

IMAN *JR*

CHILCOTT *g*

FOSS *n/a*

STOLTZ *[Signature]*

KANENWISHER *mw*

PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Members Present.....Commissioner J.R. Iman, Commissioner Greg Chilcott, Commissioner Ron Stoltz and Commissioner Matt Kanenwisher

Date.....March 16, 2011

Commissioner Matt Kanenwisher was not present for the first portion of the day. Commissioner Suzy Foss was in Helena for the legislative session.

► Minutes: Glenda Wiles

► The Board met with Road Supervisor David Ohnstad at 9:00 a.m. for the following issues: (Commissioner Kanenwisher was not present for this meeting/votes.)

Bid Award Magnesium Chloride Supply 2011: David has reviewed the bids from both Dust Busters and W E Dust Control finding the lowest price to be W E Dust Control of Whitehall, Montana at \$88.74 per ton by truck delivery. **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to award the 2011 magnesium chloride supply bid to W E Dust Control at \$88.74 per ton delivered. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye".**

Bid Award Hot-Plant Asphalt Supply 2011: David noted all bids conformed to the advertised specifications and due to the asphalt needs of the county for locations, dates and times, he suggested acceptance of all bids on as needed basis for the projects. **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to accept all the bids for the upcoming projects. Those bids being: MR Asphalt, Inc: Type B Hot Mix at \$46.35 per ton; Blahnik Construction: Type B Hot mix at \$45.50 per ton and Knife River: Type B Hot Mix at \$43.00 per ton. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye".**

Equipment Rental 2011: David suggested they do as in prior years and accept all the bids from the six vendors so various equipment can be utilized on upcoming projects. **Commissioner Stoltz made a motion to accept all quotes. Those six vendors being: H & E Equipment; MR Asphalt; Blahnik Construction; ABC Rental & Sales; J5 Construction and Melotz Transport. Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion.**

Discussion: Commissioner Iman stated while he is in favor of these quotes he wants to state that these pieces of equipment should be utilized as a supplement to the county road equipment and not have county road equipment sitting in the yard. He also noted some of the rental equipment comes with an operator and he is frustrated when he sees our county road crew ‘running up and down the highway’ when they could be running the machines. Commissioner Iman also noted he feels the county can and should utilize man power better than in the past. All voted “aye”.

Safety Enhancement Projects:

- **David presented a guard rail design for Ambrose Creek Road east of Illinois Bench. This particular section has a curve that would benefit from guard rails. 100% of the guard rail funding comes from the Safety Enhancement funds through Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT). Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to approve this project. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted “aye”.**
- **The second project is on Old Darby Road near Lake Como with a few sections of road that have an ‘n-slope’ which would benefit from guard rail and sign warnings. This too has 100% funding from the Safety Enhancement funds through MDOT. Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to approve this project. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted “aye”.**

Upper Woodchuck Road/Diminished value of pavement – David indicated Blahnik Construction has agreed to the county’s proposal for asphalt prices and tons placed on Upper Woodchuck Road which includes removing asphalt sections due to diminished performance. Commissioner Stoltz made a motion to accept Blahnik’s proposal of \$22,771.40 (which is a reduction from the original contract amount). Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion and all voted “aye”.

Westside Road – David relayed Federal law requires an easement ratio of 2 to 1 and in regard to wetland mitigation, there are US Army Corps of Engineers guidelines that need to be followed. This road project will require wetland mitigation. Discussion included those guidelines, mitigation needs, banking the conservation credits and potential locations. David indicated the mitigation amount for Westside Road will total \$13,975.00 plus 10%. The Upper Clark Fork Wetland and Stream Mitigation Bank includes areas from Helena to the Blackfoot, thus it would benefit the county to have their own mitigation bank with the ability to credit those dollars to local landowners. Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to execute the Wetland Credit Purchase Agreement with the Upper Clark Fork Wetland and Stream Mitigation Bank in the amount of \$13,975.00 (totaling .559 credits) for Westside Road. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. David also relayed they need to acquire an easement on Westside Road in order to make the safety improvements. Easement trade to the landowners will be to re-construct some private property owners fencing. This will also allow permitted easements without any land appraisal, thus an additional cost savings to this project.

Irrigation needs – David indicated they are working on various road culvert projects which will allow land owners the ability to start their irrigation on a timely basis.

Resolution for Work Zone Awareness Week – David relayed the seriousness of this traffic safety issue asking the Board to pass a Resolution designating April 4 -8, 2011 as the Work Zone Safety Awareness Week in Ravalli County. **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2665 for Work Zone Awareness Week. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted “aye”.**

Citizen Chris Hockman asked about the magnesium chloride specifications and certifications as well as questions about the program and amount of road length treated.

► The Board met with Juvenile Detention Supervisor Cal Robinson and Marwan Sada of the Department of Corrections at 1:00 p.m. Marwan indicated he just finished making a juvenile detention facility inspection which included the log books, visitation with juveniles and staff in regard to policy and procedures. He finds everything in good order with the exception of the Administrative Rules in regard to staffing the graveyard shift with two officers instead of one. Currently, four nights of seven are only staffed with one detention officer. Marwan indicated the reason the administrative rules call for two officers is to stop any allegations by the juveniles against staff. Having two officers also gives the staff and youth safety if something were to happen during those hours. Discussion included the cost of housing the youth versus purchasing a van and hiring officers to transport them to Missoula County Juvenile Detention, the current video feed in the detention facility, Cal being on standby during the four graveyard shifts, and possible radio safety checks during the graveyard shift with dispatch.

Commissioner Iman indicated absent a citation for this staffing issue, the Commissioners must take a hard look at the cost of the facility versus utilizing another county's facility (transporting the juveniles). Currently the center is already \$30-40,000 over budget, which is through no fault of the county staff, rather the circumstances of juvenile arrests. Commissioner Iman indicated he would like assistance from Marwan in regard to solving this problem without having to hire additional staff which the Commission concurred could only happen if they took money from other departments in order to staff the four nights for the extra person.

Marwan indicated there are 376 issues of compliance which the County meets, with the exception of this one issue. He stated he won't write up a citation and make the county close the juvenile detention center, but from a liability perspective Ravalli County should fund staff for those four nights. Keeping the detention center is beneficial for all parties.

The Commissioners indicated they would take a hard look at this issue in regard to liability and budget.

► Commissioner Chilcott attended an RCEDA (Economic Development Authority meeting) at 3:00 p.m. at the RCEDA building in Hamilton.