

## STILLWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 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 MARCH 15, 2016

**Present:** Commissioners Maureen Davey, Co-Chair; and Gerald W. Dell, Member; Lori Dobitz, Administrative Assistant. Others Present: Jerry Friend, Treasurer; and Rick Hanners, Stillwater County News. Absent: Commissioner Dennis Shupak.

**Open Meeting:** Commissioner Davey opened the meeting at 9:00 am with the pledge to the flag.

**Claims:** Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve Claim Checks No. 94680 through No. 94787 in the amount of \$108,934.98 for the first half of March 2016. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

**Special Issues** Stillwater River Road Rockslide: Commissioner Dell said he had spoken to Shannon & Wilson on March 14, 2016. Their scheduled time to arrive to assess the rockfall is the week of March 28, 2016. He said an email message went out to all the affected residents with the latest status. Commissioner Davey said the emails are being sent out through the County Attorney's Office.

**Regular Business**

1. Disabled American Veterans (DAV) - A request for two additional designated parking spaces in the courthouse public parking lot was submitted by Aleva Branstetter, DAV Van Coordinator. The Commission designated a single space for the DAV van a few years ago at the DAV's request. An additional DAV van is now assigned to Columbus and the request is for an additional parking space for the van and one for the driver. Following discussion, Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve one additional space for the additional DAV van only. Commissioner **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Davey said there is ample parking space for drivers personal vehicles either on the street or other open parking spaces.
2. Meadowlark Facility - Commissioner Dell said the heating system in the assisted living facility, which is owned by the county and currently is leased out, comprises of one boiler in the Meadowlark

portion. The boiler is 15-16 years old and if it was to malfunction, we would have no heat for that facility. The proposal by the Facility Supervisor is a system consisting of two boilers, not running simultaneously but independent of one another. If one goes down, we have a second one for a heating source in the facility, he said. Commissioner Davey said this has been a topic of concern and said this is a good thing to do. Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve the boiler system replacement at the Meadowlark Assisted Living Facility estimated at \$20,000, as requested by the Facility Supervisor. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously. The Facility Supervisor will install the units.

3. City-County Planning Board - Commissioner **MOVED** to appoint Shad Kienitz to fill vacancy for term to expire January 2018. Commissioner **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Absarokee RSID 5 & 7 - Commissioner Dell explained this amendment is for additional work on the Absarokee wastewater system improvements. This is an amendment not to exceed \$16,500 for the completion of the grant applications for DNRC; and application and environmental reports for the rural development organization. Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve Owner/Engineer Agreement Amendment No. 1 to the original contract with Great West Engineering. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Commissioner Dell said most everyone knows we are in the process of a quite an extensive project with the Absarokee Wastewater System. A public hearing was held last week where the engineering firm discussed several options of how to handle the problems. This action today is to further proceed this project, he said. **Vote:** Commissioner Davey called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) - Commissioner Dell said in the process of review, the Commissioners had a discussion with MDT in reference to three county roads, Stockade Road which comes from Sweet Grass County into Stillwater County; one that comes from Broadview into Stillwater County; and the Big Coulee Road that comes in from Ryegate. All three of them are shown on the Montana State road map as designated routes for travel, Dell said. He said we have had problems in the past with semi-trucks taking those roads and winding up stuck out in the middle of nowhere. Commissioner Davey said those three roads are not all-weather roads. MDT told the county it is during this process that the roads can be unmarked as designated routes. Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to conditionally approve the Yearly Fuel Tax Certification of Roadway Mileage of 1,006 miles and notify MDT of those three roads discussed.

Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda** 1. Sheriff's Office - GeoComm 9-1-1 System Support Renewal Agreement in the amount of \$2,750.

**File Items** 1. Reports - Sheriff's Office - fees collected for the month ending February 29, 2016 totaled \$800.

Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda and place the file items to file.

Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:** None heard.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Hearing no further business, Commissioner Davey adjourned the meeting at 9:18 AM.