

**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 -
January 7, 2020**

PRESENT Commissioner Mark Crago, Chair, Commissioner Tyrel Hamilton, Commissioner Dennis Shupak; Administrative Assistant Pamela Stoddard, Road and Bridge Superintendent Mark Schreiner, Undersheriff Randy Smith, Finance-Human Resources Manager Joe Morse, Marlo Pronovost Stillwater County News and Shirlee Keffer.

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

APPROVE AGENDA Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES December 31, 2019 Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLAIMS #103972-104047 in the amount of \$179,856.14 were presented. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the Claims. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Road and Bridge

A) Montana Department of Transportation Encroachment Application for Park City Sidewalk improvements

FILE ITEMS

Justice of the Peace

A) Report December in the amount of \$12,949.25

District Court

A) Report December in the amount of \$25,853.83

Clerk and Recorder

A) Report December in the amount of \$9,406.94

Commissioners

A) Contractor Application for Payment #1 received from Gairrett Excavation and Trucking Inc. in the amount of \$123,883.10 for Old Hospital Demolition Project

Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to file the file items and consent to the consent items.
Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Commissioners

A) Resolution 2020-01 Establishing Re-Organization of the Board of County Commissioners, Stillwater County Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** approve Resolution 2020-01.
Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion; Commissioner Hamilton stated that the Board assignments and Chairman will remain the same as last year with Commissioner Crago retaining the Chairman seat for another year. Motion passed unanimously.

B) Resolution 2020-02 Setting the Commissioners meeting days, Office hours and Establish Location for Posting Public Notice of the Board of County Commissioners, Stillwater County Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** approve Resolution 2020-02. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion; Commissioner Hamilton stated the only changes to the meetings will be the traveling meeting schedule will now be the 1st Tuesday of the month to avoid conflicting meeting schedules that were encountered last year also the towns remain the same, however the Commission has chosen not to name a specific location on the Resolution as to allow some flexibility depending on building availability. Motion passed unanimously.

C) Resolution 2020-03 Establishing Mileage, Lodging, and Per Diem Rates for Business Travel for Calendar Year 2020. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** approve Resolution 2020-03.
Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COUNTY BUSINESS

A written comment was received from citizen Shirlee Keffer and she read aloud:

For the record I am Shirlee Keffer of Columbus residing in District #1.

Ringling in the NEW YEAR 2020 the "CAN" is no longer being kicked down the road. The location where the old hospital stood is bare and in final clean up mode. At your December 31, 2019 Commissioners meeting you voted to move the fairgrounds because of the decision to locate the new court office complex at that site.

It appears that everybody gets what they WANT. Extension Service facilities total upgrade. All County Services will be located in the NEW COMPLEX. Establishing the LAW CENTER at the OLD Court House with upgrade another WIN for that group that at the beginning of the public meeting advocated for. The WEED Dept. will also have a NEW OFFICE and SHOP out on Sheep Dip Rd. Columbus, Mt. Then the LIBRARY. Nice price tag for all. Where are the monies going to be derived from to cover the Master Plan for facilities? The "Capital Improvement Fund" as reported as of August 2019 was at \$9 million.

My final statement on this issue is that we will agree to disagree to your plan of action.

Sad to say, I will no longer be attending your weekly commissioners' meetings but will communicate via email my public comments. I will ask that my "Public Comment" be read at your meetings. I will miss knowing first hand who attended, what was discussed and the opportunity to ask questions of my commissioners after their meeting.

My time spent in traveling to attend a 15-minute meeting which for the most part is cut and dry can be better served in other ways. Over the months that I have attended your meetings, rarely were there other citizens in attendance unless there was a special issue affecting a group or individual. That gentleman is a sad state of affairs for our local government and "We The People"

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder