGIE PAULSEN
Clerk and Recorder