

**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 17, 2019**

**PRESENT** Commissioners Mark Crago, Chair, Commissioner Hamilton;  
Pamela Stoddard Administrative Assistant, Mark Schreiner Road and Bridge  
Superintendent, Carol Arkell DES, Doreen Stockdale Stillwater County News,  
Debbie Jacobs, Shirlee Keffer, and Brandon Garoutte.

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

**APPROVE AGENDA**  
Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner  
Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Ingersoll Bridge Beams have arrived and should be placed Thursday.  
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.  
Burn permit system is still shut down due to winds and permits expire December 31<sup>st</sup>.  
There are Board vacancies posted on the website and 2 County Attorney positions.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

Airport Board

A. Board Appointment: Pilot and Citizen at Large. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED**  
to appoint Jay Baum as the Pilot representative and Doreen Stockdale as the Citizen at  
Large position. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED** the motion. Discussion; Brandon  
Garoutte asked when the applications were discussed during a recorded meeting?  
Commissioner Hamilton stated that the applications are reviewed independently by  
each Commissioner before the meeting and he is now making his recommendation in  
the form of a motion. The applications for board appointments are not reviewed as a  
board nor discussed until the agenda meeting when the appointments are made. Mr.

Garoutte then inquired when Mr. Baum's application was received? Commissioner Hamilton stated that the application for Mr. Baum was stamped received on December 9, 2019. Motion passed unanimously.

### Planning

A. Board Appointment: City-County Planning Board 3 positions Commissioner Hamilton explained that there were only 2 applications for the 3 positions. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to appoint Curt Jacobs and Steven Arnold SR. to the City-County Planning Board. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Crago explained that the only stipulation to serve on the City-County planning Board is that you live within the City or surrounding are known as the Doughnut.

B. Board Appointment; County Planning Board 3 positions Commissioner Hamilton explained that there were only 2 applications for the 3 positions. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to appoint Richard Sidwell and Shad Kienitz to the County Planning Board. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Crago explained that the only stipulation to serve on the County planning Board is that you live within the County.

### Commissioners

A. Take action on Resolution 2019-48 Resolution to Create RSID #9 Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to reject Resolution 2019-48 Creating RSID #9 and #9M. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED** the motion. Discussion; Commissioner Crago explained that during the comment period for the Resolution issues were discovered with the project so the board has chosen to begin again and address all concerns and make sure that the information that we have is accurate and complete. The project will be reintroduced at a future date in the near future. Motion passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Shirlee Keffer submitted a statement as follows:

For the records, I am Shirlee Keffer a Stillwater County resident residing in District 1 about 7 miles North of Columbus.

Once upon a time Stillwater County didn't exist but was a part of Yellowstone and carbon Counties. Reflecting on history, the year was 1919 when the local county government was formed.

A Courthouse is where the County business takes place that consist of the County Commissioners, Clerk and recorder and treasurer as the basic services. In addition, there is a Sheriff and Road & Bridges departments. Over time more services have been added.

My request is that as the current governing body for Stillwater County that you don't move the Fairgrounds out to the Sheep Dip Rd at this time with the intentions of building an office complex for the services of their County at the site of the current Fairgrounds. Concept Plan A has the current Courthouse as a "Law Center" Humm! Projected cost to move the Fairgrounds is 11 million dollars. Ouch!!!!

My question to this governing body is of you received 350 or more letter or signed petitions stating not the move the Fairgrounds but use the Courthouse property for any additional space would that change your minds?

Second subject; Proposed "Detention Center/Jail" in Carbon County. How does Stillwater County play a part in this project? It is my understanding that currently prisoners are transported to outlying counties due to Yellowstone County jail is overbooked.

(\*notation- Stillwater County was founded in 1913)

**Meeting Adjourned:** Hearing no further business, Commissioner Crago adjourned the regular meeting at 9:11 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder