

**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 - NYE
August 13, 2019**

Present: Commissioners Dennis Shupak, Tyrel Hamilton, Members;
and Pamela Stoddard administrative assistant.

Others Present: Joe Morse Finance, April Limburg Planning, Scott Waltner Solid Waste, Carol Arkell DES, Jerry Friend Treasurer, Marlo Pronovost Stillwater County News and citizens Shirley Keffer and David Small.

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

Minutes: August 6, 2019

Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the minutes. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Claims: None presented

Consent Agenda: 1. Absarokee Sewer- a letter of intent to meet conditions was presented and a request to obligate funds.

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

Announcements: 1. Fire Warden- Fire Warden Carol Arkell informed the Board the Burn permit system is shut down due to Weather Conditions, the few small fires we have experienced in the area and the recommendations of the Billings Area Restrictions Group.

File Items: 1. Clerk and Recorder – The report for July in the amount of \$8,642.00 was presented.

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

Regular Business:

1. County agreement- Buy Sell agreement with Stillwater Abstract was presented

Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the buy-sell agreement. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion: Commissioner Shupak stated that he would be in favor as long as there are no hazardous materials reported by the inspection report. Commissioner Hamilton explained that the inspection report would cover any issues that may arise and the agreement is contingent upon the report. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Solid Waste- Amendment to Resolution 2019-28 Increasing Solid Waste Assessment

Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the amendment. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion: Citizen David Small inquired why rates were being increased. Commissioner Hamilton stated that rates had not been increased sine approximately 2006 and the increase was need to cover operations expenses that have also increased since that time. The Amendment was simply to update the wording in Resolution 2019-28 Motion passed unanimously.

3. Finance- Amendment 9 & 10 Stillwater Cafeteria Plan

Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the amendment as presented. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Bid Opening- Brown Field clean-up of old Hospital site. Joe Morse announced that one bid in the amount \$94,360.00 was received from Safetec of Billings Mt. Bid Bond and Licenses number was included. Mr. Morse explained the bid was only for the Hazardous materials abatement portion of the advertised bid.

Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to take the bid proposal under advisement. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED** discussion: Citizen David Small inquired what hazardous materials were present and needing abated. Commissioner Shupak stated that there was a concern about lead and asbestos within the building. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: Community member David Small asked about the make-up of the Planning Commission and how many Commissioners made up the Board. Commissioner Hamilton explained the Planning Board is an advisory Board and does not make decisions but advises the Board of County Commissioners on possible policy changes.

Citizen Small inquired if the Board of County Commissioners had received public comments on the proposed actions the Beartooth Front Coalition has asked the Planning Commission to consider. Commissioner Hamilton explained that at this point the matter is still with the Planning Board and that if public comments are received by the Commissioner's office they are acknowledged by the office then passed on to the Planning Board because the issue is still before them and will remain there until the Board is ready to move forward with a recommendation.

Community member Shirley Keffer said she had attended the Planning Board meeting on August 7, 2019 and confirmed that the Planning Board meetings are recorded and comments become public record. She elaborated that of the approximately 600 signatures on the Beartooth Front Coalitions petition only 80 were actual land owners. She further stated that the proposed laws were a duplication of efforts and laws and feels that the coalition is choosing a lawsuit rather than using the proper resources available costing Stillwater County resident's money to defend the lawsuit.

Citizen David Small remarked that the people involved in the lawsuit are being funded by out of area groups and feels that should the Coalition succeed in their efforts growth in Stillwater County could be affected and the mines longevity could be affected causing the County to lose a lot of tax revenue.

Citizen Shirley Keffer suggested that the best tool to get people involved is to call your neighbors and inform them of meetings and times and places those meetings are being held.

Meeting Adjourned: Hearing no further business, Commissioner Hamilton adjourned the regular meeting at 9:50 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/

Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman

ATTEST:

Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder