

**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)).

**REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

- Present:** Commissioners Dennis Shupak, Chair; Maureen Davey and Mark Crago, Members; and Lori Dobitz, Administrative Assistant.
- Others Present: Nancy Rohde, County Attorney; Coralee Hicks; and Tyrel Hamilton, Library Steering Committee.
- Open Meeting:** Commissioner Shupak opened the meeting at 9:00 am with the pledge to the flag.
- Public Comment:** Commissioner Davey stated she would not be re-filing for office. November 12, 2017, marked her 15th year anniversary and she said *whenever a person takes an oath of office swearing to uphold the Montana State Constitution and the US Constitution, it is a very serious commitment.* Davey spoke highly of Stillwater County people stating *they are the best in the state and very fortunate to have them support her.* She said the staff members of Stillwater County are great and professional and she couldn't have asked for a better fifteen years. She said the position of Commissioner takes a lot of reading and overtime and it is truly a full-time job. Commissioners Shupak and Crago; and Lori Dobitz, thanked Commissioner Davey for her service and dedication.
- Claims:** Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve Claims No. 98755- 98849 in the amount of \$170,339.19 and Manual Claims No. 98850-98851 in the amount of \$8,300. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED.** Motion passed unanimously.
- Minutes:** Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the minutes of September 12, 2017. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED.** Motion passed unanimously.
- Consent Agenda:** 1. DPHHS - Amendment No. 1 to Contract Number 17-07-04-31-144-0
Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED.** Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Business:

1. Rosebud Cemetery District

a. Assessment - Request to remove Absarokee RSID 5&7 Sewer Assessment and issue refund for tax years 2015-2017. Commissioner Davey said the Rosebud Cemetery (Tax ID 8200014) has been assessed RSID Sewer rates since 2015 according to Cathy McClurg, RSID 5&7 Manger, and is requesting a refund.

Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to grant the request to remove the RSID 5&7 assessment. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to amend the motion to include authorizing the County Treasurer to issue a refund to the Rosebud Cemetery District in the amount of \$536.80. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**.

Commissioner Shupak called for a vote on the amendment. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Shupak called for a vote on the main motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Board Appointments

a. LEPC - Planning Representative appointment - Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to appoint April Limburg, Planning Administrative Support, to the LEPC Board. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Library Steering Committee - request to extend terms

Commissioner Davey said the Commission received a letter from the Library Steering Committee Chairman Tyrel Hamilton requesting an extension of the term of the Library Steering Committee for an additional year. The current terms will expire in December 2017. Commissioner Davey stated two years ago the terms were extended for an additional two years and if this request is granted, the positions on this committee would total five years. Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the request and extend the terms an additional year expiring December 31, 2018. Commissioner Crago

SECONDED. Tyrel stated he feels the committee is getting close to the task they were given and they would be able to fulfill tasks and present the project in conceptual nature to the public. Commissioner Shupak called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Road Department

a. Stillwater Wind LLC - Tax Appeal Limitation Agreement - Commissioner Crago stated this is the final document that accompanied the other documents approved

on the last agenda. He said it is part of the abatement process whereas Stillwater Wind LLC has agreed to not protest taxes under certain limitations during the abatement period. Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve the Tax Appeal Limitation Agreement between the county and Stillwater Wind LLC. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Library Steering Committee

a. Additional funding request - Commissioner Davey attended the Library Steering Committee Meeting and they discussed needing additional funding in the amount of \$3,000 to help cover expenses related to travel of consultants and publication material. Commissioner Davey read the request letter to the board. Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve funding not to exceed \$3,000 for this next year as requested by the Library Steering Committee Chairman. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**.

Commissioner Davey said the county has made a real commitment towards this project. The county contributed \$10,000 and the Library has contributed about the same. She said we have had three full-time employees that have spent a lot of time on the project, and they have done a good job. She said in order to wrap up this project, the \$3,000 would be a good gesture towards all the work that has been done this. Tyrel said the additional funding would be beneficial and greatly appreciated.

Commissioner Shupak called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Shupak adjourn the meeting at 9:17 AM.