

**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
NOVEMBER 27, 2018**

Present: Commissioners Dennis Shupak, Chair; Maureen Davey and Mark Crago, Members; Lori Dobitz, Administrative Assistant.

Others Present: Forrest Mandeville, Planning Consultant; Joe Morse, Finance; Rita Westrum; Tyrel Hamilton, Commissioner Elect; and Mikaela Koski, Stillwater County News.

Minutes: Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the minutes and the public hearing of October 2, 2018. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

1. Commissioners Office:
 - a. DPHHS – Montana’s State Aging Plan Re-designation – Option 1 to retain current status.

Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Business:

1. Economic Development – Beartooth RC&D – Annual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Commissioner Davey stated the commission met with RC&D for a working discussion on Monday as talked about what they do for the county. Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the MOU between the county and Beartooth RC&D. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Human Resources – Employee Health Insurance - EBMS Cafeteria changes to plan document. Joe Morse explained to the commission the two amendments to the flex plan. One change is a name change from EBMS’s legal name – stating they are now a LLC. The other change is the language addressing the limit amount for medical expenses which is currently below the IRS’s minimum that will change for the upcoming year. Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve the changes/amendments as presented. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Road Department - Petition submitted by Georgiann and Ernie Stephens, et. al and verified by the Clerk & Recorder, to abandon an alley in the townsite of Fishtail, MT.

a. Appoint viewers – Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to appoint Commissioner Crago and Heidi Stadel, Clerk and Recorder as viewers, and appoint Mark Schreiner, Road Superintendent, as consultant to the viewers. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Set public hearing date - Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to set the public hearing date to December 12, 2018, at 9:30 AM. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Planning – Growth Policy Final Draft Presented for comments – Forrest Mandeville, Planning Consultant, explained the Commissioners reviewed a draft Growth Policy approximately a month ago. At that time the Commission opened up a 30-day public comment period and within that time period some changes have been suggested to the original draft policy. Mandeville said the current growth policy is dated 2007, but some of the data is older than that because it took 2-4 years to be adopted. He gave the overview for citizen participation on the growth policy which included press releases to the Stillwater County News and the Laurel Outlook; public meetings were held in Columbus, Absarokee, Park City and Reed Point; an online survey was developed and posted on the website and social media. It has been on every County Planning Board agenda since March 2018, and also noted on several Commissioner agenda's as well. He said there are seven chapters in the policy and proceeded to go over the changes and summarized each chapter. He said the growth policy is not a regulatory document – so it cannot be used to regulate, as it is a general policy statement. In summary he noted the County Planning Board worked extensively on the growth policy for the past 9-months. Hearing no further comments,

Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to accept the final draft of the Growth Policy; allow for an additional 2-weeks for comment; and on December 11, 2018, during the Commissioners Agenda Meeting adopt the Growth Policy. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**.

Commissioner Davey thanked Forrest Mandeville, and the County Planning Board for all their efforts; the departments involved, the community involvement, and the input received to make this come together. Commissioner Shupak called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: Hearing no further business, Commissioner Shupak adjourned the meeting at 9:27 AM.

Claims and

Warrants:

Claims were examined and warrants ordered drawn in the amount of \$357,485.35 and payroll in the amount of \$666,298.19 for a total of \$1,023,783.54 for the month ending November 30, 2018.

APPROVED BY: /s/

Dennis Shupak, Commissioner Chairman

ATTEST:

Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder

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