

**STILLWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

- Present:** Commissioners Mark Crago, Chair; Dennis Shupak and Tyrel Hamilton, members; Heidi Stevens, Admin
- Others Present: Jerry Friend, Treasury, Mikaela Koski, Stillwater County News, Randy Allen, Beartooth Ford, Tonya House, Beartooth Ford, Tom Kelly, (Representing Arnold Ranch), Randy Werdal, Road and Bridge, Mark Shane, Road and Bridge, April Limburg, Planning, Marissa Hauge, SCED, Carol Arkell, DES.
- Public Comments:** None heard.
- Minute** Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the minutes for February 5th, 2019. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
- Claims:** Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve 101988-102067 in the amount of \$243,484.08. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
- Recognition:** Mark Shane – Road Dept 10 Years of Service
- Announcements**
1. Board Openings- Currently 2 openings for the Tax Appeal Board, and 1 opening for each of the following boards: Weed, Economic Development, Compensation, County Planning and City/County Planning.
 2. Public Hearing -For Weed Department February 26th at 10am-for consideration of adding Poison Hemlock to the noxious weed list.
- Consent Agenda** Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
1. Safety Committee- Update Alarm System
 2. Road Department -Stillwater Wind Road Agreement
 3. County Attorney – Contract Attorney Extension
- File Items:** Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to file the File Items. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
1. Justice of the Peace Court- Monthly Report \$13,327.75
 2. Clerk and Recorder – Monthly Report \$3,860.05
 3. Rural Volunteer Fire District – Resolution to establish meeting days.
 4. Treasurer Cash Report
 5. Sheriff Report

Regular Business:

1a. Road and Bridge- Purchase of 2 new ¾ ton pickup.

Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to purchase 2 new ¾ ton pickups from Beartooth Ford. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED** Discussion on why the commissioners chose Beartooth Ford. Commissioner Hamilton stated that after review the cost between the bid from Bison Ford in Great Falls and the bid from Beartooth Ford in Columbus were relatively the same with an approximate difference in concessions in the amount of \$2600.00. They felt that buying locally and supporting a company that continues to support the community on a regular basis was a better choice. Also taking into consideration the extra cost it would take to have several employees and gas costs to go to Great Falls and drive these new trucks back to Columbus. . Motion passed unanimously.

1b. Road and Bridge- Commissioner Hamilton **Moved** to approve the agreement between Great West Design and Stillwater County Management for the Absarokee alleys. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion-Commissioner Crago explained that this money from a gas tax that has to be allocated to a specific project and this is the project we have chosen. Commissioner Hamilton stated that Great West understands our expectations and requirements and wants to move forward with working on the alleys in Absarokee. Motion passed unanimously.

2. DES -Approve 2019-2020 EMPG Grant-. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the EMPG Grant in the amount of \$106,700.00 with a 50% match from the county and 50% from EMPG. County Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED** Discussion-Carol Arkell stated that this money pays for disaster relief and Emergencies for staff, radio towers, electricity and helps keep the program alive in the county. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Board of Appointments- Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to appoint Heidi Stadell to the City County Planning Board and April Limburg and Kim Lebrun to the Library Board. County Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**.

Discussion- 2 weeks ago the board did appoint Kathy Hollar to the position but since then she has had some things change in her life and has to reject this appointment. . Motion passed unanimously.

4. Economic Development -Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to accept Resolution 2019-07 of Intent to apply for CDBG-ED for Montana Silversmiths. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion- Marissa Hauge stated that this is a Federal Funded Competition that helps communities of 58,000 or less to help with public needs, job creation and retention. When the committee met, they decided that economic development, housing and public facilities were most important. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Planning- Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the preliminary plot for Green Meadow Subdivision. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED** Discussion- April Limburg stated that Tom Kelly with North Star Land submitted an application for a proposed 2 plot subdivision of about 180.29 acres, 7 miles West of Absarokee at Spring Creek and Stillwater Road. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Resolutions -Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to adopt both Resolution 2019-08 to open a new account for STIP for Columbus Bond issues for the elementary and Resolution 2019-09 to open a new account for STIP for Columbus Bond issues for the High School. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**

Discussion- Commissioner Crago said this was basically housekeeping for the treasurer's office and for the schools. It would allow 2 separate cash flow entities to track the funds. Jerry Friend added it would enable the schools to track interest for the bonds sold and from a legal stand point the funds raised in each account would be spent on individual schools. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: Hearing no further business, Commissioner Crago adjourned the meeting at 9:19 AM.

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