

**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 28, 2020**

- PRESENT:** Commissioner Mark Crago, Chair, Dennis Shupak, Tyrel Hamilton, members;  
Administrative Assistant Pamela Stoddard
- Others Present: Clerk & Recorder, Heidi Stadel; Mark Schreiner, Road & Bridge; Piney Helmuth, Road and Bridge; Nancy Rhode, County Attorney; Marlo Pronovost, Stillwater County News; Cindy Garoutte, Brandon Garoutte, Shirlee Keffer
- PLEDGE:** Commissioner Crago opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- MINUTES:** January 14, 2020, January 21, 2020 Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Public Meeting for proposed RSID #10 Absarokee Sewer project February 4, 2020 Absarokee Commons 5:30 p.m.
- CONSENT AGENDA:** Commissioners – Change Order #1 Nexxom Inc. Treatment Equipment Procurement Absarokee Sewer project
- FILE ITEMS:** Commissioners – Investigation report for road abandonment of no name road. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to file the file items and consent to the consent agenda. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
- REGULAR BUSINESS:**
- A) Courthouse Stair Bid Award - Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to accept the bid for the Courthouse Stair project from Yellowstone Basin Construction upon the recommendation of the Counties contracted Architect Steve Simonson. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion; Commissioner Hamilton stated that the bid received from Yellowstone Basin Construction was for the amount of \$364,095 and \$27.00 per linear foot for any over or under footage. Motion passed unanimously.
- B) Intent to Sell Assisted Living Facility - Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to start the process to sell the Assisted Living Facility. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
- C) RFQ for Owners Representative for Facilities Capital Improvement Plan - Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the RFQ as presented and go to add for the Owners Representative. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Crago offered that the Owners Representative will serve as a sort of “Watchdog” for the County to oversee projects and guide us through the process protecting the counties best interests.
- D) Resolution of Intent to Create Rural Special Improvement District #10 Absarokee Sewer Project - Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve Resolution 2020-04 Intent to create RSID #10 for the Absarokee Sewer project. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Crago explained that the last time the County started the process to establish the RSID for the sewer project discrepancies were found, so the County went back to the drawing board making sure that everyone who should be assessed is being assessed.

E) Road Abandonment Decision -Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to deny the road abandonment. The denial is based on letters from two affected land owners received during the public hearing. Commissioner Hamilton went on to state according to state statute the Commission has no other choice but to deny the application. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion; Cindy Garoutte asked how to appeal the decision, Commissioner Hamilton replied that he did not believe there was a process to overturn a state statute unless you go directly to the State. Cindy questioned how Eerie Drive was appealed. Nancy Rhode responded it was not an appeal but that the affected parties filed suit. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COUNTY BUSINESS:** Shirlee Keffer, Stillwater County resident, asked what had happened to the haybales in the Sheep Dip Road Property field. Mrs. Keffer inquired if that meant that the County was moving forward on the Facilities. Mrs. Keffer went on to state that she desires the Commission to build on the current complex site within the city limits.

Facilities Supervisor Jerry Bokma stated that the field Mrs. Keffer is referring to had an agricultural lease on it and the Lease holder had picked up the bales and removed them.

**With no further comments being heard the meeting was adjourned at 9:16**

APPROVED BY: /s/ Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman  
ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder