

**STILLWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

Notice: These minutes reflect the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners. The official minutes are on file with the Clerk and Recorder MCA 7-4-2611(2)(b).

**REGULAR MEETING – STILLWATER COUNTY COURTHOUSE
March 21, 2023**

PRESENT Commissioners, Steve Riveland, Jeff Ruffatto, members. Administrator Kisha Cornell. Commissioner Hamilton is in Helena.

Others Present: Ben McVitte, Road and Bridge; Chip Kem, Sheriff, Jerry Friend, Treasurer; Marlo Pronovost, Stillwater County News; David Stamey, Stillwater County Emergency Services.

PLEDGE Commissioner Riveland opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES January 24, 2023

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the minutes from January 24, 2023. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed.

CLAIMS No. 111704 through No. 111873 totaling \$414,522.58

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the claims No. 111704 through No. 111873 totaling \$414,522.58. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed

RECOGNITION None

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

CONSENT AGENDA Commission

- A) Nye Land owner Access Agreements
 - a. Custer National Forest
 - b. Blazina

- B) Joint Application Nye Road Project site #2 – Stillwater/Mouat (SPA 124 Permit, 318 Authorization and 401 certification and a Section 404 Permit

FILE ITEMS Treasurers Report

- A) Report for Month ending February 28, 2023 in the amount of \$63,451,467.73.

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to consent to the consent items and file the file items. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Jerry Friend, commented that the Treasurers Report shows \$63,451.467.73 but some of the cash is in investments and not readily available and wanted to inform the Commission that they need to let him know prior if they are needing funds for the building projects. Steve Riveland said they would provide a summary of the needs to the Treasurer. Marlo Pronovost asked about the owner access agreements, Jeff Ruffatto explained that FEMA required agreements from the private property owners to allow access for the Nye construction project. No further discussion. Motion passed.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Road and Bridge

- A) Nye Road Construction Packet

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the Nye Construction Packet without the Notice to proceed. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Commissioner Riveland noted that FEMA has not approved the final on the construction, and once this is done then the contractor can proceed with Commissioners approval through a Notice to Proceed. Commissioner Riveland noted that the contractor is fully mobilized and ready to begin. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Absarokee Sewer

A) Frey Property Exchange

Commissioner Riveland noted that they were awaiting a document for this exchange and no action will be taken at this time.

Economic Development

A) Fishtail Community - Playground Equipment – Community Grant Application

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the Fishtail Community Playground Community Grant application for \$5,000.00. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed.

Emergency Services

A) Mutual Aid Agreement with Surrounding Counties

Dave Stamey provided a brief background on the logistical complications during an emergency like the flood last spring and this allows the DES departments from other Counties to provide reciprocal assistance and resources without having to get State approval. The Resolution will include many counties throughout Eastern Montana for the resource and assistance. Steve Riveland asked definition on resources; Dave said that this is emergency services like managers and coordination staff for the Emergency Operations Center that would be set up in an emergency.

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with the Surrounding Counties. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No further discussion. Motion passed.

B) Resolution No. 2023-6 – Adoption of a Mutual Aid Agreement for Disaster and Emergency Response with Surrounding Counties.

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 2023-6 – Adoption of a Mutual Aid Agreement for Disaster and Emergency Response with Surrounding Counties. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No further discussion. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Commissioner Riveland entertained a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Ruffatto so moved.

With no further comments heard the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Tyrel Hamilton, Commissioner Chairman

Prepared by: Kisha Cornell, Administrator

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder