

**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
July 11, 2023, 6:30 pm**

- PRESENT** Commissioner Tyrel Hamilton, Commissioner Steve Riveland and Commissioner Jeff Ruffatto. Kisha Cornell, Commissioner Administrator
- Others Present: Ben McVitte; Stillwater County Road and Bridge, Shirley Keffer -citizen
- PLEDGE** Commissioner Hamilton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- MINUTES** June 6, 2023
- Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve the minutes from June 6, 2023. Commissioner Ruffatto **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed.
- CLAIMS** None
- RECOGNITION** Skylar Steele – 5 years of Service
- Commissioner Hamilton noted and congratulated Skylar for 5 years of service.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Fair Events happening at the new “Civic Center Location July 16th – 22nd
- CONSENT AGENDA**
- Road and Bridge**
- A) Encroachment Permit Applications
- a. District 2
- Application No. 202319-Connor -Shane Ridge Rd
- B) Stahly Engineering –Scope of Services
1. N. Stillwater Road Washout Rehabilitation. \$37,500.00 of additional engineering services (Stream Permitting, Project Manual, Bidding and Construction Admin, Hydraulic Report).
2. Valley Creek Bridge Replacement - \$113,000.00 for project total including engineering services (Design, Construction Bidding, Construction monitoring, Project closeout)
- Absarokee Water and Sewer District**
- A) Memorandum of Understanding- State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund pass-through for water system upgrades.
- Commission - Absarokee**
- A) General Contract for Services – Bad Canyon Fence LLC and Stillwater County for fencing services in the amount of \$7,402.50. (Frey Land Exchange agreement)
- FILE ITEMS**
- Justice of the Peace**
- A) Report ending the month of June 2023 in the amount of \$9,384.55
- Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda and file the file items. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No other discussion. Motion passed.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Commission

- A) Montana Stockgrowers and Woolgrowers Association Memorandum of Understanding for pass-through of USDA funds in the amount of \$14,092.00 to stock growers and \$2,181.00 to the wool growers.

Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve the Montana Stockgrowers and Woolgrowers Association Memorandum of Understanding for pass-through of USDA funds in the amount of \$14,092.00 to stock growers and \$2,181.00 to the wool growers. Commissioner Ruffatto **SECONDED**. Commissioner Hamilton noted that this is for predatory animal control within the County. No further discussion. Motion passed.

DUI Task Force

- A) Approval of DUI task force plan.

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the 2023/2024 DUI Task for plan. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed.

City/County Airport

- A) Payment Request for Morrison Maierle in the amount of \$6,287.40 for t-hangar design work (close out of design of t-hangar grant). 97% FAA amount of \$6,098.78, 1.5% sponsor share of \$94.31 each for City and County)

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Shirley Keffer – advocate for fair and honest election processes. Requested the Board to ban electronic devices for the election processes. Requested them to withhold signing the certification of election to show solidarity for not using electronic machines to tabulate votes. Shirley is skeptical of the machines and that they compromise the election. Request to vote at the precinct and not allow absentee voting, then count the votes at the precinct. No further comments

With no further comments heard the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Tyrel Hamilton, Commissioner Chairman

Prepared by: Kisha Cornell, Administrator

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder