

**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  
June 27, 2023, 9:00 am**

**PRESENT** Commissioner Steve Riveland and Commissioner Jeff Ruffatto. Kisha Cornell, Commissioner Administrator

Others Present: Ben McVitte; Stillwater County Road and Bridge, Jerry Friend; Treasurer, Stephanie Ray, Planning; Marlo Pronovost and Bristol Ketola with the Stillwater County News.

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

**MINUTES** May 30, 2023

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the minutes from May 30, 2023. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed.

**CLAIMS** No. 112399 through 112522 totaling \$1,406,443.25

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve claims no. 112399 through 112522 totaling \$1,406,443.25. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed

**RECOGNITION** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Traveling Meeting for July 4<sup>th</sup> is cancelled and rescheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be at the West Annex at 6:30 pm.

Division of Property Assessment – Town Hall meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup>, Civic Center 16 Sheep Dip Rd. Two sessions one from 1-3 pm and one from 6-9 pm.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Road and Bridge**

- A) Encroachment Permit Applications
  - a. District 2  
Application No. 202318-Approach-McDonald
  - b. District 3  
Application No. 202317-Caithness Beaver Creek, LLC

**FILE ITEMS** None

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

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Road and Bridge**

- A) Resume Work Order No. 1, Nye Road Washout

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the Resume Work Order No. 1 for the Nye Road Washout. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Commissioner Riveland noted that

this is the allowing the Mine to get their work done for the tailing lines, and now the work can resume. No further discussion. Motion passed.

- B) Request for purchase of a new Case 2023 TV450B T4 Skid Steer from Torgerson's for \$76,220.00

Ben McVitte explained that this skid steer would allow the use of all of the attachments and they would be trading in the old machine.

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the purchase for a new Case 2023 TV450B T4 Skid Steer from Torgerson's for \$76,220.00. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed.

- C) Scope of Services for Valley Creek Bridge utilizing the Montana Coal Endowment Program (MCEP) Grant in the amount of \$500,000 to assist with the replacement of Valley Creek Bridge.

Stephanie Ray of Planning explained that the construction for this project will be in 2024, scope of services is for Stahly Engineering.

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the Scope of Services for Valley Creek Bridge utilizing the Montana Coal Endowment Program (MCEP) Grant in the amount of \$500,000 to assist with the replacement of Valley Creek Bridge. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Marlo asked if this bridge was just getting replaced or was it damaged in the flood event. Commissioner Riveland explained that this is the last bridge due for replacement on the Capital Improvement Plan, and that it was not damaged in the flood event. No further discussion. Motion passed.

- D) Payment Request No 4.to Four Beers LLC in the amount of \$360,767.25 for Nye Road Washout Rehabilitation.

Commissioner Ruffatto **MOVED** to approve the Payment Request No 4.to Four Beers LLC in the amount of \$360,767.25 for Nye Road Washout Rehabilitation. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No further discussion. Motion passed.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jerry Friend noted that the reminders for property tax payments had been sent, and he asked about the drainage issues and Reed Point lighting additions. Commissioner Riveland noted that Administrator Cornell is working on the lights and Ben McVitte is working on the drainage.

Marlo Pronovost asked about the woodbine campground timing for reopening. The opening is planned for July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Forest service is aware of the traffic issues and there will be lights and pilot cars to assure safe travel during construction.

**With no further comments heard the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.**

APPROVED BY: /s/ Tyrel Hamilton, Commissioner Chairman

Prepared by: Kisha Cornell, Administrator

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder