

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 FEBRUARY 28, 2017

- Present:** Commissioners Dennis Shupak, Chair; and Mark Crago Member; Lori Dobitz, Administrative Assistant.
- Others Present: Joe Morse, Finance Specialist; April Limburg, Planning; Jerry Friend, Treasurer; Nancy Rohde, County Attorney; Rita Westrum, Citizen; Rick and Tyrel Hamilton, Citizens; Steve Conzales, Williams Civil Construction; Mikaela Koski, Stillwater County News. Commissioner Davey was absent.
- Open Meeting:** Commissioner Shupak opened the meeting at 9:00 am with the pledge to the flag.
- Minutes:** none presented.
- Claims:** Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve the Claim No.'s 97089 through 97186 in the amount of \$103,221.31. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed.
- Consent Agenda:**
1. Finance - Stillwater County Insurance Renewal Application with endorsements.
 2. Columbus Airport-Woltermann Memorial - Engineer request for reimbursement for Phase I - Design.
- Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed.
- Regular Business:** Public input is encouraged all agenda items before a decision is made.
1. Legislation 2017
 - a. Senate Bill 98 - Establish property ownership fairness act - The Commission sent a letter to Senator David Howard requesting he vote no on SB 98 and he went against the Commissioners request and voted yes.
 - b. House Bill 473 - Revise highway revenue laws - Commissioner Crago said he would like to further discuss this bill once Commissioner Davey returns to the office.
 2. Road Department - This item was moved to the end of the agenda
 - a. West Rosebud Project - Bridge Replacement Project work schedule and permits.

3. Columbus Airport-Woltermann Memorial
- a. FAA Grant for Airfield Pavement and Electrical Rehab Construction. Commissioner Crago explained that Commissioner Shupak and members of the Airport Board went to Helena and petitioned the subcommittee on grant funding. They were able to secure a grant just shy of \$50,000 and a loan agreement of approximately \$150,000 to help off-set the county's cost of this project. The FFA will provide 90% of the cost of the project and the county and city are responsible for 10%. Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to move forward with the county's involvement with the re-pavement of the airport and electrical rehab project at the airport. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed.

4. Citizen Initiated Petition (CIZ)
- a. Proposed Stillwater County Beartooth Front District - Commissioner Crago explained this is a citizen driven petition for zoning in the southern part of the county. He said he met with a couple of representative of the group yesterday and at the end of the meeting they requested the commission delay any action on March 7, 2017, and consider a working session on March 9, 2017, with a small group of the petitioners, to answer any questions the commission may have. Crago said if we do that, then we would have to postpone the action agenda item until March 28, 2017, giving ample time for public notice in the newspaper.

Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to honor the request of the petitioning group and hold a working session at 1:30 on March 9, 2017, and postpone action date of a decision until March 28, 2017, during the agenda meeting. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed.

Recess Meeting: Commissioner Shupak recessed the meeting at 9:10 AM

Reconvened Meeting: Commissioner Shupak reconvened at 9:18 AM at which time the Commission addressed Agenda Item No. 2.

Road Department -

- a. West Rosebud Project - Bridge Replacement Project work schedule and permits

Mark Schreiner, Superintendent, said start up will begin March 1, 2017, rather than April 1, 2017. Discussions included BLM mineral rights and gravel permits, traffic delays, a temporary bridge, and Saturday work schedules. Steve Gonzales, Williams Civil Construction, stated the contract modification agreement would only apply to the bridge, not the road. The work on the road will not begin until April 1, 2017, he said and on March 1, 2017. Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to allow for the March 1, 2017 start date per Williams Civil Construction request and agree to the Saturday work schedule through May 20, 2017 (Saturday before Memorial Day), and leave ourselves open to discussion for Saturday work thereafter but at the same time rate, at this point limit Saturday work from now until May 20, 2017 to allow them some

extra time to help get this project done. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**.
Motion passed.

Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to allow Mark Schreiner, Road and Bridge Superintendent, to pursue the application process for the BLM gravel permit for the Mackay property as long as Williams Civil Construction could meet the requirements of Stillwater County when the permitting process is done, we move forward and allow them to use the pit permit underneath Stillwater County. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed.

5. Public Comments on County Business - Commissioner Crago thanked the county, and courthouse, for the kindness they have expressed to his family.

Meeting Adjourned: Hearing no further business, Commissioner Shupak adjourned the meeting at 9:30 AM

Claims and

Warrants:

Claims were examined and warrants ordered drawn in the amount of \$279,898.25 and payroll in the amount of \$385,125.69 for a total of \$665,023.94 for the month ending February 28, 2017.

APPROVED BY /s/ Mark Crago, Commissioner Co-Chairman

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder