

**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).

**TRAVELING MEETING – REED POINT FIRE HALL  
May 2, 2023, 6:30 pm**

**PRESENT** Commission Chair Tyrel Hamilton, Commissioners, Steve Riveland and Jeff Ruffatto. Administrator for the Commissioners Kisha Cornell.

Others Present: Sign in sheet to become a part herein.

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

**MINUTES** March 14, 2023 and March 21, 2023

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the minutes from March 14, 2023 and March 21, 2023. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed.

**CLAIMS** **No. 112067 through 112149 totaling \$1,178,509.96**

Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve the claims No. 112067 through 112149 totaling \$1,178,509.96. Commissioner Ruffatto **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed.

**RECOGNITION** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Road and Bridge**

Stop Work Order No. 1 – Nye Road Washout Rehabilitation to complete Stillwater Mining Company’s tailing line repairs.

**Sheriff**

Cancellation of Lease with City of Columbus for impound lot.

**FILE ITEMS** None

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No further discussion. Motion passed

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Weed District**

A) Montana Department of Transportation Spray Contract for period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Payment to Stillwater County for \$20,000.00 for weed spraying services.

Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve Montana Department of Transportation Spray Contract for period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Payment to Stillwater County for \$20,000.00 for weed spraying services. Commissioner Ruffatto **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed.

### Absarokee Waste Water Treatment Facility

- A) Request for Maintenance Fee Removal in the amount of \$396.11 for the property at 215 Grove Street, Absarokee. Owner Dan and Arlene Bummer.

Commissioner Ruffatto gave a brief description of the owner situation, wherein the owners only need one maintenance sewer fee due to the current building situation. Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the request for Maintenance Fee Removal in the amount of \$396.11 for the property at 215 Grove Street, Absarokee. Owner Dan and Arlene Bummer. Jerry Friend interjected that there is a unique situation in Absarokee is a district which is not the same as Reed Point and this is important to note. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No further discussion. Motion passed.

- B) Issue Order no. 23-02 for the Department of Revenue to remove the maintenance fee in the amount of \$396.11 from the property at 215 Grove Street, Absarokee, and order the Stillwater County Treasurer to rebill the 2022 property tax bill to reflect the removal of the one maintenance fee.

Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve the Issue Order no. 23-02 for the Department of Revenue to remove the maintenance fee in the amount of \$396.11 from the property at 215 Grove Street, Absarokee, and order the Stillwater County Treasurer to rebill the 2022 property tax bill to reflect the removal of the one maintenance fee. Commissioner Ruffatto **SECONDED**. Jerry Friend was asked to add addition information. He noted that it is necessary, and he said that it is involving the Department of Revenue and that this is their notification. No further discussion. Motion passed.

- C) Approval of Payment Application No. 17 to KLE Construction in the amount of \$220,085.50.

Commissioner Ruffatto, explained that this is a continued project and payment. Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the Payment Application No. 17 to KLE Construction in the amount of \$220,085.50. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No further discussion. Motion passed.

- D) Approval of USDA Rural Development Reimbursement Request No. 28 in the amount of \$228,195.50.

Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve the USDA Rural Development Reimbursement Request No. 28 in the amount of \$228,195.50. Commissioner Ruffatto **SECONDED**. Commissioner Hamilton explained that this is a grant draw down for the payment on the Absarokee Sewer Project. No further discussion. Motion passed.

### Treasurer

- A) Request for Cancellation of Uncollected Personal and Real Property Taxes for the tax year 2018, in the amount of \$555.40 (Personal Property) and \$7.29 (Real Property) for a total of \$562.69 as submitted on May 1, 2023 by the Stillwater County Treasurer.

Commissioner Hamilton requested explanation from Treasurer Friend, and he explained that they were not recoverable and needed to be removed. Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the Request for Cancellation of Uncollected Personal

and Real Property Taxes for the tax year 2018, in the amount of \$555.40 (Personal Property) and \$7.29 (Real Property) for a total of \$562.69 as submitted on May 1, 2023 by the Stillwater County Treasurer. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No further discussion. Motion passed.

B) Issue Order No. 23-03 for the Stillwater County Treasurer to cancel uncollected Personal and Real Property taxes, totaling \$562.69, and notify Montana Department of Revenue.

Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve Issue Order No. 23-03 for the Stillwater County Treasurer to cancel uncollected Personal and Real Property taxes, totaling \$562.69, and notify Montana Department of Revenue. Commissioner Ruffatto **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed.

### **Commission**

A) Resolution No. 2023-10 – A Resolution to cancel the Commissioner’s regular agenda meeting of July 4, 2023.

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 2023-10 – A Resolution to cancel the Commissioner’s regular agenda meeting of July 4, 2023. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Commissioner Hamilton noted that the traveling agenda for Columbus will be handled on July 11<sup>th</sup> the following week. No further discussion. Motion passed.

B) Resolution No. 2023-11 – A Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 2023-02 Setting the Commissioners Meeting Days, Office hours and establish location for posting public Notice. Changing the location of the Regular Agenda meetings to the West Annex.

Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 2023-11 – A Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 2023-02 Setting the Commissioners Meeting Days, Office hours and establish location for posting public Notice. Changing the location of the Regular Agenda meetings to the West Annex. Commissioner Ruffatto **SECONDED**. Commissioner Hamilton explained the ability for the utilization of the new conference room to better accommodate the staff and commissioners and would begin the following week. No further discussion. Motion passed.

C) Resolution No.2023-12 – A Resolution cancelling uncalled Warrants and Treasurers Checks drawn on Yellowstone Bank with a Date of issuance between November 2020 through May 31-2022 from the County Clerk’s and Treasurers offices pursuant to Section 7-6-2607 MCA

Commissioner Hamilton requested an explanation from the Treasurer and he explained that these are stale checks and need to be removed. Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve Resolution No.2023-12 – A Resolution cancelling uncalled Warrants and Treasurers Checks drawn on Yellowstone Bank with a Date of issuance between November 2020 through May 31-2022 from the County Clerk’s and Treasurers offices pursuant to Section 7-6-2607 MCA. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No further discussion. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**With no further comments heard the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.**

APPROVED BY: /s/ Tyrel Hamilton, Commissioner Chairman

Prepared by: Kisha Cornell, Administrator

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder