PRESENT
Commissioners Tyrel Hamilton, Chair, Steve Riveland, member.

Others Present: Jerry Friend, Treasurer; David Starney, DES; Chad Coles, Facilities; Stephanie Ray, Economic Development. Citizens – Cody Brumfield, Terry Brumfield, Ron Van Hoosear, Norma Ullery, Lev Ott, Audrey, Ott, Jon Ott, Jeff Ruffatto, Brandon Garoutte, Maureen Davey, Lisa Whitford, Jim Trees, Jim Bullinger, Travis Goddard, Brian Burdum.

PLEDGE
Commissioner Hamilton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES
April 5, 2022. Commissioner Riveland MOVED to approve the minutes from April 5, 2022. Commissioner Hamilton SECONDED. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS
109416 through 109506 in the amount of $119,240.09. Commissioner Riveland MOVED to approve the claims as presented. Commissioner Hamilton SECONDED. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Commissioner Hamilton announced that Scott Waltner is retiring and his last day is May 4, 2022. Scott has been with the County 35 years. Scott was recognized for his 35 years in February but the Commission would like to thank Scott for all his years with Solid Waste. The National Day of Prayer will be May 5, 2022 at noon in front of the courthouse.

FILE ITEMS
Treasurer
A) Personal and real property tax write-off.

Commission
A) DIG contract for cybersecurity audit.
B) Commissioner Crago resignation letter.

Commissioner Riveland MOVED to file the file items. Commissioner Hamilton SECONDED. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton read the attached resignation letter from Commissioner Crago. Ron Van Hoosear asked about the DIG contract. Commissioner Hamilton explained that there was a cyber security attack on the cloud-based Office 365 services. This was a contract with DIG, an internet investigation service, to make sure the threat was neutralized. The contract was for $200.00 per hour not to exceed $5000.00. The investigation has been conducted and closed. Commissioner Hamilton also noted that this attack did not affect the Black Mountain Software and was contained to the Office 365 cloud. Commissioner Riveland added that due to the nature of the attack, the Commission felt it needed forensic attention. There are only three individuals in the state who could conduct this audit. Two work for the DOJ and the other works for DIG who was contracted for through DIS. Jerry Friend explained that the personal property and real property tax write off are determined to be uncollectible and are over five years old. The county has the option to write them off to keep the books in balanced. This has been done for several years. Ron Van Hoosear asked in regard to the cyber security audit, now that this is done, is there a time period the Commission has in mind for corrective actions to take place because of this. Commissioner Hamilton replied that the Commission has a final report which will be added

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to next week’s agenda which addresses suggestions for the county to fortify their internet security and did enlighten the county regarding the difficulty finding cyber security insurance. The county currently has cyber security insurance with MACO. MACO will no longer be offering cyber security insurance so the county will be looking for cyber security insurance independently. The county is looking into implementing measures that will help the insurance rate quotes for the upcoming fiscal year. Jerry Friend commented that the Black Mountain software has been having issues and it has been straightened out. Black Mountain cannot determine the cause of the shifting balances because it cannot recreate the event. There have been no incidents for about a week so he is hopeful the issue has been solved. The treasurer’s software is backed up offsite on the cloud nightly. If there is an attack, the information is backed up and safe. Commissioner Hamilton further explained that this attack was phishing and there was no ransomware attached to it. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Commission**

A) DES & Fire Warden letter of appointment. Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve the DES & Fire Warden letter of appointment. Commissioner Riveland explained that this officially appoints the new DES Coordinator and Emergency Services person, Mr. David Stamey. This officially appoints him to those positions. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED.** Discussion – David Stamey stated that he is originally from the Carolinas. He has worked for emergency services for approximately 30 years. He started with EMS work. He has worked cities and states in conjunction with emergency management offices. He has done a lot of emergency management type work. He ended up in Montana working in Helena as the EMS manager in St. V’s hospital. His wife took a job at St. V’s and Dave stated that he was lucky enough to interview successfully for this position to work for Stillwater County. Commissioner Hamilton welcomed Dave to Stillwater County. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Hamilton summarized the next four agenda items as they are all related clerical items. The travelling agenda meeting in June is on election day. The Commission felt it was beneficial to change the date as people will be busy with elections and the location for the meeting is also the Fishtail Polling Place. The June 7th is canceled. Item C is moving the Fishtail traveling meeting to June 14th 6:30 p.m. July 5th is immediately after a holiday and people are either traveling home or taking additional vacation days. The Commission would like the residents of Columbus to have the best opportunity to attend the meeting. The meeting on July 5th will be canceled. The traveling agenda meeting for Columbus will be July 12th at 6:30 p.m. Typically, the traveling meeting is held at the pavilion however, that will be fair week. The Columbus City Hall will be the new location for the traveling agenda meeting. There will be no meetings June 7th or July 5th.

B) Resolution 2022-10 change the time and location of the June 7 agenda meeting. Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve Resolution 2022-10 to change the time and location of the June 7 agenda meeting. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED.** No discussion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

C) Resolution 2022-11 change the time and location of the June 14 agenda meeting. Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve Resolution 2022-11 to change the time and location of the June 14 agenda meeting. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED.** No discussion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

D) Resolution 2022-12 canceling the July 5 agenda meeting. Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve Resolution 2022-12 canceling the July 5 agenda meeting. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED.** No discussion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

E) Resolution 2022-13 change the time and location of the July 12 agenda meeting. Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve Resolution 2022-13 change the time and location of the July 12 agenda meeting. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED.** No discussion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Economic Development**
A) Reed Point Community Grant recommendation for Sawyer Ott Memorial Park. Commissioner Riveland MOVED to approve the Economic Development Reed Point Community Grant recommendation for Sawyer Ott Memorial Park. Commissioner Hamilton SECONDED. Discussion – Maureen Davey asked where do the funds for this grant come from. Commissioner Hamilton replied that the funds come from Metal Mines funds. Maureen also asked if this is the same program that has been done for other communities. Commissioner Hamilton replied that this is part of the original program. Reed Point had not requested funds yet. This is the Reed Point portion of the grant. The funds for this are $5,000.00. Maureen stated that this is a good project for the community. Audrey Ott explained that the $5,000.00 will be used for the Betty Whitford Memorial busy boat that will be put in. The concrete slab has already been laid. Due to COVID and contractors unable to donate, the playground is being built by volunteers on July 11th and 12th. It is hard to find contractors who can donate. The $5,000.00 will be used towards concrete work that is needed for the playground. It will also be used for bathrooms. The community is planning another block party and casino night at the firehall to help with the funding. Hopefully the bathrooms will be ready for next summer. This will help keep building more memories. Commissioner Riveland commented that he thinks this is an outstanding project and would like to thank Audrey for spearheading this, job well done. Motion passed unanimously.

B) Absarokee Water & Sewer District request for ARPA minimum allocation grant funds for Hawkins Park project. Commissioner Riveland MOVED to approve Absarokee Water & Sewer District request for ARPA minimum allocation grant funds for Hawkins Park project Commissioner Hamilton SECONDED. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton explained that the Absarokee Water & Sewer District have a well in Hawkins Park. The well was taken off line because there was a minor infraction found during testing. The well is still viable but they need a filtration system to be able to use the well. The well needs to be up and running for water use. The district is going to apply for an MCEP grant. Great West engineering is their contracted engineer. This is part of the ARPA minimum allocation grant funds that the county received which they can allocate to water & sewer projects. They are asking for the funds upon the successful award of the MCEP grant. This would be a component of their grant match. They are required as a district to match the funds one to one and have a letter stating that they will support this and meet the match. In total, the project cost is $1,400,000.00. The county has agreed to match $167,000.00. The district will match that amount. Commissioner Riveland added that it is a three-part funding process between ARPA, the district and bond and MCEP grant. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning
A) RFQ for planning services. Commissioner Riveland MOVED to approve the RFQ for planning services. Commissioner Hamilton SECONDED. Discussion – Stephanie Ray explained that the county currently contracts on-call planning services through Cushing Terrell. Cushing Terrell subcontracts through Forrest Mandeville. Forrest Mandeville is the county on-call planner that works with her team. The contract expires June 30. To keep the process competitive and transparent, the county goes out for a request for qualifications after the contracts expire allowing other firms to submit qualifications and review them and conduct a selection process for those services. This would be an extension of those services. Commissioner Hamilton added that this will be a qualification at this time and if there are multiple applicants, the would be interviewed and rate them based on qualifications and then go into a contract for services. This is just the posting portion to request the qualifications. Motion passed unanimously.

B) City-County Planning Board interlocal agreement. Commissioner Riveland MOVED to approve the City-County Planning Board interlocal agreement. Commissioner Hamilton SECONDED. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton explained that this is part of the City-County Planning Board interlocal agreement. The county provides some planning services and this recognizes the fact that the county needs to be reimbursed and sets the percentage of reimbursement. If it is a City-County project it is a fifty-fifty split. If it a hundred percent for the city, they reimburse the county for a hundred percent of the fees. They City Council
approved this agreement on April 4, 2022. Once the county approves this, the City-County Planning Board continues as is. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COUNTY BUSINESS – Jerry Friend asked the Commission to explain the process to fill Commissioner Crago’s position. Commissioner Hamilton responded that he had spoken with MACO this week and there is no set length of time to be required to appoint a replacement. The Commission could wait to appoint someone on January 1, 2023 and continue as a two-person board. However, as it is an election year, after the Primary, the Commission can appoint the winner of the Primary to fulfill the remainder of Commissioner Crago’s term. After the General election, they would be the Commissioner candidate elect and could start after January 1, 2023 on their own six-year term. The Commission is working through the process and would like to meet with the candidates and make sure everyone understands the process. They could appoint the successful candidate the Tuesday agenda meeting after the election to fulfill the remainder of Commissioner Crago’s term. Maureen Davey asked if the Commission has determined to work with the Central Committee on this. Commissioner Hamilton responded that there is a primary and there could be a decided winner and there is not a contested race regarding other parties. Commissioner Hamilton spoke to Fiona Nave and he is going to meet with them and Fiona agreed with the process. After June 7, the voter will have selected a representative for their area and will have conversations regarding this at that time. Commissioner Riveland introduced Chad Coles, the county’s new facilities leader. Commissioner Hamilton added that the facilities department will now be performing maintenance at the county’s outlying facilities.

With no further comments heard the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Tyrel Hamilton, Commissioner Chairman

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder