

**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
August 25, 2020**

- PRESENT** Commissioner Mark Crago, Chair, Commissioner Dennis Shupak and Tyrel Hamilton, members, Shannon Fisher & Madisyn Hudecek Administrative Assistants
- Others Present: Jennifer Reed, Library; Jerry Friend, Treasurer; Mark Schreiner, Road & Bridge; Kevin Ray, Road & Bridge; Carol Arkell, DES; Stephanie Ray, Economic Development; Marlo Pronovost, Stillwater County News; Emily Schabacher, Stillwater County News; Maureen Davey, Citizen.
- PLEDGE** Commissioner Crago opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- MINUTES** August 18, 2020. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the minutes. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Commissioner Crago announced that Stillwater County now has 8 active COVID cases and there has been another death related to COVID bringing the number up to two COVID related deaths. Commissioner Crago asked that people continue to be aware of your health and those around you. Carol Arkell announced that she had emailed the fire chiefs regarding Stage One Fire Restrictions. Rapelje, Columbus and Molt all suggested staying in Stage One Fire Restrictions. There were two fires last week. One was related to a lightning strike and the other was a blown tire. The weather will be cooler next week however, there is a possibility for strong winds. Forest Service and BLM are looking at cutting down on campfires. Carol urged people to be cautious under these conditions. Commissioner Crago also announced that the September 1st Agenda Meeting is a traveling meeting and will be at 6:30 p.m. and the location is Absarokee. There will also be a presentation meeting of the fairgrounds master plan on September 9th at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. for the public to attend at the Stillwater Pavilion.
- FILE ITEMS** **Sheriff's Office**
A) Memorandum of Understanding for Backup 911 Call System. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to file the file items. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. No Discussion Motion passed unanimously.
- REGULAR BUSINESS** **Road & Bridge**
A) Appoint Viewers for the Greenwood Road Abandonment Petition – Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to appoint viewers Tyrel Hamilton, Commissioner, Heidi Stadel, Clerk & Recorder, and Mark Schreiner, Road & Bridge to review Greenwood Road. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion – Jerry Friend asked where Greenwood Road was located. Commissioner Hamilton replied it is located off Flat Road. Carol Arkell asked if the addresses of the residences will remain or if just a portion of the road is being abandoned. Commissioner Hamilton offered to get the information to Carol before the road is viewed. Motion passed unanimously.
- Treasurer**
A) Order Canceling Delinquent Taxes for a Mobile Home – Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the order canceling delinquent taxes for a mobile home. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Crago explained that this parcel of property has been vacant for a period of time. The new owners were not aware of the taxes on the mobile home until they looked into disposing it because it is uninhabitable. A release

from the Treasurer's Office is required prior to destruction. Proof of destruction is required and if it is not provided by the current owners, they will be required to pay the taxes. Jerry Friend recited the statute giving the Commissioners the authority to proceed with this action. Jerry further stated the necessity of requiring the proof of destruction to ensure that the mobile home has been destroyed and not sold to a party from another county. Motion passed unanimously.

Absarokee Sewer

A) Notice of Award for KLE Construction for the Absarokee Wastewater Project - Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to award the contract to KLE Construction for the Absarokee Wastewater Project. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion – Maureen Davy commented that it is time to move forward with this project for Absarokee. If they were looking at expanding at some point, they will now have a system that can accommodate that. Commissioner Crago stated that this is a much-needed project and thanked Maureen for her comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Commission

A) Approve Contract for Civil Counsel with Doney Crowley P.C. – Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the contract for civil counsel. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED** Discussion – Commissioner Crago explained that this is an ongoing contract the County has had for several years and is just being updated. This contract will cover civil issues that the County Attorney may not have the time to cover or the expertise in a particular civil area. Commissioner Hamilton added that the fees are \$135.00 per hour for the first fifteen hours each calendar month and after that it is \$175.00 per hour. Motion passed unanimously.

B) Approve Contract for Civil Counsel with Ray Kuntz – Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the contract for civil Counsel with Ray Kuntz. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Crago explained that this for the need of civil counsel if Doney Crowley is not available or vice versa and the same rates as Doney Crowley apply. Motion passed unanimously.

C) Approve Museum of the Beartooth's Temporary County Records Storage Agreement – Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the Museum of the Beartooth's Temporary County Records Storage Agreement. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton explained that agreement will allow the Museum to temporarily store some of the County records with access to the public until the County has a permanent storage area to house them. The amount for this agreement is for \$30,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COUNTY BUSINESS – Maureen Davey invited the Commissioners to the library to view all the improvements that have been made and to also go over the yearend report.

With no further comments hear the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder