

**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
NOVEMBER 15, 2016**

Present: Commissioners Dennis Shupak, Chair; Gerald W. Dell, Member. Absent: Commissioner Maureen Davey.

Others Present: Jerry Friend, Treasurer; Carol Arkell, DES; Mark Crago, Commissioner Elect; Vivian Gerke, citizen; Jim and Phyllis Movius; Sheriff Clifford Brophy; Coralee Hicks, citizen; and Marlo Pronovost, Stillwater County News.

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

Special Issue: Stillwater River Road Rockslide - Commissioner Dell said sealed bids were opened on November 10, 2016, during the special meeting of the commission. After careful review of the bids, Commissioner Dell said the bid amounts were as follows:

| <u>Company</u> | <u>Base Bid</u> | <u>Optional</u> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Hi-Tech Rock Fall, Forest Grove, OR | \$346,999 Base Bid | \$ 45,000 |
| CMG Construction, Billings, MT | \$434,600 Base Bid | \$ 57,250 |

The Road Committee meeting will be held on November 16, 2016, at 9:00 to review the bids for this project.

Regular Business: none presented

- Consent Agenda:**
1. Absarokee RSID 5 & 7 - Amendment to Administrative Order on Consent WQ-13-03 to include compliance date changes agreed upon by DEQ.
 2. Finance - Amendment No. 7 to EBMS Health Insurance Stillwater County Cafeteria Plan and Increase Flex Health Care Limit.
 3. Appoint Post Election Audit Judges - Kay Faust, Larry Tipton, Sue Geraghty, and Kerri Ann Jones.

- File Items:**
1. Sheriff's Fees - Report for month ending October 31, 2016.
 2. Election Administrator - Notice of post election audit set for November 18, 2016.

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

- Public Comments:**
1. Mark Crago stated on behalf of several people that have spoken to him since the commission made the decision of moving county office's to the old hospital - he

feels now that he is officially an elected official, it is time that he voices the opinion of those that voted for him. He has concerns with the move, he said, one being the timing of the decision, and two he said the agenda is not posted on the county's website nor were the resolutions available for public review. He also stated there has been no reference to the public hearings held in 2015 and the public's desire for the use of that space. He said all references were back to 2011. He was concerned that the most recent public opinion for the use of the facility was not used. He said it does not address the long-term solution for adequate space for county offices, *it's putting a band-aid on an amputee type deal here, its bleeding to hard for just a band-aid.* He said spending our county money to fix that building right now, is not fiscally responsible. He is asking out of consideration of what is going to happen in January, to reconsider reopening the commissioner's position on the resolution and open it back up for further discussion here in the very near future.

2. Jim Movious agreed with Crago and pointed out contractors will resolve every unknown in their favor to load up the bid. He said no matter how proficient the architects and engineers are, there will be things that will be discovered in the process of construction that will generate extra work orders. He stated the building does not have much life left to it and the option the commission has chosen poses the most risk to the taxpayers money. He said there was no public testimony in favor of the old hospital. He suggested action the commission should take would be to reconsider the action or refer the issue to the public for a vote. He said the commission will give weight the opinion on the record and give no weight to people who spoke to you off record.
3. Vivian Gerke - said she agreed with both that spoke.

Commissioner Dell said all comments will be taken into consideration. No action will be taken at this meeting as it is not on the agenda.

Meeting Adjourned: Hearing no further business, Commissioner Shupak adjourned the meeting at 9:11 AM