

**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  
June 25, 2019**

**Present:** Commissioners Dennis Shupak and Tyrel Hamilton, Members; Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk & Recorder.

Others Present: Pam Cunningham, Solid Waste; Coralee Hicks; Maureen Davey; Jerry L. Friend, Treasurer; Lee A. Cornell, Justice of the Peace; Mikaela Koski, Stillwater County News.

**Pledge to the Flag:** Commissioner Hamilton opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag.

**Minutes:** Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve the Minutes for the Regular Agenda 06/18/2019. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

**Claims:** None presented

**Announcements:** Notice of Public Hearing for Increase in Rates of Solid Waste Assessments

**Consent Agenda:**

1. District Court Judges Office – Cleaning Contract with Maid in Columbus
2. Task Order 20-07-4-31-144-0 – Master contract for DPHHS Immunization Program
3. Livestock Predator Control Funds Agreement – Stillwater County allocation of funds for predator Control (cattle - \$14,599.00) (sheep – \$4,027.20)
4. Request for Input to Name a Summit – Request for Commissioners Input in regard to naming a previously unnamed summit in Stillwater County

**File Items:** Letter from Solid Waste – Letter regarding board member attendance. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to consent to the consent agenda and to file the file items. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

- Regular Business:**
1. Board Appointments
    - a. Solid Waste Board – Reappoint Kevin Downs to the Solid Waste Board. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve the appointment. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
    - b. Tax Appeal Board – Appoint Gail Karls to the Tax Appeal Board. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve the appointment. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
    - c. County Planning Board – Appoint Ray Karls to the County Planning Board. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve the appointment. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Discussion – Maureen Davey

pointed out that Ray Karls had previously been on the County Planning Board and was a very good member. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Columbus Rural Fire District - Columbus Rural Fire District has requested Title 3 funds. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve the funds. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton read the letter presented by the Columbus Rural Fire District. The funds will be used to bolster the funds for the fuels mitigation program. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Absarokee Alley Project – Base Bid Award to Hardrives Construction. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve the bid award. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton stated that the total cost of the project is \$318,845.00. It was recommended to the County by Great West Engineering to award the base bid and at this time and then do the alternates at a later date. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Renovation & Demolition of Old Hospital – Bid Documents for the Brownsfield Project Grant. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve the document. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Discussion – Maureen Davey stated that after reading the document and has not found the term “demolition” within the grant document. She further stated that she had read the grant several times when she was a sitting Commissioner and had not found the term “demolition” in the document. Commissioner Hamilton explained the bid package contains two options. Bid option one is for the removal of hazardous materials prior to renovation of the building. Bid option two is for the demolition of the building and abatement of the hazardous material. Commissioner Hamilton further stated that the grant has been discussed and it is his understanding that no funding would be lost with either of the two options presented. The commission will make sure that no grant money will be lost before moving forward with either option. Maureen Davey reiterated that she did not see the term “demolish” or “demolition” in the grant. Davey further stated that she would like to see where that term is stated in the grant. Commissioner Hamilton stated that he would get in contact with Greg for clarification. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:** Jerry Friend asked about updates for the Courthouse Front Stairs. Commissioner Hamilton stated that the Commission did not approve the bids and is not moving forward at this point. The Commission is reevaluating and checking for other options. Jerry Friend also inquired about the status of the Welcome Rocks project. Commissioner Hamilton advised that the project will move forward when we have hired a new Economic Development Coordinator.

Maureen Davey noted that while on a drive she noticed that the road department has done great repair work on the roads that had been weather damaged.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Hearing no further business, Commissioner Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 9:15 AM.

**Claims and Warrants:** None presented

**APPROVED BY:** /s/  
Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman  
**ATTEST:** Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder