

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 12 , 2016

Present: Commissioners Dennis Shupak, Chair; Maureen Davey, and Gerald W. Dell, Members; Lori Dobitz, Administrative Assistant. Others Present: Joe Morse, Finance Specialist; Rich Cowger and Nick Jacobs, Columbus Rural Fire District #3; and Carol Arkell, Fire Warden.

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

Minutes Approval: none presented

Ordinance Reading: Commissioner Dell proceeded with the first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-02, pursuant to 7-5-103, MCA, to establish a speed limit on Hersrud Road, Columbus, MT. A petition was submitted by Kariann Jones, et. al to lower the speed limit on a portion approximately 4,700 feet in length of Hersrud Road, beginning at the intersection of Hersrud Road and Rapelje Road in NE4 SE4 NE4 of Section 17, T2S, R20E, MPM traversing NW for approximately .9 miles or 4,700 feet ending in the NW4 SW4 SE4 of Section 8, T2S R20E, MPM intersecting with the Rapelje Road. Commissioner Dell said the Road Superintendent submitted a letter dated June 9, 2016, stating a a speed study of the road was conducted and the traffic count was 403 cars and 76 trucks over the course 6-days. The average speed was 22.2 mph and 43.9 mph was the highest speed. The Stillwater County Road Department recommends lowering the speed limit to 35 mph.

Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2016-02. Commissioner Dell **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Davey stated the second reading will take place on July 26, 2016.

Special issues:

1. Stillwater River Road Rockslide: Commissioner Dell reported the bid package is still being completed by Shannon & Wilson, a Colorado firm. The company is acquiring information required by Montana law that will be incorporated into the bid package.
2. 2016 Fire Season - Carol Arkell, Fire Warden, reported all fire

chiefs within Stillwater County are in favor of remaining in Stage I Fire Restrictions due to dry weather conditions and lightning strikes. Nick Jacobs reported that a fire broke out following rainfall and a lightning strike in the Stage Coach Estates Subdivision west of Reed Point and burned approximately 3 acres of land. It could have easily consumed more acreage had it not been for the rainfall he said. Sweet Grass County assisted as did a helicopter from DNRC. Carol said temps in the 90's are possible by the weekend and she is recommending no change in the fire restriction status.

Regular Business:

1. Finance Department - Joe Morse explained he is seeking a telephone system that can tie our outlined offices and annex into one system. Our current system is outdated and hard to get replacement parts and is expensive to repair. He said the current system was installed in 1997, and when it goes down county offices are without telephones for a period of time awaiting parts to be shipped in. Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to grant the request to seek RFP's for a new telephone system as submitted by Joe Morse, Finance Specialist. Commissioner Dell **SECONDED**. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Bid Opening - Joe Morse opened and read aloud the RFP/Bids for on-call electrical services as follows:
 - A. Lofing Electric, Columbus, regular hourly rate of \$70/hr, after hours and week-end rate \$80/hr; holidays \$90/hr- with 10% material mark-up.

 - B. Thunder Gulch Electric, Columbus, MT, regular hourly rate \$50/hr; after hours, week-ends and holidays \$75/hr, with 20% material mark up.

Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to take all bids under advisement. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Finance Department - US Forest Service's Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 - County's Certification of Title III Expenditures and Unobligated Funds for Calendar Years 2013-14;; 2014-15; 2015-16.

2. Olness & Associates - Annual Engagement letter to conduct county audit to begin on January 9, 2017.

3. Road Shop Building - Hard Rock Concrete job estimate for concrete aprons and handicap parking.
4. Area II Agency on Aging - Appointment of George Bokma as Consumer Representative for 2016-2017.

File Items:

1. Department Reports:
 - a. Clerk of Court - quarterly ending June 30, 2016 - \$10,201.24
 - b. Clerk and Recorder- month ending June 30, 2016 - \$8,689.75
 - c. Justice Court - month ending June 30, 2016 - \$14,552.68
 - d. Sheriff - quarter ending June 30, 2016 - \$1,500; and month ending June 30, 2016 - \$850
2. Park City Fire District - Correspondence received from District Secretary regarding a members resignation from the board of trustees.

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

Public Comments: None heard.

Meeting Adjourned: Hearing no further business, Commissioner Shupak adjourned the meeting at 9:20 A.M.