

**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  
MAY 15, 2018**

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

Others Present: Gerald W. Dell, former County Commissioner; Tyrel Hamilton; Mark Schreiner, Road Superintendent; William McArthur, Tamietti Construction; Coralee Hicks; Jerry Friend, Treasurer; Cody Ham, Battle Ridge Builders; Bill Oxendahl, DW Oxendahl Construction; Becky Sidwell; and Mikaela Koski, Stillwater County News.

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

**Bid Opening:** Spring Creek Road Bridge Replacement Bid Opening – Commissioner Mark Crago stated Karl Yakawich, Great West Engineering is attending the bid open via teleconference. Commissioner Crago then opened the sealed bids and read them aloud as follows:

<b><u>Contractor</u></b>	<b><u>Bid Total</u></b>
DW Oxendahl Construction, Worden, MT	\$580,290.00
Battle Ridge Builders, Belgrade, MT	\$581,804.00
Tamietti Construction, Great Falls, MT	\$575,275.00

Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to take all bids under advisement. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:** 1. Commissioner Davey – stated she attended a candidate forum last evening and heard negative comments being made about the Road Department. Davey praised the Road Department and the fine job they do taking care of Stillwater County’s roads. She said she wanted to go

on record and defend the road department and the comments that were heard as they were not accurate.

2. Gerald Dell – He said he too attended the candidate forum held last evening in Absarokee. He said after listening to some of the comments, he had to come to the courthouse to see if the commissioners were here doing anything. Dell said the Road Department and the Commissioners were beat-up pretty bad at the forum.

**Minutes:** Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve the minutes of April 17 and the two public hearing minutes of April 24, 2018. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

- Consent Agenda:**
1. DES - Request for purchase of panic alarms for offices in county office buildings.
  2. Weed District – Contract for Weed Management Areas 1-4 as awarded on May 1, 2018.

- File Items:**
1. Department Reports – month ending April 30, 2018
    - a. Sheriff’s Office - \$600
    - b. Clerk & Recorder - \$ 5,804.60
    - c. Justice Court - \$ 13,801.20
  2. EPA Brownfield Grant Application – email update
  3. MT DOR – Oil & Natural Gas Production Tax for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2017
  4. City-County Planning Board – Letter of intent to review the Columbus Area Growth Policy
  5. City of Columbus – Mayor Woltermann Proclaiming Armed Forces Day on May 19, 2018.

Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda and place the file items to file. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

- Regular Business:**
1. Jeanne Harsha – funding request to assist with “Soldier’s Wall” Project. Commissioner Davey stated the commission received a request from Ms. Harsha, a former Columbus Elementary grade school teacher that has been working on the “Soldier’s Wall” project for several years since 2011 with her students. The wall recognizes the veterans throughout Stillwater County. Rock work has begun and plaques have been purchased. Over 2,200 men and women

will be recognized for their service to our country. They have met all expenses thus far but are short on the costs of laying the stone (\$1,000-\$2,000).

Commissioner Davey said in speaking with Joe Morse, Finance Specialist and Olness & Associates, Auditors, the county can contribute to another government but we can not contribute to the wall. Davey said she spoke to the Mayor of the City of Columbus and the topic was discussed at a council meeting. It was decided to give the money to the City and they can pass it to “soldier wall” project.

Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve assisting the city with this project and allocate up to \$2,000 of county funds towards the completion of the project. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Commissioner Davey said this is a very noble cause to give money to. We can use our PILT Funds so it would not come from any milled funds from our tax-payers. Commissioner Crago stated it is a fantastic project for fantastic people that have served us. Commissioner Shupak said the dedication will take place on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Weed District - R & G Storage Agreement – Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the agreement as recommended by Dana Weatherford, Weed Coordinator. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer – List of delinquent personal property taxes and real property taxes – Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the request to cancel the uncollected personal and real property taxes for tax years 2003-2011 as submitted by the Treasurer in the amount of \$1,392.96 (Personal Property) and \$6,778.46 (Real Property). Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Jerry Friend, Treasurer, explained the steps he took trying to collect these taxes. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Road Department

a. Proposal – Shop modification to add a welding shop and storage unit estimated costs \$42,1550. Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve the modifications and proposal as recommended by the Road Superintendent. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Mark Schreiner, Superintendent, explained it would give them a containment area for oils, a parts room, and an enclosed welding shop which meets the OSHA and Labor Industry Standards. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Knife River Proposal – Quote to chip-seal Shane Creek Road \$53,550. Commissioner Crago explained that Knife River is currently working on an MDT project on Shane Creek and chip sealing for them. They gave the county a proposal to finish it for the remaining portion while there. Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve Knife Rivers proposal. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

c. County Parking Lots – Proposal to slurry-seal county owned parking lots (courthouse, pavilion, etc.) \$38,095.86 - Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the request. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Bid Award – Columbus Area Chip Seal bid - recommendation to award bid to Hardrives and execute the contractor’s agreement in the amount of \$185,063.20. Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to award the bid and sign the agreement as recommended by the Road Superintendent. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Hearing no further business, Commissioner Shupak adjourned the meeting at 9:22 AM

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