

**STILLWATER COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

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**REGULAR MEETING  
April 16, 2019**

- Present:** Commissioners Mark Crago, Chair; Tyrel Hamilton, members; Heidi Stevens, Admin
- Others Present: Marlo Pronovost, Stillwater County News, Carol Arkell, DES, April Limburg, Planning, Molly Bell, Senator Jon Tester Office.
- Minutes:** None Presented
- Announcements:** 1. We have job openings in the county, Victim Witness, Economic Development and Administrative Assistant/Web Master for the Annex. We are also looking to fill some board openings. We have 2 for Tax Appeal Board, 1 City/County Planning, 1 County Planning and 2 for Beartooth Park & Rec.
- Consent Agenda:** None Presented
- File Items:** Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to consent to file the File items. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
1. Sheriff Report -Monthly Report ending March 31, 2019, Quarterly report ending March 31, 2019.
- Regular Business:** Yellowstone Bluffs -No. 11 Final Plot Approval - April Limburg stated that they put in the Agenda request for final plot approval and that all the conditions had been met and all the taxes have been paid and they are just needing the Commissioners to approve it. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approval final plot approval. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. No discussion Motion passed unanimously.
- Public Comments:** Commissioner Crago welcomed Molly Bell who joined the meeting from Senator Jon Testers office. He stated that we were at the public comment portion of the meeting and asked her if there was anything she would like to add or say?
- Molly stated that there was nothing really on her end she just wanted to swing by and check in with everyone and see how things were going? It had been a couple of months since she had seen them and was wondering if there was anything they thought the Senator should know. She also stated that she knew there was some serious flooding here.
- Commissioner Crago stated that we did and asked how we were doing on getting some flood relief from the state?
- Molly stated that the Senator did talk to the acting director of FIMA to make sure we expedite any requests from the state. She also indicated that she would check in with DES and see where they were. She also wanted to know if we had heard anything back on any of our requests?
- Commissioner Crago stated that our DES Coordinator was here and said that we had been documenting road damages.

Carol Arkell stated that she spoke with them last Thursday and they were reviewing it starting yesterday. They wanted to make sure they had enough to go through the proper channels. She spoke to FIMA and she said she would get back to her first part of this week but that she had not heard anything yet.

Molly stated that she would check in with the state regarding that because the state will have to make the request to the Federal Government. She would get that on her to do list.

Carol stated that she submitted it as the city and county.

Commissioner Crago thanked Carol and stated that as far as Senator Tester office the only other thing brewing of big importance is, we have the Silversmiths trying to expand and bring jobs from Mexico back to America. There are 68 jobs they currently have in Mexico and they are trying to bring those here to Stillwater County.

Molly asked what are the barriers right now to doing that?

Commissioner Crago stated funding.

Commissioner Hamilton stated that we just got a grant that we are working on called CBDG grant. We are in the first phase of a two-step process. It is a two-year long process.

Molly asked if we had received the grant or are we applying for it?

Commissioner Hamilton confirmed that we had received it. Its over two years with 41 jobs the first year and 24 jobs the following year.

Molly asked if they are expanding the building?

Commissioner Hamilton stated that he thought they were looking across the street at the old bowling alley.

Molly said that she would check with their Economic Development people and see if there is anything else. She stated that she knew that some of them had been talking about this and she wondered if we had spoken to Omar or Jenny Beltran as she they had been talking this over.

Commissioner Crago stated that the Mine is still expanding and hiring and they are calling it the "Blitz Project."

Molly stated that on the Senators end he is prioritizing and focusing on affordable housing this year just because it is becoming a big issue around the state and in other communities. She then asked if it was an issue here? Both commissioners agreed that it was an issue here as well. Molly continued with saying that the Senator wants to get and infrastructure package and is continuing to look out for the Veterans.

Commissioner Crago asked for more public comment.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Hearing no further business, Commissioner Crago adjourned the meeting at 9:08 AM.