

**STILLWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

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**REGULAR MEETING
May 21, 2019, 9:00am**

- Present:** Commissioners Mark Crago, Chair; Tyrel Hamilton, Dennis Shupak, Members; Heidi Stevens, Admin
Others Present: Mikaela Koski, Stillwater County News, Treasure, Mark Schreiner, Road, Jerry Friend, Treasurer, Penny Redli, Museum, Scott Waltner, Solid Waste, Pam Cunningham, Solid Waste, Kevin Downs, Solid Waste, Bill Linger, Solid Waste, Maurie Petterson, Citizen, Bob VanOosten, Citizen, Gregg Wicks, Citizen, Russel Seymanski, Citizen.
- Minutes:** Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the Minutes for Special Agenda 5-13-19 and Regular Agenda Meeting 5-14-19. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
- Claims:** Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve Claims 102505-102617 in the amount of \$152,675.51. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
- Consent Agenda:** 1. Participation in the 2020 Census–
Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to consent to the consent agenda. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Crago stated that coming up is Census 2020. Please join in and encourage everyone to participate so we can accurately know what our population is. Motion passed unanimously.
- File Items:** None Presented
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- Regular Business:** 1. Solid Waste
- a. Account Write Offs –
Commissioner Hamilton stated that the Commissioners had received a recommendation from the Solid Waste Board and **MOVED** to approve the write offs. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion -Scott Waltner stated that Solid Waste has been unable to collect these funds but they have been sent to a Collection Agency in hopes to still collect the money. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Amend Policies 9.00 – Solid Waste District Mission Statement and 12.00 – Brush Cleanup. Commissioner Hamilton stated that by recommendation from the Board to amend policy 9.00 & 12.00 he would **MOVE** to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton stated that this is a language cleanup and an information update. It has been sent to the attorneys for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dowl Contract – Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to accept the contract between Solid Waste and Dowl. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion – Scott Waltner stated that this test is done every two years and tests the water in all nine wells. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Search and Rescue Intercap Boat Loan

a. **RESOLUTION 2019-14** -AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERCAP PROGRAM

b. **RESOLUTION 2019-15** – AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA ANNUAL ADJUSTABLE RATE TENDER OPTION MUNICIPAL FINANCE CONSOLIDATION ACT BONDS (INTERCAP REVOLVING PROGRAM). APPROVING THE FORM AND TERMS OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO

Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve both Resolutions. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton stated that this is the final closing of these documents finalizing the contracts that were approved at last week’s agenda meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

3. National Register of Historic Places – Add Stillwater County Courthouse.

Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the Registration form presented by Joan Brownell allowing her to move forward with the next step. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Crago stated that Pete Brown from Helena with the State Historical Society came and did a walkthrough of the Court House with the FCIP committee. He indicated that if we are on the National Historic Registration it will not affect any future improvements. Commissioner Hamilton also made us aware of some Grants that will become available in the upcoming years. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Allocation of Electrical Generation Impact Fees

a. **RESOLUTION 2019-16** ALLOCATING ELECTRICAL GENERATION IMPACT FEES

Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve RESOLUTION 2019-16. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Crago stated that this Resolution was brought up at last week’s meeting but failed to pass. Commissioner Hamilton followed up on another motion to amend a previous resolution to use the funds from the Local Option Tax money to help fund the Road projects. We are comfortable with moving forward with this Resolution as Presented. Commissioner Crago stated that we have allocated \$15,000 to the Reed Point School District, \$110,000 to Stillwater County Road Depreciation Reserve Fund and \$340,000 to Stillwater County Capital Fund Improvement Fund. These funds are coming from the existing Stillwater Wind impact money. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Caithness Beaver Creek Wind Farm Agreements

a. Road Agreement

Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the Road Agreement.

Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton stated that these contracts have gone back and forth between both Legal Councils, Road and Bridge and the Commissioners Office. We have also read the Sweetgrass County lawsuit to help improve this contract. Mark Schreiner stated that these agreements have more specs then the previous contract. They indicate that they have to use specific gravel and materials and there will be more dust control. We have upped the things we were lacking with the last agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Weed Agreement

Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the Weed Agreement.

Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton stated that this is the same as the other agreement. It has gone through legal and is now a beefed-up contract. Commissioner Crago stated that this is a cross county wind farm where Sweetgrass County has noxious weeds and this agreement ensures that these weeds be controlled during the project in our County where these weeds don't currently exist. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: **Mark Schreiner** stated that Ingersoll Bridge has been looked at by Great West Engineering and are working on replacements and repair options. We have a request in for Bridge Replacement on a bridge design so we can move forward. There are currently three girders that are failing underneath and that is why it had to be closed.

Bob VanOosten requested a copy of the Road Agreement that was just approved.

Meeting Adjourned: Hearing no further business, Commissioner Crago adjourned the meeting at 9:16