

**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
May 16, 2023, 9:00 am**

PRESENT Commission Chair Tyrel Hamilton, Commissioner Jeff Ruffatto. Administrator for the Commissioners Kisha Cornell. (Commissioner Steve Riveland not present)

Others Present: Chip Kem, Stillwater County Sheriff; Chad Coles, Stillwater County Facilities; Jerry Friend, Treasurer; Ben McVittie, Road and Bridge; Stephanie Ray, Planning; Dana Weatherford, Weed Dept., Marlo Pronovost, and Bristol Ketola of the Stillwater County News.

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

MINUTES April 11, 2023

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the minutes from April 11, 2023. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed.

CLAIMS None

RECOGNITION None

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

CONSENT AGENDA

Weed Department

- A) Weed Spraying Service for MRL agreement acknowledgement

FILE ITEMS

Treasurer

- A) Report for the month ending April 30, 2023 in the amount of \$57,022,640.08

Sheriff

- A) Report for the month ending April 30, 2023 in the amount of \$300.00.

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda and file the file items. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Dana Weatherford provided a brief overview of the MRL agreement and that BNSF is the new owner and the agreement terms for the reoccurring document may change after this year with the change in ownership. Motion passed

REGULAR BUSINESS

Road and Bridge

- A) Award of Contract for the W. Rosebud and Fiddler Creek Rd.

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the Award of Contract for the W. Rosebud and Fiddler Creek Rd. project to Mystic Mountain Construction LLC in the amount of \$870,118.58. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Commissioner Hamilton read the engineers recommendation for award to Mystic Mountain Construction LLC. The amount

for the award is \$870,118.58. Marlo Pronovost asked what the funding mechanism would be. Stephanie Ray of Planning provided the break down from EDA and matching funds. This construction will be a cut and fill construction so that the slide areas will be addressed. The construction is approximately 120 work days. The construction is not due to the flood but construction that needed to occur. Being no other discussion. Motion passed.

Weed Department

- A) Fishtail Basin Weed Management – cost share grant contract with the Montana Department of Ag. Total amount \$103,000.00, with \$51,500.00 grant and \$51,500.00 landowner match.

Dana Weatherford provided the explanation of this grant. Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the Fishtail Basin Weed Management – cost share grant contract with the Montana Department of Ag. Total amount \$103,000.00, with \$51,500.00 grant and \$51,500.00 landowner match. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. No additional discussion. Motion Passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Friend asked if the road project grant had been received. Commissioner Hamilton explained that the funding will be through reimbursement. Jerry Friend then asked if the meetings would be held in the upstairs room or the one downstairs. Commissioner Hamilton noted that most meetings would be in the lower-level conference room.

With no further comments heard the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Tyrel Hamilton, Commissioner Chairman

Prepared by: Kisha Cornell, Administrator

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder