

**STILLWATER COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 24 , 2015**

**Notice:** These minutes reflect the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners. The official minutes were approved and will be filed with the Clerk and Recorder (MCA 7-4-2611(2)(b)) in their entirety, and the complete current month ending, along with resolutions and other supporting documents.

**Present:** Commissioners Dennis Shupak, Chair; Maureen Davey and Gerald W. Dell, Members; Lori Dobitz, Administrative Assistant; Tyrel Hamilton, Steering Committee; Lee Schmelzer, Extension Agent; Linda Halstead Acharya; and Robert Whitham, Stillwater County News.

**Public Comments:** Public Comment on matters within the Commissioners jurisdiction pursuant to §2-3-103, MCA, public comments will be accepted on any public matter that is not scheduled on the Agenda.  
No comments were heard.

**Minutes Approval:** Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve the minutes of March 10 and March 17, 2015, as presented. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Reports:**

1. Justice Court - Fees in the amount of \$8,797 were collected for the month ending February 28, 2015.
2. 2015 Legislative Session - Commissioner Davey gave an update on *HB 235 - Revise Disposition of Metalliferous Mines License Tax*. She said the bill hasn't been heard again and she has been watching it closely. She also reported that she participated in a 2-hour conference call with the MACo Executive Committee and they discussed several bills that relate to counties that involve a change in taxes and proposed regulations. She said the Extension Service with the Local Government Center does not look good as far as funding from the state general budget. Davey expressed her disappointment stating the Local Government Center has been an educational tool for counties, municipalities and towns for training. And, if you don't have training, sometimes you don't sit down and look at those laws and see what pertains to you, she said.

## **Courthouse Facilities**

**Space Project:** The Commission has no new updates for this week and stated no further written comments have been received. Commissioner Davey stated plans are available on the county website along with copies on the first floor of the courthouse if people are interested.

## **Stillwater County Library/Community**

### **Center Steering**

#### **Committee:**

Commissioner Dell read a letter from Tyrel Hamilton, Chair of the Steering Committee. The letter is requesting additional match funding for the Local Assistance Grant Program for a feasibility and design study. The estimate for a Request for Qualifications for the proposed new center is approximately \$40,000. An additional \$4,000 is needed to match the EDA Funding for their Local Technical Assistance Grant Program. The Steering Committee approached the Library Board and on March 18, 2015, Hamilton said they approved the additional \$2,000 match. Commissioner Dell asked for clarification on the \$40,000. He asked if it was a set amount. Marissa Hauge, EDC, explained the amount is a cost estimate provided by CTA Group. Commissioner Davey said the county (between the Library and the Oil and Gas Fund) has committed \$20,000 in this project along with three county employees time and the committees time. She said she realizes the original funding grant wasn't real firm and we were taking a chance of getting it and we did not get it. She thanked the committee members and staff for participating on this project.

Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the additional \$2,000 as requested from the Oil and Gas Funds to help meet the EDA's required match for the grant program. Commissioner Dell **SECONDED**.

**Discussion:** Marissa Hauge stated she looked at a possible soft match with the county employees time, and unfortunately with this grant, it has to be a hard match.

On November 25, 2014, the Commissioners approved funding in the amount between \$6,000-\$8,000. This will bring the total commitment of \$10,000 from the Oil and Gas Fund.

**Vote:** Commissioner Shupak called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

## **MDT - Gas Tax**

### **Maps:**

Commissioner Dell stated this is a yearly process to certify roadway miles in Stillwater County for the Fuel Tax Allocation. Carol Arkell, GIS Coordinator, stated in a letter that she and Mark Schreiner, Road Superintendent, reviewed the map and they do not have any changes this year with a total of \$1,004.56 miles in the county. Commissioner Dell **MOVED**

to approve the yearly certification of roadway mileage for the 2015 Fuel Tax Allocation. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

**2015 Weed  
Management:**

Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to award Bids for weed management in Area's 3 and 4 and enter into contracts for the following Weed Management Area's as recommended by the Weed Management Board:

Area 3 - Mike Larson, Range Rider Land Management, \$85 per hour not to exceed 150 hours

Area 4 - Bob Montgomery, Bob's Noxious Weeds, \$75 per hour not to exceed 150 hours.

Commissioner Dell **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously

**Meeting Adjourned 9:22 AM**