

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 MARCH 7, 2017

Present: Commissioners Dennis Shupak, Chair; Maureen Davey; Mark Crago, Members; and Lori Dobitz, Administrative Assistant.

Others Present: Jerry Friend, Treasurer; Scott Waltner, Solid Waste Supervisor; Becky and Richard Sidwell; Carol Arkell, DES Coordinator; Nancy Rohde, County Attorney; Penny Redli, Museum of the Beartooths; and Mikaela Koski, Stillwater County News.

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

Minute Approval: Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the minutes of February 21, 2017. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Recognition: Employee recognition for public service:
Commissioner Davey said we are very fortunate to have good employees with the longevity and how they have grown in their departments. The Commissioners recognized the following employees with certificates, and thanked them for their public service :

- a. Scott Waltner, Solid Waste Supervisor - 30 years
- b. Judy Martin, Superintendent of Schools - 10 years

Consent Agenda:

1. Fire Warden- Acknowledgment of By-laws adopted by Stillwater County Fire Council
2. Museum of Beartooth - State of Montana Annual Agreement MT 17-015, MT Historical Society
3. Montana Dept. of Transportation - Yearly certification of roadway mileage - approval of gas tax maps.

File items:

1. Department Reports: Month ending February 2017 - Clerk & Recorder fees collected \$4,292; Justice Court fees collected \$10,397.

Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda and place the File Items to file. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular business: Public input is encouraged all agenda items before a decision is made.

1. Citizen Initiated Petition (CIZ)
 - a. Proposed Stillwater County Beartooth Front District - Amended date change and

notification to public that on March 28, 2017, the Commission will consider action related to the CIZ and determine whether the county will proceed with Part I or Part II zoning.

Commissioner Crago stated the commission was going to take action on the petition, however, the petitioning group asked that the commission delay action until they could meet with the commission and answer any questions in regards to their petition so we can be as educated as possible before a decision. A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2017 and delay our decision until March 28, 2017, at 9:00 AM during the Commissioner's Regular Agenda. Commissioner Davey stated a new notice will be posted for the new decision date.

2. Legislation 2017

a. House Bill 473 - Revise highway revenue laws - Commissioner Davey stated our highway revenue laws have not been increased in 30-years. With the discussions regarding infrastructure, a bill was presented. She said support for the bill has been from MACo, Leagues of Cities and Towns, and the Governor, as well as others. She said she would like to gather more information before this board considers a letter of support for this bill.

3. County Office Space

a. Columbus Schools correspondence to Commissioners - Commissioner Crago read a letter received from the Columbus Public Schools on February 28, 2017. The letter informed the Commission that the Columbus School District is no longer interested in pursuing a possible land swap for the old hospital. The school district explained that other feasible options have presented themselves.

Commissioner Davey stated that the commission received an email from the structural engineer that reviewed the old hospital again. She said she was awaiting that report before, she thought the county needed to officially respond to the school. She said things do not move fast in government.

4. County Boards

a. Vacancies on various boards - Commissioner Davey noted for the record, that we have vacancies on the County Planning Board; Beartooth Park and Recreation District; Columbus Volunteer Fire District; and the Stillwater County Library Board.

Public Comments: Jerry Friend gave an update on HB-18, a bill to revise tax lien and tax deed laws, which was signed into law by the Governor on March 2, 2017. He said this bill will streamline the process for all the counties.

Meeting Adjourned: Hearing no further business, Commissioner Shupak adjourned the meeting at 9:12 AM