

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Members Present.....Commissioner J.R. Iman, Commissioner Suzy Foltz, Commissioner Matt Kanenwisher and Commissioner Ron Stoltz

Date.....February 17, 2011

► Minutes: Glenda Wiles

► Commissioner Chilcott was in Helena meeting with state legislators.

► The Board met at 9:08 a.m. with Office of Emergency Services Coordinator Ron Nicholas and OEM Staff Erik Hoover, Road Supervisor David Ohnstad, Hamilton Fire Chief Brad Mohn, Marcus Daly EMT Nathan Brady, 911 Director Joanna Hamilton and 911 Staff Eric Gustafson to discuss and make a decision on the alphanumeric (Digital) paging for narrowband radio compliance. Erik gave an update on this federal requirement noting there is only one budget cycle left before the cut over to narrow band on January 1, 2013. Erik suggested an audit of other department (road and fair) radios be included in this conversation. The county hopes to receive two grants in order to help pay for this transition: "Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant" in the amount of \$112,000 and the "Buffer Zone Grant" through Rocky Mountain Lab in the amount of \$120,000. An existing Interoperability Grant might be able to fund some radios for the road department. Erick also noted the State of Montana is allowing counties/cities to apply for purchase of needed equipment by February 28, 2011. Erik suggested the license and frequency management of the needed narrow band radios be handled on one level. Grants don't pay for the needed hardware, setting the repeaters, annual site leases etc. Discussion included the existing equipment, potential financial needs, and the need for integrated and functional equipment.

The Board concurred that Erik Hoover should take the lead in taking an inventory of the radio needs in the county and bring back an assessment of the time line and financial requirements for this transition. **Commissioner Kanenwisher made a motion that after such inventory, Erik Hoover will be the representative of Ravalli County in regard to making a decision on signing the letter of concurrence from the State of**

Montana for Anaconda Deer Lodge to utilize an existing Ravalli County frequency. Commissioner Foss seconded and all voted “aye”.

▶ The Board met with I.T. Director Joe Frohlich at 10:15 a.m. for an I.T. update.

▶ The Board met with Theresa Manzella at 11:00 a.m. for an update of the Willing Servants program. This program helps stressed equines for shelter and food.

▶ The Board met with Road Supervisor David Ohnstad at 1:05 p.m. for the following items:

➤ **Requests for Proposals: Commissioner Stoltz made a motion to put the following requests for proposals out to bid. Commissioner Foss seconded the motion and all voted “aye”.**

1. Magnesium Chloride
2. Equipment Rental
3. Hot-Plant Asphalt

➤ **Professional Services Contracts: Commissioner Iman noted his son Trevor works for WGM Engineering as an Engineer but not for the county and as such he will not become involved in the vote. Commissioner Foss made a motion to continue the professional services contracts with the below companies with the continued (current) rates. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion. Discussion included the pool of potential engineers, surveyors and environmental consultants and the extension of the current contracts that at some future time will need to go out to another full Request for Proposals and not continue to extend the current agreements. The importance of Errors and Omissions insurance was also noted. All voted “aye”.**

1. WGM Engineering Group
2. PCI Engineering
3. Alcyon Surveyor
4. Catena Environmental

➤ **National Forest Highways**

1. **Commissioner Foss made a motion to have the Road Supervisor prepare designation proposals for the following listed roads. Commissioner Kanenwisher seconded the motion and all voted “aye”.**

- **Rye Creek Road**
- **Lake Como Road**
- **Lost Horse Road**

2. **Commissioner Kanenwisher made a motion to approve the project proposals for the following listed roads with the Chairman’s signature for submission. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion. Discussion included having the Federal Highway Administration administer the project, 100% reimbursable expense agreements up to the total project costs. All voted “aye”.**

- **Lake Como Road Pavement Preservation**

- **Lake Como Road Safety Enhancement**
- **Rye Creek Road Reconstruction & Paving**

- **Meridian Road North/Bell Crossing West: Commissioner Stoltz made a motion to proceed with State application of reclaimed asphalt on Meridian Road North and Bell Crossing West to include easement acquisition and preparation. Commissioner Kanenwisher seconded the motion and all voted “aye”.**

▶ **The Board met with Drug Free Communities Grant Coordinator Charmell Owens and Chief Financial Officer Klarryse Murphy to receive approval of the yearly continuation application for the DFC Grant at 2:20 p.m. Commissioner Foss made a motion to have the Chair execute the application for the DFC Continuation Grant. Commissioner Kanenwisher seconded the motion and all voted “aye”.**

▶ **The Board met to discuss and make a decision to support the “Hub and Spoke” Grant in the amount of \$100,000 by Ravalli County Recycling at 2:35 p.m. The grant will be submitted to Montana Department of Environmental Quality, and one requirement is that a local government entity must apply for the grant, which would allow pass-through funds to non-profit entities. Present at this meeting was Becky Koon and Allen Bjerrgo of RC&D and Mark Hammond of Ravalli County Recycling. Allen gave a synopsis of the non-profit RC&D organization, their relationship with Ravalli County Recycling and how the ‘hub’ (Ravalli County Recycling located at the Ravalli County Fairgrounds) collects the recyclables and the “spokes” who delivers their recyclables for processing and marketing. Discussion included the sustainability of recycling, the issue of recycling (ecological), the use of tax dollars for this endeavor and what the actual dollars would be spent on i.e., presenting a business plan. The deadline for this grant submittal is March 15th. The Board’s consensus was for Ravalli County Recycling to put together a business plan, as what is presented here today is not complete, and the recycling program has a lack of practicality for the county.**

▶ **The Board met with Peter Rosten of Media Arts in the Public Schools (MAPS) and Public Health Nurse (PHN) Judy Griffin at 3:30 p.m. to review the latest Public Service announce for the PHN Office.**