

**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).

**REGULAR MEETING
May 23, 2023, 9:00 am**

- PRESENT** Commission Chair Tyrel Hamilton, Commissioner Jeff Ruffatto. Administrator for the Commissioners Kisha Cornell. Commissioner Steve Riveland not present.
- Others Present: Chip Kem, Stillwater County Sheriff; Chad Coles, Stillwater County Facilities; Jerry Friend, Treasurer; Ben McVittie, Road and Bridge; Marlo Pronovost, and Bristol Ketola of the Stillwater County News.
- PLEDGE** Commissioner Hamilton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- MINUTES** April 18, 2023
- Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the minutes from April 18, 2023. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed.
- CLAIMS** **No. 112150 through 112292 totaling \$2,924,704.26**
- Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the claims **No. 112150 through 112292 totaling \$2,924,704.26**. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed.
- RECOGNITION** None
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** June 6th Traveling meeting at Hanna Hall in Fishtail 6:30 p.m., also a note that the Nye Road is still closed and not accessible to the public.
- CONSENT AGENDA**
- City of Columbus**
- A) Water Services for Civic Center (change from 3-inch connection to a 2-inch connection)
- Road and Bridge**
- A) Agreement between Montana Department of Transportation and Stillwater County for Salvaged Milled Materials.
- Flood Plain Administration**
- A) Request letter from Stillwater County for new floodplain maps from Department of Natural Resources Center.
- FILE ITEMS** None
- Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Marlo asked about the Road and Bridge milling materials, and Ben McVitte said that these are the ones from the Interstate project that will take place next year. No other discussion. Motion passed
- REGULAR BUSINESS**
- Road and Bridge**
- A) Encroachment Permit Applications
- a. District 1

Application No. 202310-Centennial Rd

Application No. 202311-Brumfield Rd

b. District 2

Application No. 202313-Absarokee Community Foundation Event.

Application No. 202315- Shane Creek Rd.

c. District 3

Application No. 202312-Reed Pt.

Application No. 202314-Rapelje

District 1 - Ben recommended approval, he noted that the Centennial Road application was for a gas line placement to be bored under the road and the Brumfield Road application was for an approach.

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to conditionally approve the encroachment Permit Applications No. 22310 and 202311. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. No other discussion. Motion passed.

District 2 – Encroachment Permit Applications were explained by Commissioner Ruffatto, and made a **MOTION** to approve the encroachment Permit Applications No. 202313 and 202315. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. No other discussion. Motion passed.

District 3 – Encroachment Permit Applications were explained by Commissioner Hamilton, he noted that they are fiber projects and that they are on going projects and would recommend conditionally approve them based on the information provided. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to conditionally approve encroachment Permit Applications No. 202312 and 202314. Commissioner Ruffatto **SECONDED**. Marlo Pronovost asked for some explanation as to why these are now being placed on the agenda for approval as she has not seen them before. Commissioner Hamilton explained that the permit backlog needed to be approved by the Board of the County Commissioners, and that it is more easily tracked by the public. The fee schedule and the company names were provided as well. No further discussion. Motion passed.

B) Purchase of 3,200-gallon slide in water tank, \$24,500.00 for FY 23 and \$24,500.00 for FY 24.

Ben McVitte gave an explanation of the need for the tanks and the versatility of the slide in tanks versus an actual truck.

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the Purchase of 3,200-gallon slide in water tank, \$24,500.00 for FY 23 and \$24,500.00 for FY 24 . Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. No other discussion. Motion passed.

C) Nye Road Washout Rehabilitation – Payment Request No. 3 in the amount of \$287,094.27, to Four Beers, Inc.

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the Nye Road Washout Rehabilitation – Payment Request No. 3 in the amount of \$287,094.27, to Four Beers, Inc. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. No other discussion. Motion passed.

D) Nye Road Washout Rehabilitation – Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$568,742.50 from Four Beers Inc. to repair washout south of main washout.

Commissioner Hamilton explained that the change order will work on the second washout area and is ready for work to be done.

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the Nye Road Washout Rehabilitation – Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$568,742.50 from Four Beers Inc. to repair

washout south of main washout. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. No further discussion. Motion passed.

- E) Fireman Point Bridge Scour Repairs – Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$3,628.50 from Holden Excavating for additional materials needed.

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the Fireman Point Bridge Scour Repairs Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$3,628.50 from Holden Excavating for additional materials needed. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Motion passed.

Library

- A) Appointment of Casey Olsen to the Library Board for a 5-year term

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the Appointment of Casey Olsen to the Library Board for a 5-year term. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed.

Solid Waste

- A) Re-appointment of Kenneth Monson to the Solid Waste Board for a 3-year term.

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the Re-appointment of Kenneth Monson to the Solid Waste Board for a 3-year term. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Friend noted that the tax bills are were received by his office in excess of 10 million dollars. Also, that all the fiber projects will also be on the tax rolls.

With no further comments heard the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Tyrel Hamilton, Commissioner Chairman

Prepared by: Kisha Cornell, Administrator

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder