

**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 -  
September 10, 2019**

**Present:** Commissioners Mark Crago, Chair, Dennis Shupak, and Pamela Stoddard administrative assistant.

Others Present: Randy Smith Sheriffs department, Mark Schreiner Road and Bridge, Collette Anderson Great West Engineering Craig Pozega Great West Engineering, Jeremy Perlinsky Montana DEQ, Marlo Pronovost Stillwater County News, and members of the public Shirlee Keffer, Allan Speck, Jackie Speck, Gerald Dell, Pete Gaustad, Bill Pelton, Norm Tjeltreit, Colleen and Jim Eldringhoff, Pam and joe Welter, Don Sheafer, Arleen Boyd, Frank Willett, Linda Gardner, Jerry Gardner, Tom Heyneman, Karen Heyneman, Bill Hand, Alex and Andrea Heyneman, Monty Ostrum, Ken Bechen, Diane Hamilton, and Ed Hamilton.

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

**Approve Agenda:** Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve the agenda with the addition of the September 9<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes in the Minutes portion of the agenda and the verbiage Resolution 2019-43 to File Item 1-B; Bid Award for Absarokee Water Treatment Improvement Project, Treatment Equipment Procurement as per recommendation of Great West Engineering to Nexon Inc. in the amount of \$783,300 to the Regular Business 1-A item. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes:** September 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements:** 1. Fire Warden- Fire Warden Carol Arkell was not present but sent a written statement informing the Board that she will keep the Burn permitting system down shut down for another week to see if weather conditions remain wet.

## Consent Agenda:

1. Commissioners
  - A) Dean School National Historic Register nomination

## File Items:

1. Commissioners-
  - A) Courthouse National Historic Register listing of Courthouse
  - B) MILLS for FY 2020 set at special meeting on 09/09/2019 passing Resolution 2019-43
2. Justice of the Peace-
  - A) Monthly Justice report
3. Clerk and Recorder-
  - A) August financial report

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

## Regular Business:

1. Commissioners-
  - A) Absarokee RSID 5&7 Waste Water Project updates
    - i)Great West Engineering report on project history and status; Collette Anderson of Great West Engineering presented a brief history of the Wastewater Improvement project and the disposition of past and potential grants available for the project. Ms. Anderson presented the systems challenges and the changes to the plans that were due to those issues.
    - ii)Bid Award for Absarokee Wastewater Treatment Improvement Project Treatment Equipment Procurement as per recommendation of Great West Engineering to Nexon Inc.in the amount of \$783,300.00 Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to accept the notice of Award and sign the Contract with Safe Tec. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Discussion; Concerns of the amount of growth the new system would allow were heard. Ms. Anderson stated that she wasn't sure she could give an exact number and clarified that what the system can handle and what regulations would allow may differ. Community member Pam Welter inquired as to the proposed completion date of the project. Ms. Anderson stated that the proposed completion date believes depending upon the Contractors schedule the completion date will be between April and September. Commissioner Crago informed the audience that the next regular Commissioners meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a Resolution declaring the intent to create RSID #9 that will supersede and replace the RSID # 5 and #7. There will be a legal ad ran for 2 weeks notifying of the Public Comment period with the protest period ending at 5 p.m. October 21,2019 and the final Resolution to create the RSID # 9 scheduled for October 22,2019. Motion passed unanimously

B) Resolution 2019-42 Canceling regular meeting on 9/24 lack of quorum. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to pass Resolution 2019-42 canceling the regular meeting due to lack of quorum. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Discussion; Commissioner Crago informed the members of the audience that the Commissioners would lack a quorum due to the upcoming MACO conference that Commissioner Shupak and Commissioner Crago would be attending on said dates. Motion passed unanimously

C) Purchase agreement between Stillwater County and Department of Public Health and Human Services: 21 acres for the price of \$0. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve the purchase agreement as presented. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED** Discussion; Commissioner Crago explained that the County has been conducting Facilities Planning Committee meetings with a board made up of County employees and community members to help make a plan moving forward to meet the Community's and Stillwater Counties needs in regards to facilities, economic development and upgrades to amenities that are offered to the community. Plans to replace, repair, and/or upgrade County offices, the Sheriff's department, Fairgrounds and the Library have been developed. Plan Options are available to view at the Commissioner's office and several community meetings will be scheduled to go over the options with each Community beginning October 7<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed unanimously

**Public Comments:** None heard

**Meeting Adjourned:** Hearing no further business, Commissioner Crago adjourned the regular meeting at 7:04 p.m.

**APPROVED BY:** /s/  
Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman

**ATTEST:** Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder