

**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

APRIL 17, 2018

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

Others Present: Dana Weatherford, Weed Coordinator; Jerry Friend, Treasurer; Rick Hamilton, Museum, Penny Redli, Museum; Scott Waltner, Solid Waste Supervisor; Forrest Mandeville, Contract Planner; Randy Werdal, Road Foreman; Mark Schreiner, Road and Bridge Superintendent; Tyrel Hamilton; Sharon Fletmetis, Stillwater Conservation District; Mikaela Koski, Stillwater County News.

Pledge to Flag: Commissioner Davey opened the meeting at 9:00 am with the pledge to the flag.

Public Comments: Commissioner Davey stated the budget process is scheduled to begin next week for the county departments.

Minutes: Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve the minutes of April 3, 2018. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed.

Claims: Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve Claim Checks No. 99794 – 99881 in the amount of \$349,081.62. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed.

Recognition: Employee recognition for public service:
1. Della Haverland, Librarian, 5-years
The Commission recognized and thanked Della for her service to the county.

---Commissioner Shupak joined the meeting at this point.---

Consent Agenda: 1. Reed Point Community Club - request to conduct Farmers Market during the annual Sheep Drive.

File Items: 1. Department Reports
a. Tri-County Victim/Witness Program – (quarterly)
b. Treasurer Cash Reports – Amended August 2017 Report; Sept -Oct-Nov 2017.
c. Sheriff’s Office - \$1,800 (quarterly) – March \$450

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

Regular Business: 1. Road and Bridge Department – Requesting Invitation for Bids for Columbus area Chip Seal Project 2018. Mark Schreiner explained that this request is for the Columbus area chip seal project that would also include Whitebird, Countryman Creek, and Hersrud Road.

Commissioner Shupak **MOVED** to approve the request to go out for bids. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Museum of the Beartooths - Government Records Transfer and Consulting Agreement for a term of 3-years. Penny explained that this has been a good program for them to oversee the county records retention, storage, and organization. Penny also announced they will be getting an intern for the summer to assist with the inventory of the county records and she will be overseeing that as well. Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve the agreement between the county and the museum. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Planning
a. Columbus Airport – Request for Reimbursement No. 8 – AIP 3-30-0017-013-2017. Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve the request as submitted by the airport board. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**.

Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Agreement Request - Crow Chief Meadows, Inc. (Borland's), request for extension of agreement between Stillwater County and Gary and Clara Borland. Commissioner Crago gave a brief background on the 20-year agreement entered into by the county and Crow Chief Meadows, Inc. to assist with funding to pay the costs for the Niche Road new bridge. They have requested to extend the agreement by another 10-years to continue to recoup some of the funding they used toward the bridge. The Commission met with the Mr. and Mrs. Borland on April 2, 2018, and then met with the county attorney on April 9, 2018, and have been in contact with the planning department in this matter.

Commissioner Crago **MOVED** that the request be denied and allow the current agreement to expire in 3-years. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**.

Discussion: Commissioner Davey stated she was serving on the Planning Board when the agreement was entered into. She said there was a good partnership between the subdivider and the county to pay for that bridge stating both parties paying for part of the cost. She said it would be good to stay with the terms of the agreement.

Vote: Commissioner Davey called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Meadows Subdivision No. 8 – Preliminary Plat – Forest Mandeville, Planning Consultant, presented the proposed four (4) lot minor subdivision located east of Park City on the southeast corner of Schreiner Road and Cemetery Road. Diamond Ranch LC, (Keith and Willow Brown), are the landowners and Brown and Associates, is the development representative. He reviewed the findings summary and the Planning Board's recommended eight (8) conditions of approval. Discussion with Mark Schreiner, Road Superintendent, included the old cottonwood trees located on the edge of county property and the sight-lines.

Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to conditionally approve the preliminary plat of the Meadow Subdivision No. 8 with the findings and conditions included in the project memorandum.

Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED.** Motion passed
unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned:

Hearing no further business, Commissioner Davey adjourned the meeting at 9:25 AM.

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**PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 17, 2018 – 9:30 AM
SOLID WASTE FEE POLICY 8.00**

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

Others Present: Dana Weatherford, Weed Coordinator; Scott Waltner, Solid Waste Supervisor; and Mikaela Koski, Stillwater County News.

Open the Hearing: Commissioner Davey opened at 9:30 AM with introductions of the Commissioners.

Solid Waste Fees: Commissioner Davey stated the reason for the hearing is to consider amending Policy 8.00 to reflect rate increases.

Commissioner Davey read a letter from Scott Waltner for those present. On March 8, 2018, during the Solid Waste Board meeting, the board voted to raise the fees for the roll-off box mileage; dump fees; and increase the out-of-district yearly permit rates. The recommendation was submitted to the Board of Commissioners for consideration.

The Solid Waste Board recommended the follow rate increase:

- a. Mileage from \$1.25 per mile to \$2.50
- b. Roll-off dump fee from \$225.80 per dump to \$500.00 per dump
- c. Out-of-district permit fee from \$146.00 per year to \$175.00 per year

The letter stated that increasing the cost of these services is what was discussed at the meeting with the commissioners and finance, in place of raising the Solid

Waste Assessments. Scott said since 1997 there has not been an increase in the roll-off box fees/rate. McKenzie Service and BFI are charging double of what the county is charging and with the proposed increase the county would still be less than what those two companies charge for dumping and mileage.

Commissioner Crago said he appreciates that Scott and the Solid Waste Board are trying to raise revenue to off-set rising costs via user fees rather than increasing tax assessments. Commissioner Davey asked for any further comments, none were heard.

Proponents - Commissioner Davey called for those in favor of the proposed increased fees. Dana Weatherford stated as an out-of-county resident she supports the fee increase.

Opponents – Commissioner Davey called for opponents, those not in favor of the increased fees. None were heard.

Hearing Closed: Commissioner Davey stated that hearing no further comments, written comments will be accepted until Monday, April 23, 2018. A decision will be made on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Commissioner Davey closed this portion of the hearing at 9:38 AM.

PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 17, 2018 – 10:00 AM
WEED SPRAYING EQUIPMENT RENTAL FEES

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

Others Present: Dana Weatherford, Weed Coordinator; and Mikaela Koski, Stillwater County News.

Open the Hearing: Commissioner Davey opened at 10:00 AM with introductions of the Commissioners.

Equipment Rental: Commissioner Davey stated the reason for the hearing is to consider implementing fees for the rental of weed spraying equipment.

Commissioner Davey read a letter from Dana Weatherford for those present. The Weed Board voted last summer to implement a fee on rental units as the yearly maintenance costs and additional repairs are costly to the weed budget.

The Weed Board is recommending the following:

- a. A daily \$10 fee for the use of a portable unit and ATV sprayers with a \$25 returnable deposit (returned undamaged and clean)
- b. The backpack sprayer renter will receive a 7-day free use incentive with a \$25 refundable deposit implemented. Anything over 7-days, a \$10 fee will be charged each day.

Dana Weatherford explained that she inventoried the spraying equipment this past winter and some units were missing and/or were damaged. Commissioner Davey asked for any further comments, none were heard.

Proponents - Commissioner Davey called for those in favor of the proposed rental fees. None were heard.

Opponents – Commissioner Davey called for opponents, those not in favor of the proposed rental fees. None were heard.

Hearing Closed:

Commissioner Davey stated that hearing no further comments, written comments will be accepted until Monday, April 23, 2018. A decision will be made on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Commissioner Davey closed this portion of the hearing at 10:07 AM.

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