

**STILLWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 28, 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; 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 - thanked the commission for posting information on the county website regarding the proposed open burning permit. She voiced it was a good idea and hoped other citizens would see it that way for the safety and welfare of all in Stillwater County. She reported that Stillwater County Library Book sale was a good event and she found great gems.

Ms. Keffer also stated that she when she makes public comments, it is on behalf of the Stillwater Republican Women of which she is a member. She said her public comments are never in the newspaper so therefore she knows they are in the official minutes of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Dell - read into the record a letter dated April 23, 2015, received from Stillwater Mining Company (SMC) thanking Commissioner Davey for participating and continued support in their public awareness campaign highlighting SMC's good jobs, stability, and continued commitment to local counties and communities.

Minutes Approval: Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to conditionally approve the minutes of April 21, 2015, that were reviewed by two commissioners on the condition that Commissioner Davey reviews them. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

1. 2015 Legislative Session - Commissioner Dell and Davey stated the session is nearing completion. Commissioner Davey said the infrastructure bill (HB416) some political parties think we should bond, others think we shouldn't bond if we have 300 million in surplus. She said she thinks that was the deciding factor of that bill not passing and it is a shame that there is no infrastructure which helps counties and municipalities and other groups.
2. Justice Court - Fees in the amount of \$13,169.28 were collected for the month ending March 31, 2015.

Courthouse Facilities**Space Project:**

Commissioner Shupak stated the Public Hearing will be held on May 5, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at the Stillwater County Pavilion. Commissioner Davey said she received a call April 27, 2015, from Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA) who said they have been following the courthouse space facilities space project in the paper. Commissioner Davey said Chere Justo, Executive Director, offered assistance to the county as far as guidance for grants or money available, and said she would write a letter to the Commission.

DPHHS:

Commissioner Dell **MOVED** to approve the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) - Designating County Earmarked Alcohol Tax Money, and allocate 100% towards Prevention and Outpatient services. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**.

Discussion: Commissioner Dell said we have been involved with the particular program since he has been commissioner. He said for the past two years, this is how we have designated this money. He said this money goes to the South Central Mental Health Center and they distribute the funds to our local Mental Health Center (MHC). Coralee Hicks asked if the local MHC provides prevention information and alcohol treatment. Commissioner Dell said they do. She asked if what we give - the money designated for our county- comes back to our county. Commissioner Dell and Davey said it comes back here to the local center.

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

**MT Department
of Agriculture:**Noxious Weed Trust Fund

1. Two Rivers Cooperative Weed Management Project #MDA 2015-061
2. Fishtail Cooperative Weed Management Area #MDA 2015-060

Commissioner Dell explained that both of these weed management projects have been ongoing for the past two years. Under the Two River Cooperative

Weed Management Project, we received a grant in the amount of \$15,000, which through a cost share matching funds, it will total \$22,200. The matching funds come from the respective ranchers and families in the area on this program. Under the Fishtail Cooperative Weed Management Area, we received \$8,000 with matching funds brings the total to \$9,715. And again, the matching funds come from the respective ranchers and families in the area on this program.

Motion: Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve both weed management agreements under the Noxious Weed Trust Fund. Commissioner Dell **SECONDED**.

Discussion: Commissioner Davey said these are good projects because they are cost share between the State Trust Fund and landowners. She said this shows that landowners are being responsible and take it seriously about their weed control.

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

Meeting Adjourned 9:17 AM

Claims and Warrants:

Claims were examined and warrants ordered drawn in the amount of \$257,407.09 and payroll in the amount of \$339,666.32 for a total of \$597,073.41 for the month ending April 30, 2015.

APPROVED BY:

Dennis Shupak, Commissioner Chairman

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ATTEST:

Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder