

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 21, 2017

- Present:** Commissioners Dennis Shupak, Chair; Maureen Davey; and Mark Crago, Members.
- Others Present: Heidi Stadel, Clerk and Recorder; Jerry Friend, Treasurer; Carol Arkell, Fire Warden; Cliff Brophy, Sheriff; and Mikaela Koski, Stillwater County News.
- Open Meeting:** Commissioner Shupak opened the meeting at 9:00 am with the pledge to the flag.
- Claims:** Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve the claims checks no. 97187 - 97314 in the amount of \$ 171,001.021. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
- Consent Agenda:** Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to pull the one item listed on the consent agenda (LEPC Committee Appointment) and place it on the regular agenda for discussion. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed.
- File Items:** 1. Sheriff's Report - Fees collected for the month ending February 28, 2017, totaled \$550.
- Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to place the file items to file. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
- Special Issues:** Stillwater River Road Rockslide - Commissioner Crago said the county is awaiting final approval from the FEMA Grant, with hopes that it goes through. No other updates at this time.
- Carol Arkell said a meeting with State of Montana DES will take on Thursday, March 23, 2017.
- Sheriff:** 1. Intergrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) - Sheriff Brophy explained the Memorandum of Agreement between the county and FEMA stating IPAWS is a platform where the Sheriff's Office can access different emergency alert systems, ie. Cell phones (commercial broadcast system) or NOAA (weather service), Amber Alerts, the Emergency Alert System, and many more alert systems. The application will be submitted to FEMA and the State of Montana and be reviewed. This will allow the sheriff's department

to access a lot of other Emergency Notification Systems to get messages out, he explained. He recommends entering into this MOU so the county can apply to access the IPAWS Open System.

Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the MOU as presented and recommended by the Sheriff for the application and use of the IPAWS OPEN Platform. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

2. LEPC Committee Appointments - Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the appointment of Chip Kem and conditionally approve the appointment of Jennifer Siegfried (if she meets the qualifications in MCA regarding residence requirements). Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

1. Commissioner Davey stated she had a little clarification from the last agenda meeting on mail ballot elections. She stated this is something we had to have in place in case the Legislature votes to approve a mail out. Heidi Stadel, Election Administrator, confirmed that information, stating otherwise a poll election would have to be conducted. Stadel said 54 of the 56 counties passed a similar resolution. Commissioner Davey said counties had to pass a resolution in case the law changed. Commissioner Davey said it wasn't necessarily her or the commissioners who approved a mail out ballot election. We had to pass a resolution in case it happens, Davey said.

2. Sheriff Brophy encourages the commissioners, elected officials, and the general public to revisit the CodeRed website and the text 9-1-1 information, both of which are on the county website. IPAWS and the FEMA website has good training films not only for elected officials but the general public so they understand these different emergency alert systems, he said. When asked about registering phone numbers, Sheriff Brophy said one would have to re-register their numbers as that information was not transferred over, stating the CodeRed program has a better system for registering and alerting folks.

Meeting Adjourned: Hearing no further business, Commissioner Shupak adjourned the meeting at 9:15 AM