

**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  
FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

**Present:** Commissioners Dennis Shupak, Chair; Maureen Davey and Mark Crago, Members; and Lori Dobitz, Administrative Assistant.  
Others Present: Jerry Friend, Treasurer; Heidi Stadel, Clerk and Recorder; Joe Morse, Finance Specialist; Sharon Flemeits, Stillwater County Conservation District; Adrian Miller, Attorney; Tyrel Hamilton, Joyce Kelley; Dave Carse; Carol Arkell, DES; Nancy Rohde, County Attorney; Gordon Williams and Gail Madler; Rich Cowger; and Mikaela Koski, Stillwater County News.

**Pledge to Flag:** Commissioner Shupak opened the meeting at 9:00 am with the pledge to the flag.

**Public Comments:** none heard.

**RFP:** Request for Proposals opening for on-call electrical services - Joe Morse, Finance Specialist, opened the one RFP received and read it aloud as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
Thunder Gulch Electric	\$50 per hour
	\$75 afterhours/holidays
	20% mark-up materials

Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to take the RFP under advisement. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion: Commissioner Crago said he didn't see a need for an on-call electrician and wasn't in support of taking proposals. Motion passed on a 2-1 vote.

**Claims:** Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve claim checks no. 99367 – 99463 in the amount of \$ 470,235.93. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes:** Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve the minutes of January 30, 2018, and February 6, 2018. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

**Recognition:** Employee recognition for public service:

1. George Bokma, Facilities and former Fire Warden (retirement) – 22 years
2. April Limburg – Planning Department Administrative Support – 5 years

The Commission recognized and thanked the employees for their service to the county.

**File Items:**

1. Union Arbitration Board – Appointment Notification of Johnny Peek to represent the Local 3877 per Article XI, Section 4.
2. DES – Correspondence from Rich Cowger, Chief CVFD, opposed to selling the incident command trailer.
3. MDT – Correspondence on BaRSAA/HB 473 – Fuel Tax Allocation
4. Department Report – Sheriff’s fees for month ending January 31, 2018, reported \$400 collected.

Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to place the file items to file. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

**Regular Business:**

1. Road Department - Eerie Drive Petition for Abandonment
  - a. Written comments received after the public hearing  
The Commissioners received written comments from the following persons since the public hearing and asked each of them to read their comment:
    1. Adrian Miller, Sullivan Miller Law Firm (proponent)
    2. John R. Matovich, Citizen (opponent) not present
    3. Tim Russell and Joyce Kelley, Citizens (opponent)
    4. Gordon Williams (opponent)

Commissioner Davey said she would like to clarify a statement made by Adrian Miller. Davey said she is not aware of the

Commissioners (2 or more) meeting with any of the people involved in the petition process. She said she has talked to people individually but as a Commission they are very aware of the open meeting laws and the board wants to be open and transparent.

Discussion went back and forth regarding adjacent landowner access, trespassing, safety, emergency medical access, high water/floodplain, and property boundary pins.

b. Decision on petition - Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to postpone the decision on the petition due to conflicting information received allowing the Commissioners to further educate themselves on this road issue. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**.

Discussion – Commissioner Davey stated the Commission will meet with the Road Superintendent to review all information received and invited anyone that would like to see the same information.

Commissioner Shupak called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Facilities - Request to purchase a new set of bleachers for the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Crago stated that during the budget process, the commission incorporated funds to replace the aging bleachers at the fairgrounds. He and Jerry Bokma searched for nice, affordable seating in the amount of \$14,700 to seat 184 people. Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve the purchase request for the new bleachers for the county fairgrounds. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Board Appointment – Columbus Airport Board

Commissioner Davey explained two applications were received for the unexpired term on the Columbus Airport Board. Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to appoint Rich Cowger to fill the unexpired term until January 2020. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Hearing no further business, Commissioner Shupak adjourned the meeting at 9:37 AM.