

**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 26 , 2016**

Present: Commissioners Dennis Shupak, Chair; and Gerald W. Dell, Member; Lori Dobitz, Administrative Assistant. Others Present: Carol Arkell, Fire Warden; Jerry L. Friend, Treasurer; Mark Schreiner, Road Superintendent; Coralee Hicks, Citizen; and Marlo Pronovost, Stillwater County News. Absent: Commissioner Maureen Davey.

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

Minutes Approval: Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve the minutes of May 17, 2016. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Claims: Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve the following claims/warrants:

Manual Warrant No. 95596 total \$36,519.95
Warrants 95597-95681 total \$192,196.55 second half June 2016
Warrants 95682-95719 total \$339,826.06 first half July 2016

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

Ordinance Reading: Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-02, pursuant to 7-5-103, MCA, Commissioner Dell conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 2016-02 to establish a speed limit on Hersrud Road, Columbus, MT, 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, be posted at the recommended speed limit of 35mph. Commissioner Dell said the first reading passed on July 12, 2016. Following the reading, Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 2016-02. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Commissioner Dell said once passed the ordinance shall be in full force and in effect 30-days after the date of the second reading. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously. Document #366031 filed with the Clerk and Recorder.

Special Issues:

1. Stillwater River Road Rockslide: Commissioner Dell said we have Proposal No. 3 from Shannon & Wilson setting up how they are going to put the bid package together. A meeting on Wednesday will take place.
2. 2016 Fire Season - Carol Arkell reported that a fire took place over the week-end. Chief Cowger assumed the role of Fire Warden while Arkell was out of town. She said it was a 72 acre fire started by a combine. Multiple fires were started because of lightning she said. Discussion with regards to Stage II Fire Restrictions are taking place due to weather conditions and resources being limited, however, at this time she is recommending remaining in Stage I Fire Restrictions. Commissioner Dell expressed his concerns with Stage II restrictions and the impact it would have on the farmers and ranchers during wheat harvest.

Regular Business:

1. Road & Bridge Department - Mark Schreiner, Road Superintendent, explained the steel drum rollers currently in use are worn out and hard on the shale. He said the new rubber tire rollers would also lessen the fire danger. Commissioner Dell **MOVED** approve the purchase request for four WR90-3 Walk'n'Roll Packer/Rollers in the amount \$79,610. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Sheriff's Department - Stillwater County paging system. The Commission received correspondence (email) on July 18, 2016, from Absarokee Fire District/Nye Fire Department. The email cited concerns on the paging system and dispatching process. The email said the Absarokee Fire Department stated they are experiencing frequent missed pages which is comprising the health and welfare of the community. They are hoping a plan of action can be formulated to improve the system. Commissioner Dell said it was his understanding that testing has been going on for the past 10-days with the paging system in that area. Commissioner Dell said the results will be reviewed by the Sheriff and DES Coordinator.
3. Airport Board - Commissioner Dell said the commission received a letter dated July 12, 2016, from the Airport Board. This letter was also copied to the Mayor and Columbus City Council, requesting an airport authority creation status update. At its regular meeting of August 10, 2015, the Joint City-County Airport Board voted to recommend approval of an airport authority citing the it would allow the City and County to pass the responsibility of managing the airport to the authority. Commissioner Dell said the Resolution they (airport board) submitted to the Commission in 2015 was forwarded to the County Attorney as well as the City Attorney to review it for legality. To this point, nothing has been sent back to the Commissioners, he

said. He said the resolution has raised questions. Dell said his opinion is that the question of an airport authority should go to the people for a vote.

Consent Agenda: 1. Museum of the Beartooths - Stillwater County/City of Columbus Historic Preservation Program request for continued support in the amount of \$3,750.

File Items: 1. Federal Highway Administration - West Rosebud Creek Road Reconstruction bid awarded to Williams Civil Division, Inc., of Bozeman.
2. Office of the Governor - Correspondence from Lieutenant Governor Cooney advising Drought Alert status for nine counties including Stillwater County.

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

Public Comments: None heard.

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

Claims and Warrants:

Claims were examined and warrants ordered drawn in the amount of \$623,955.15 and payroll in the amount of \$577,807.34 for a total of \$1,201,760.49 for the month ending July 31, 2016.

Approved by: /s/ Dennis Shupak, Commissioner Chairman

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder