

**STILLWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 21, 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; Mark Schreiner, Road Superintendent; Doug Robinette, Nye Fire; Dave Russell, Nye Fire; Rich Cowger, Columbus Fire; Nancy Rohde, County Attorney; Carol Arkell, Fire Warden; Shirlee Keffer, Stillwater Republican Women; Coralee Hicks, 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.
Shirlee Keffer - stated the Stillwater Republican Women and the Montana Federation of Republican Women will be hosting the Human Trafficking Information Program on May 7, 2015, at 11:00 AM at Apple Village, Tim Fox, Attorney General, will be presenting the program.
- Minutes Approval:** Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve the minutes of April 14, 2015, as presented. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.
- Reports:** 2015 Legislative Session - Commissioner Shupak stated the session should be coming to an end on May 1, 2015. Commissioner Davey said the appropriations (budget) bill, is still being worked on for the state. She said in the budget, the Governor had pre-school being taken over by the schools, but said it hasn't been passed by the House or Senate. She said it has been a good session and thanked the legislators for taking the time out of their life to serve the State of Montana and the people. Davey said SB20 - *Reallocate Metal Mines License Tax*, Senator Chas Vincent added another 10% for counties in the metal mine taxes. It was 57% that went to the state and now 47% and the rest will go to the counties, which is then divided among school districts that are affected by the Metal Mines Legislation in the county, Davey

said. That is a little bigger piece of the pie for Stillwater County, she said.

Shirlee Keffer- stated the Republican Women at the local and State Federation level, stormed the Hill on Friday, March 13, 2015. She said they had two members attend and it was a learning process. She said through their Facebook page, House District #57 Representative Forrest Mandeville kept them informed on important bills, and some that he introduced. She was very pleased with the communication of our representative, to keep us in the loop, as it is important that they are part of the process.

Proclamation:

Mental Health Month - Commissioner Dell read the proposed proclamation titled *Mental Health Month 2015*, with the theme "B4Stage4" for the month of May.

Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to adopt **Proclamation #2015- 01** proclaiming Mental Health Month for Stillwater County for the month of May 2015. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**.

Discussion: Commissioner Dell said since he has been in office, for a little over 4-years, and serves on the Regional Mental Health Board with eleven counties in the region. He said Mental Health has been addressed throughly in the Legislative Session. He said one of the problems the center in Billings encounters is funding from the State to cover the services provided. Commissioner Davey said Stillwater County has a mental health center in Columbus. She said it is kind of a silent place because unless you need it, you don't know it is there, but it is a very valuable office to this county and to the citizens of Stillwater County.

Shirlee Keffer said she would like to sound the Commissioners concerns as far as Mental Health. It is a issue in the legislative session in Helena, she said. Our Governor is wanting more money to go to state facilities, whereas, the Republican Party, for the most part, are wanting the funds to come to communities.

Commissioner Dell said one of the things the Mental Health Association asked for was a 4 percent increase to cover our cost. What is going into the appropriations bill is 2 percent. According to an article in the Billings Gazette, the biggest share of the beds at warm springs is filled with people from the west side of the state. The east side uses it very seldom, Dell said. They are talking about increasing the number of beds in Lewistown, which again, the money should go to the communities, not state facilities.

Vote - Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Dell stated the Regional Mental Health Board meets the fourth Friday of each month with eleven counties in attendance, and with Crow Tribe representation at times.

Courthouse Facilities

Space Project:

Commissioner Dell reminded those present of the Public Hearing scheduled

for Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 6:30 pm, at the County Pavilion. Commissioner Davey stated *notice has been published in the Stillwater County News; posted on the county website; and posted in the courthouse bulletin boards.*

Stillwater County Burn

Permit System: Commissioner Davey read the proposed resolution of intent to establish a fire season, a burn permit system and fees for Stillwater County; and set a public hearing date.

Carol Arkell, Fire Warden, presented the Commission with a Transaction Fund Work Order for Montana Interactive, LLC (MI), Transaction Funded Electronic Government Services Second Term Contract. She said it was a standard contract that outlines fees, development schedule, implementation, testing, etc. Commissioner Davey asked Carol Arkell to explain how long it would take to implement the system, if the Commissioners choose to do so. Arkell said approximately 6-8 weeks. The contract states it will take about 2 weeks for the GIS department to get all the data for the four separate districts (Absarokee, Park City, Columbus and the North portion of the county), so they can turn off and on if they are in different fire stages, Arkell said. She said then a very intense notification for the community, public information on how to obtain a permit, how it works, etc. Arkell said she has five people set up to test the program which is a two-week testing period. A fire council meeting will also take place on May 19, 2015, to demo the program for the fire departments.

Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to adopt **Resolution 2015-11** a Resolution of Intent to establish a fire season, a burn permit system, and fees for Stillwater County; and set a public hearing date for **May 12, 2015 at 11:00 am**. Commissioner Dell **SECONDED**. Commissioner Davey made it clear that this is a resolution of intent to look into a burn permit system. She said all the details have not been voted on. She is open to listening to the rest of the county, our districts and our fire chiefs. Commissioner Dell said the Public Hearing scheduled will hear all the proponents and opponents to the proposed burn system.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Board

Appointments:

1. Beartooth Park and Recreation District - Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to appoint David Culbertson to fill a vacancy for a 2-yr term. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to reappoint/appoint the following persons to the following boards:

Solid Waste Board - Richard Naumen and Bill Linger - reappointments - 3yr terms

County Compensation Board - no applicants received

Board of Health - Kevin Homewood - reappointment - 3yr term

Park City Fire District - Justin Streck - appointment - 3 yr term

Columbus Fire District - Charles Kronz, Jr. - appointment - 3 yr term

Columbus Fire District - no applicants for the 1yr term was received

County Tax Appeal Board - Richard Henry - reappointment - 3yr term

Commissioner Dell **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Columbus Airport Woltermann

Memorial:

Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the Request for Reimbursement No. 6 for Master Plan/ALP update in the amount of \$20,624.22, as recommended by the Airport Board. Commissioner Dell **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

DNRC:

Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve Amendment No. 1 for Grant Agreement - RPG-14-0426 - extending the term of the agreement until Dec. 31, 2015, for the Absarokee RSID Sewer District. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

New Road Department

Shop:

Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the Contract Documents for the construction of the new Road & Bridge Shop (Outback Construction) and Notice to Proceed, as recommended by Great West Engineering, with the condition of accuracy. Commissioner Dell **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 AM