

**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  
APRIL 10, 2018**

**Present:** Commissioners Dennis Shupak, Chair (via teleconference); Maureen Davey and Mark Crago, Members; and Lori Dobitz, Administrative Assistant.

Others Present: Karla Johnson, Dana Weatherford, Weed Coordinator; Jerry Friend, Treasurer; Mark Schreiner, Road Superintendent; Randy Werdal, Road Foreman; Forrest Mandeville, Contract Planner; and Mikaela Koski, Stillwater County News.

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

- Public Comments:**
1. Commissioner Crago read a notice received from Ken Coffin, US Forest Service Ranger, stating due to a large mud hole on the West Rosebud Creek Road, the road will be closed road at Pine Grove Camp Ground until early May when it can be repaired.
  2. Commissioner Crago stated MDT is working to mediate a curve and hill on a section of Shane Creek Road at the junction of Shane Ridge Road. Work has begun and should take 25days to complete. The road will have one lane open with a pilot car during the construction.
  3. Commissioner Crago said Stillwater River Road Final Phase 5 will have day closures starting April 16, 2018, as the contractor will be in the area inspecting the bolting and netting. The estimated job schedule is May 29, 2018 through August 15, 2018 with a complete road closure in that timeframe while the work is performed.
  4. Karla Johnson asked if the Absarokee Water and Sewer easement deed for the water line replacement project is a new or an existing easement. Commissioner Crago

responded that there will be new easement deeds granted to the Absarokee Water and Sewer Board to county property to run the new water lines. Ms. Johnson then asked if the project was voted on. The Commission said the district had several advertised public meetings over the past couple of years. Ms. Johnson said she was concerned that the seniors in the area would not have the funds to pay for the proposed fee of approximately \$60 per month.

**Minutes:** None presented

- File Items:**
1. Department Reports for month ending March 31, 2018
    - a. Justice Court - \$14,400.91
    - b. Clerk & Recorder - \$5,682.78
    - c. Clerk of District Court - \$10,536.37 (quarterly)

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

- Regular Business:**
1. Road and Bridge Department – REVISTED - Termination of WKN MT II Project Road Agreement. Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the termination of the agreement. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**.

Discussion: Commissioner Davey said she had questions on the agreement last week which have since been answered and further clarified. She requested the agreement be placed back on the agenda for approval.

Vote: Commissioner Crago called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Absarokee Water and Sewer – Easement Deed for waterline replacement project. Commissioner Crago explain the two easement locations, one in the Hawkins Park area and the other one behind Absarokee High School. These easements will enable the Absarokee Water and Sewer District to run a continuous loop on their new water line replacement. Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve both easement deeds for the Absarokee Water and Sewer District. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**.

Discussion: Davey said she knows the commission has authority for utility easements but it isn't referenced in the easement. Commissioner Crago said the water district's attorney and the county attorney put a lot of thought and work into the agreement.

Commissioner Davey said she agreed and adding a statute for future clarification would helpful.

Vote: Commissioner Crago called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Weed Management District – Noxious Weed Control Agreement by and between MDT and Stillwater County. Dana Weatherford, Weed Coordinator, gave the commission a brief explanation of the agreement. The contract is in the amount of \$20,000 for spraying state highways within the county, excluding the interstate. Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the agreement between the county and MDT. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Planning Department – CTA Professional Services Agreement for Planning Services – Renewal for 1-yr term. Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the agreement. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Alternatives, Inc. – Purchase and Service Contract for jail alternative services in Stillwater County for 1-yr term. Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the contract. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Hearing no further business, Commissioner Crago adjourned the meeting at 9:14 AM.

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