

**STILLWATER COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER 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).

**EMERGENCY MEETING  
July 28, 2020**

**PRESENT** Commissioner Mark Crago, Chair, Commissioner Dennis Shupak and Tyrel Hamilton, Members.

**OPEN MEETING** Commissioner Crago called an emergency meeting at the request of the Fire Warden.

**FIRE RESTRICTIONS** Carol Arkell, Fire Warden, reported that during the Billings Area Group Meeting concerns were discussed about the temperatures, the grass and other conditions, caused recommendations to go to Stage 1 Fire Restrictions. Yellowstone and Musselshell counties are currently observing Stage 1 Fire Restrictions. It was recommended Bighorn and Stillwater counties also move into Stage 1 Fire Restrictions. Bighorn will be move into Stage 1 Fire Restrictions on Thursday AT 12:01 a.m. BLM and the Forest Service recommended Stillwater also move to Stage 1 Fire Restrictions at that time. There will be extensive media outreach regarding exploding targets which caused three fires in three different counties. BLM will be providing an educational program. Commissioner Hamilton pointed out that the Resolution does not include exploding targets. Carol explained that the Stage 1 Fire Restriction language remains the same. Carol also explained that there will be education regarding the exploding targets being put out.

Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve **Resolution 2020-26**, entering into Stage I Fire Restrictions, effective at 12:01 AM, Thursday, July 20, 2020, as recommended by the Fire Warden. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Crago pointed out that Thursday at 12:01 a.m. would be all day Thursday and Friday. Commissioner Crago confirmed that when this is passed the restrictions will be printed up and distributed. Motion passed unanimously. Resolution filed with the Clerk and Recorder, Document No. 379452.

**Public Comments:** None heard.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Commissioner Crago adjourned the emergency meeting at 4:14 p.m.

**APPROVED BY:** /s/ Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman

**ATTEST:** Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder