

## 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 JULY 5, 2016

- Present:** Commissioners Maureen Davey, Co-Chair and Gerald W. Dell, Member; Lori Dobitz, Administrative Assistant. Others Present: Marlo Pronovost, Stillwater County News; Nancy Rohde, County Attorney; Marissa Hauge, Economic Development; Joe Morse, Finance Specialist; Mark Schreiner, Road Superintendent; Randy Werdal, Road Foreman; and Carol Arkell, Fire Warden.  
Absent: Commissioner Dennis Shupak, Chair.
- Open Meeting:** Commissioner Davey opened the meeting at 9:00 am with the pledge to the flag.
- Minutes Approval:** Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve the minutes of April 26, 2016. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
- Claims:** Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve Manual Claim Check No. 95446 totaling \$4,476.57; and Claim Check No.'s 95447 through 95595 totaling \$1,60527.11. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
- Recognition:** The Commission recognized the following Employee(s) and Board Members for years of public service:
- Employees - Nancy Rohde, County Attorney, 5-years; Alesha Timm, Communications Officer 10-years.
- Board Members - Cathleen Hoyem, 6-years Rosebud Cemetery District; and Robert Lowman 20-years Park City Cemetery District.
- Special Issues:**
1. Stillwater River Road Rockslide: Commissioner Dell said Shannon & Wilson is preparing a bid package for the project. Commissioner Davey stated a message from the county attorney's office went out to those affected property owners this past week.
  2. 2016 Fire Season - Carol Arkell, Fire Warden, recommended remaining in the closed burn permit system at this time. She reported

6 fires occurred over the past weekend which were caused by lightning strikes and fireworks. Red flag warnings are in effect at this time.

**Regular Business:** 1. Road and Bridge - Purchase Requests:

- a. Western Emulsions - Chip Seal Oil CRS-2P, 160 tons  
\$58,400
- b. Riverside Contracting - Chip Seal 6 miles of Nye Road  
\$76,032  
Mark Schreiner, Road Superintendent, explained the oil and chip seal is for Nye Road to the Stillwater Mine.

Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve the requests from Road and Bridge for the above quotes to chip seal Nye Road to the Mine. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Road and Bridge - Agreement which was postponed on June 28, 2016 - revisited

Nancy Rohde gave a background on the dispute between the Outback Construction and Stillwater County. She explained mediation took place on June 2, 2016, in Bozeman and through that process they came up with a settlement agreement.

Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release between Stillwater County and Outback Construction, Inc. as recommended by the County Attorney. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**.

Discussion: Commissioner Davey stated this mediation was part of the contract if any dispute came forth. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Human Resources - Joe Morse submitted a request to the Commission to approve an eight-percent (8%) increase in the Employee Health Insurance premiums. He said it is a higher increase than previous years due to the difficult year with higher claims over the past year. Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve the request for the eight-percent increase. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Stillwater Library and County Center - Marissa Hauge said the Letter of Agreement for Architectural Concept Design and Planning Services submitted by NE45 Architecture was approved by the Library Steering Committee and reviewed by the County Attorney. Hauge is recommending approval. Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve the Letter of Agreement as presented. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

- Consent Agenda:**
1. MT Board of Crime Control - Tri-County Victim/Witness Program - Grant renewal adjustment
  2. Board Appointments - Don Herzog, Rapelje Cemetery District, 3-yr term; Barton Lawson, Rosebud Cemetery District, 3-yr term.

- File items:**
1. Solid Waste - City of Billings Landfill rates notification for 2016-2017

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 9:17 A.M.