

**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 -
December 10, 2019**

PRESENT Commissioners Mark Crago, Chair, Dennis Shupak, Member;
Pamela Stoddard Administrative Assistant, Mark Schreiner Road and Bridge
Superintendent, Doreen Stockdale Stillwater County News,
Joe Morse Human Resources/Finance. Dana Weatherford Weed Director, Gail Molyneaux
Road Department, Randy Smith Sheriff, Carol Arkell DES and citizen Shirlee Keffer

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

RECOGNITION Gail Molyneaux of the Road Department was recognized for five years of dedicated
service to Stillwater County and presented a Certificate.

APPROVE AGENDA
Commissioner Crago asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Shupak
MOVED to approve, Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Ingersoll Bridge completion has been delayed due to Beams needed being on Backorder from
the Manufacturer. Road Superintendent Mark Schreiner stated that they aren't actually on back
order the Manufacturer had a time delay the beams should arrive around December 18th,2019.
Master Plans will be available for review December 19 on our website and in the Courthouse,
with final approval scheduled during our December 31 agenda meeting.

FILE ITEM

Justice of the Peace

A. November Justice report in the amount of \$13,578.75

Clerk and Recorder

A. November Clerk and Recorder report in the amount of \$8,159.97

Commissioner Crago asked for a motion to file the file items. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to file the file items. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Finance/Human Resources

A. Public Hearing Budget Amendment Library Depreciation Fund in the amount of \$22,328.00. The Hearing was opened at 9:04. Commissioner Crago Explained that the Amendment is need to distribute the funds into the library account and the line items they were intended for. Minor Equipment in the amount of \$10,000.00, Professional Services in the amount of \$5,000.00 and Capital Improvement in the amount of \$7,328.00
Commissioner cargo aske for opponents of the Resolution. None Heard.
Commissioner Crago asked for opponents with none being hear d Commissioner Crago then asked if there were any further comments or questions with none being hear the Public Hearing was closed at 9:07 AM

B. Resolution 2019-52 Budget Amendment allocating \$22,328.00 from the Library Depreciation Reserve Fund. Commissioner Crago aske for a motion t approve Resolution 2019-52. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve the Resolution amending the Library Depreciation Reserve Budget. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Weed

A. BLM Cooperative Agreement 2019-2020. Commissioner Crago asked Weed Director Dana Weatherford to explain the contract and what it does. Ms. Weatherford explained that the contract is a 5-year contract that in return for weed abatement of the limited Bureau of Land Management Land within Stillwater County the Wee department receives compensation in the amount of approximately \$6,000 a year that can be utilized for Bio Control or Education. She went on to state that the working arrangement has been good. Commissioner Crago called for a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve the contract. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Economic Development

A. E-Civis service agreement Commissioner Crago asked for a motion to approve the E-Civis agreement. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve the contract with E-Civis. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Crago explained that the E-Civis program is for grant management and tracking and has been in place for several years at a cost of \$3,176.25

DES

A. Appointment of Public Information officers.

Commissioner Crago asked for a motion to appoint Tammie Millikin as the Public Information Officer. Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to appoint Tammie Mullikin as the Primary Public

Information Officer and Natasha Sailer as the Alternate. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**.
Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shirlee Keffer submitted a statement as follows:

I'm Shirlee Keffer, a Stillwater County resident of Columbus. Once again, I speak to oppose the three Concept Plans for the County Facilities that have been presented. The survey that was posted on County website needs to be sent to all voters and property owners. Do we really want these capital improvements?

Taxes and fees have become the norm. This has to Stop. Property taxes continue to increase at a rapid pace. Chair Mark Crago has stated that there is no guarantee that property taxes won't go up if all phases of Concept Plan A is completed.

Between taxes/ fees for the Columbus Ambulance District, Columbus School District & Solid Waste, my property taxes have been impacted in addition to the property taxes in general.

Absarokee residents are facing a large increase in property taxes to cover the cost of the new sewer system. The City Council of Columbus voted to increase the rates on water/sewer in order to complete necessary improvement to their systems.

I suggest that the Commissioners go back to the drawing board. Leave the Fairgrounds at current location rather than move out to Sheep Dip Road at a cost of 11 million (more or less). Focus on using the existing Court house property for consideration of any additional office space needed. Actually, the relocation of the offices moved from the old hospital is only two blocks away.

For those opposed using the Old Hospital as office space that mission has been accomplished- it is or will soon be toast.

For those that supported saving the original Courthouse, that group need to support the concept of using the existing grounds if any additional office space is built. Focus on installing an elevator.

Meeting Adjourned: Hearing no further business, Commissioner Crago adjourned the regular meeting at 9:15 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder