

**STILLWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

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**REGULAR MEETING -
September 3, 2019**

Present: Commissioners Mark Crago, Chair, Dennis Shupak, Tyrel Hamilton, Members; and Pamela Stoddard administrative assistant. Others Present: Carol Arkell DES, Marlo Pronovost Stillwater County News, Joe Morse Finance, and Citizens Shirlee Keffer and Maureen Davey.

Pledge: Commissioner Crago opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda: An amendment to the agenda was made to read the minutes of August 27th instead of August 26th. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the agenda. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: August 27th, 2019
Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the minutes. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Claims #103207 through #103294 in the amount of \$347,265.29 were presented
Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the Claims. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

1. Fire Warden- Carol Arkell updated the Board on the current fire conditions. The County has moved back to severity staffing due to the ongoing hazardous fire conditions and rising amount of fires within the County station will be staffed through Friday and possibly longer. Fire Warden Arkell stated that the Burn Permit system will remain closed.

2. Update on Safetec Work Timeline- Monday September 30th work will begin on the asbestos abatement and is expected to be finished late October.

Consent Agenda:

1. Commissioners-

- A) Great West Engineering Task order #9. Spring Creek Road

Road and Bridge-

- A) Ingersoll Bridge- TSEP emergency Grant application in the amount of \$30,000

Marlo asked for clarification as to what the Ingersoll Bridge Consent items entailed. Commissioner Crago explained the it was a letter of support for the Road and Bridge department to seek emergency funds to repair the failing Bridge.

File Items:

1. Commissioners-

- A) Executed Buy/Sell agreement with Stillwater Abstract

Maureen asked for clarification if the County was Purchasing the old Abstract building? Commissioner Crago stated that yes it was purchased for the purposes of County offices.

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

Regular Business:

1. Commissioners-

- A) WWC Engineering Proposal to prepare Demolition Construction package for the old hospital demolition Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to allow WWC Engineering to move forward with a proposal package. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion- Mrs. Davey stated the original grant application, that she had signed as a former Commissioner, had no mention of demolition as an option. She stated she is concerned that demolition is the only option being considered. Mrs. Keffer asked for verification that demolition means getting rid of the building? Commissioner Crago confirmed that in this case demolition does equate to complete removal. Motion passed unanimously

- B) Notice of Intent to create policy for sale or disposition of real property Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to accept the letter of intent to create a policy and hold a public hearing for said policy on Tuesday, September 17th 9:30 am. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Mrs. Keffer asked if documents will be available for any property the County puts up for sale? Commissioner Crago

clarified that this is just the policy and nothing is for sale at this point but should anything become available documents would be available to view and the correct process would be followed. Motion passed unanimously

2. Human resources-

A) Resolution 2019-41 Amending the FY 2020 County Budget
Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the resolution as presented.
Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion- Finance Manager Joe Morse explained that the resolution accounts for the monies received and put into the budget that were not added to the final budget due to higher mill evaluation and to oversight of grant monies and an to be received. Motion passed unanimously

Public Comments:

Maureen Davey stated that in her time as Commissioner the intent was to use the old hospital as county offices at some point in time. Her family had contributed money to help restore the hospital and the understanding then was future expansion and use as County offices. Mrs. Davey expressed there has been a lot of discussion in the paper and other places downgrading the hospital, and she does not understand the source. There were questions about the foundation at the time of the grant and a structural engineer inspected and made a report of the state of the building at that time. Mrs. Davey also stated that she believes that the parking is adequate at the site, as it was used for a 24/7 business previously, she further added that a neighbor has offered a piece of property for expansion of parking area if it is needed. Mrs. Davey expressed her wish that the County use the funds on gravel on the dirt roads in the county instead of new buildings.

Meeting Adjourned:

Hearing no further business, Commissioner Crago adjourned the regular meeting at 9:20 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/

Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman

ATTEST:

Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder