

**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
OCTOBER 23, 2018**

- Present:** Commissioners Dennis Shupak, Chair; Maureen Davey and Mark Crago, Members; Lori Dobitz, Administrative Assistant.
- Others Present: Forrest Mandeville, Planning Consultant; Carol Arkell, DES; and Mikaela Koski, Stillwater County News.
- Pledge to Flag:** Commissioner Shupak opened the meeting at 9:00 am with the pledge to the flag.
- Public Comments:** Carol Arkell informed the Commission that she received notice from NOAA weather service alerting counties of changes in the weather patterns which could bring wind gusts of 45 mph and *weather conditions ideal* for fire ignition. Her recommendation is to close the burn permit system Thursday and Friday. The commission followed the recommendation of the fire warden.
- Minutes:** Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing (Solid Waste Fees) held on August 28, 2018. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
- Claims:** Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve Claim Checks No. 101126 – 101231 in the amount of \$542,333.51. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
- Consent Agenda:**
1. Montana Association of Counties – Policy Year 2018-2019 Inmate Excess Medical Insurance Program Renewal.
 2. DES – Homeland Security Grant – purchase for mobile data terminal project – approve quote from SDW in the amount of \$41,149.
 3. County Attorney – Seek contracted services for Justice Court
- File Items:**
1. Treasurer’s Office – Cash and Investments for the month ending September 2018.

2. Tri-County Victim/Witness Program - Quarterly Report July 1, 2018 through Sept. 30, 2018.

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

Special Reporting: Maureen Davey, Commissioner, said she participated in a conference call titled Economic Accomplishments of the Trump Administration address to Montana's growth during 2017.

Commissioner Davey touched on a few highlights as follows:

1. The unemployment rate fell 3.6%
2. Household median income grew over 3.5%
3. People living below poverty level decreased 2%
4. Mining, logging, and construction increased by 2,000 jobs
5. The gross state domestic product (GDP) increased 3.5% after growing .6% the prior year.
6. Since 2017, 9,000 jobs have been added in Montana.

She said Commissioners and Legislative members throughout the State participated in the call.

Regular Business: 1. Resolution(s):

a. Stillwater County Chamber of Commerce – Funding Agreement

Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve **Resolution 2018-22**, A Resolution to provide funding support for the chamber administrator position for the Chamber of Commerce, Stillwater County, in the amount of \$40,000 per year for three consecutive calendar years (2017-2018-2019) without carry over from year to year. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously. File in the Clerk and Records Office – Document No. 373755.

b. Planning – Growth Policy – 30-day Comment Period. Commissioner Crago stated the County Planning Board along with the Contract Planner have been working on updating the Growth Policy for almost a year. Commissioner Crago then read a resolution that would open a 30-day comment period on the policy. Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve **Resolution 2018-23** to open a public comment period for the draft 2018 Growth Policy. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**.

Discussion: Forrest Mandeville, Contract Planner, said public meetings were held this past summer in Reed Point, Park City, Absarokee, and Columbus. A survey was

also conducted to obtain feedback. Commissioner Davey added the public meetings were advertised in legal notices, newspaper articles, and the issue discussed on commissioner agenda's, along with a public hearing held in October by the Planning Board to discuss the draft growth policy. Commissioner Crago stated following this 30-day process, the final draft will be place on the commissioner's agenda on November 27, 2018, and an additional 2-week comment period will begin. A final growth policy will then be adopted on December 11, 2018, as presented with changes.

Vote: Commissioner Shupak called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously. Filed in the Clerk and Records Office – Document No. 373756

c. Roads – Request for Reservation of Local Government and Maintenance Match Program Funds. Commissioner Crago stated the county will use funds from Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Account (BaRSAA) to repair an alley in Absarokee and also address drainage problems in the alley behind First Interstate Bank in he said. BaRSAA funds requires a 5% match that will come from the road fund budget in the approximate amount of \$1,755. Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to adopt **Resolution 2018-24**, requesting reservation of local government road construction and maintenance match program funds. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously. Filed in the Clerk and Records Office – Document No. 373757

Meeting Adjourned: Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Shupak adjourned the meeting at 9:14 AM.

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