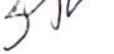


COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

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

Date.....April 7, 2011

► Minutes: Beth Perkins

► The Board met to open the bids for Herbicide at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Iman read the legal notice published. Three bids were received as follows:

- CWC Chemical, Inc.: MDS sheets are included.
- Alligare, Inc.: MDS sheets are included.
- Lakeland Feed & Supply: MDS sheets are included.

Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to forward the bids to the Weed Department for review and recommendation. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Iman asked if the bids are all FOB in Montana and further questioned freight. **All voted “aye”. (5-0)**

► The Board met for the following administrative matters at 9:30 a.m.:

- Signatures on CDBG documents for Ironhaus: **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to approve the CDBG documents for Ironhaus. Commissioner Kanenwisher seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. (5-0)**
- Cancellation of Certain Special District Elections: **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2674 for the cancellation of certain special district elections. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. (5-0)**

- ▶ Commissioner Stoltz attended an Investment Committee meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- ▶ The Board met for discussion and possible decision to hire a Planning Administrator at 11:00 a.m. Present were Civil Counsel Karen Mahar, Human Resources Director Robert Jenni and several citizens.

Maggie Wright called point of order. This meeting should be delayed due to requests for information based on the freedom of information act. While some of the issues are being addressed, not all of the information requested has not been received and reviewed that is relevant to this meeting. Therefore, the public can't have meaningful participation in this meeting. Civil Counsel Karen Mahar stated the Board has discretion to hold public meetings that are properly noticed. This meeting was properly noticed. It is also the Board's discretion to go ahead and proceed with the matter as noticed, take public comment, and then decide to continue the meeting should they feel more time is needed. It would be easier for her to address a specific issue as the Board is going through the process the type of information that people have requested during public comment. Commissioner Kanenwisher stated the Board is aware of the requests received and have reviewed those requests and is weighing the decision of whether or not to continue this meeting. The one argument raised was the job description made and what the job is and requires. That is a regular administrative item. Commissioner Iman read the agenda for this meeting. He stated the first request was received yesterday at 4:36 p.m. and the others were after 5 p.m. **Commissioner Kanenwisher made a motion to continue with the meeting. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (5-0)**

Lee Tickell called point of order and requested the freedom of information act requests be read so everyone is clear what is being asked. Commissioner Iman replied it will be heard during the public comment period.

Commissioner Iman requested any conflicts of interest be disclosed. Commissioner Chilcott requested Civil Counsel to clarify what a conflict of interest is. Civil Counsel Karen Mahar read the statutory definition of what a conflict of interest is.

Commissioner Iman asked the Board to disclose any conflicts of interest. Hearing none, then he requested a time line report be read from HR Director Robert Jenni.

Robert read the time line of when the job description was posted on the County webpage and Bitterroot Job Service up until the first decision to hire was scheduled. Two of the finalists have since withdrawn their applications leaving Terry Nelson and Dianna Broadie as candidates.

Commissioner Iman opened public comment.

Jim Parker submitted a letter on Monday morning. He questioned the process for developing the job description. Since his letter, he believes the process needs to be revisited and violations of EEOC can result in the loss of funding for the County. He is

curious of how a master's degree in planning was dropped in the description. Commissioner Chilcott questioned the comment regarding EEOC. Jim replied he has not tracked what has happened and he is not qualified to give detail but has seen that due to lack of openness in government result in the loss of funds.

Michael Howell, Bitterroot Star Reporter stated a request was made and a reply was not given until late yesterday afternoon. He is trying to get a legal opinion about the answers received but his attorney is in Helena. He also received from HR Director Robert Jenni a copy of a resume and educational experience of one of the remaining candidates. He doubts anyone had time to review it. He urged the Board to continue this meeting until the public can review the crucial information. He feels he has been deprived as well as the public of some crucial information involved with the selection in the selection of the planning administrator. He requested this meeting be delayed until he can hear back from his attorney and the public can review the information. Commissioner Chilcott replied when the Treasurer resigned, it was very public process. It was unique as to the rights of privacy of the applicants in that case were different than the rights of privacy to a person applying for a staff position. The Board was replacing an elected official outside of an election process and those applicants were being held to the same scrutiny as an elected official. When personnel is hired, they have the right to privacy under Article 2 and it is not the same process. It is an administrative process. He has never seen such scrutiny for the hiring of an employee. It is not the same standard as an election. Michael understands the difference but when someone applies for a position of significant public interest they do not have a right to privacy over their job history and education. He was able to get, through another process, that information. The information was only made available yesterday and there was no time for the public to review that information. Commissioner Chilcott stated under Article 2 Section 10, the right of individual privacy is essential to the wellbeing of a free society and shall not be infringed without the showing of compelling State interest. He does not see the compelling State interest here.

Lee Tickell, speaking as an individual, requested a written legal opinion. There is a diversion of legal opinion and to have this meeting continue on the basis of oral representation about what the laws says is flawed with problems. The legal opinion could be reviewed by his attorney and Michael Howell's attorney. He discussed his email he sent to the Commissioners, Karen Mahar and Robert Jenni requesting information based on the freedom of information act. He requested the information be available in electronic form.

Judy Kline is in support of the Board to hire Terry Nelson as the Ravalli County Planning Director.

Sarah Roubik stated planning is needed. Planning has been a huge issue in the 18 years since she has been here. There wasn't a qualified Treasurer and the public has seen what happened with having an unqualified person. The subdivision exemption evasion that Terry did should also be considered since he knew the rules and broke them.

Penney Howe stated how government has to become a business. She read what the requirements are for the graduate and undergraduate programs for planning.

Charles Wissenbach believes the Board needs the flexibility to appoint the person they want within a wide range. If they hire an inexperienced person then fine. The Board will also be responsible for the outcome. He questioned the freedom of information act.

Gene Williams has been reading the letters to the editors about this situation. He is astounded at the letters being published in the papers without proof. After the process of going through commission members from 3 to 5, the commissioners now have a different political view. There have been attacks from the progressives to the Commissioners. He is disgusted by it.

Becky Peters questioned the job description being changed from the Planning Director to Planning Administrator/Office manager. She questioned the legality of changing it. Civil Counsel Karen Mahar replied it is legal. The Board may change administrative positions that they oversee.

John Meakin agreed with the objection to the meeting continuing until the information of the requests can be reviewed. He does not understand what the emergency is since the Planning Department is running just fine with the interim director. Ultimately the decision of the commission is subject to review by the public. If a subject is brought up of controversy, it should be given adequate time for review by the public. If two of the four final candidates withdrew their applications, then the applicant pool should be re-opened. There are many questions of the job description not requiring a degree. His concern is getting an employee who is qualified to train, lead and direct the other Planning employees. These employees do have planning degrees. Transparency is a big issue.

Larry Campbell questioned the timeline and now being at the point of having only two applicants left. The job should be re-opened.

Lee Kierig, former Planning Board member, stated planning is the most urgent issue facing humanity on this planet today. There are no calls for planning in practically every level of community toward community interest. It affects the sustainability and vital future of the entire planet. The majority of this commission ran for office on a platform of anti-planning. Now look at the Planning Department being 50% of what it was. Commissioner Iman deemed him out of order. Lee stated the point is hiring someone that is not qualified as a planner and furthering the campaign agenda of anti-planning.

Lily McAlister stated being asked to postpone this meeting is a slap in the face of the Commissioners elected. The people elected the Board to do a job and part of that job is to hire people. She is not sure of the 48 hour notice policy but she is sure it does not say 48 hour notice or more time for those who can't find their information. She requested the Board do the job they were elected for.

Niki Sardot attended the coordination seminar. It only had to do with Commissioners coordinating with State agencies. The freedom of information act has nothing to do with hiring someone. She has been through the subdivision process twice in Ravalli and Missoula County and has learned about the subdivision laws. Terry Nelson has been through 1,200 subdivisions and that is more than someone with a master's degree.

Bill LaCroix stated he objects to this meeting being held without all the documents available for review. The point is hiring the Chairman of the Republican Central Party to be the Planning Manager by at least three of the Commissioners who were helped elected to this position. That is not character assassination but a reality check. He questioned a quorum being present at the training session of the American Stewards. Commissioner Kanenwisher called point or order.

Nancy Ballance questioned the ability of the commission to hire administratively. This should not be public. She has experience with hiring and the worst mistakes she has made was hiring based solely on experience and job descriptions. You have to know the person's abilities by digging deeper than the basics for the best fit.

Hollis Poe stated if the selection process was based on popularity contest, than Terry Nelson would win hands down from the amount of people he has helped over the years. He has personally worked with Terry and he is the best candidate.

Mack McQuaid stated the commissioners were elected by the public and appreciates the professional way their business is being conducted publically.

Maggie Wright agreed with the statements made of wanting the commissioners to do a good job. She read the minutes of a meeting of July 10th regarding the complaint of Terry Nelson and the accusation of subdivision exemption evasion. She read comments made by Commissioner Chilcott. The point is the process should be started over to get the best person. The process has been sullied. Commissioner Chilcott asked how the process was sullied. Maggie replied she does not have a problem with Terry but his ethics and the changing the qualifications and scope of the leader of the Planning Department without any public input of that process. Commissioner Chilcott stated the ultimate determination of the evasion meeting was there wasn't any evasion. Maggie asked then why did he pay \$20,000 for the road?

Hollis Poe called point of order. In the constitution, we are innocent until proved guilty. He requested Maggie's comments of the presumed guilt of a man who was never charged be struck. Maggie replied she read the Commissioners' minutes of that meeting.

Skip Kowalski stated planning, planning issues and land use issues are the biggest issues facing Ravalli County. Over the past years, the Planning Department and staff have been reduced by 50% and all the planning capabilities of this county are needed. The candidate should have planning experience. The whole process should be re-opened.

Amanda Duley stated it is important to consider both experience and education not just experience. The Board has access to legal counsel. The Planning Administrator needs to advise this board in the area of planning.

Bill Nelson stated in majority of the time before the Board, Terry represented people who were subdividing. That is what his job was and there is nothing wrong with that. It has the implication of impropriety in a job where he is supposed to advise the commissioners what the rules are before they make their decisions. Both of these things combined make him unfit for this job.

Keith Kubista endorsed Terry Nelson for this job.

Teri Polumsky thanked the commissioners for allowing public comment on public policy. Daily administrative matters should be handled by the Commission. That is what they were elected for and it should not be stalled.

Dave Hoodah stated on January 12th the master Planner who was previously employed for the head of the Planning Department submitted the description for the head of the Planning Department. Two weeks later a revised description was posted and he is wondering if those revisions were needed and why it was changed. Commissioner Kanenwisher stated based on the exit interview of the previous Planning Director, there were some recommendations made for changes in the job description. The Board took those suggestions and recommendations and changed the job description.

Pam Erickson is surprised and did not realize the job description was changed. That is a huge issue. She respects all of the individuals in this room. She has worked hard in her life and feels there is this trend of anti-university traits. We all raise our children to go to school and get that education. Now all of the sudden it does not matter.

Jan Wisniewski stated he has been in this process for a few years now. He respects the fact the Board is doing what it is doing. It seems funny this Board is being swayed by people that were complaining about less government. He has not heard anyone say they are in favor of anyone other than Terry for the job. He is in favor of hiring Terry Nelson.

Commissioner Kanenwisher made a motion to close public comment. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion. Discussion: Commissioner Chilcott stated some people have not been able to give public comment and they should be heard. Commissioner Kanenwisher withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Iman will close public comment in five minutes.

Mary Barton stated there is a lot of disagreement in this room. She respects the fact the public can participate in a democracy. She asked the Board take into consideration of the minority and what they have to say. Make the process as open as possible.

Charlotte Gray asked Commissioner Kanenwisher if he was the sole author of the job description. Commissioner Kanenwisher replied he authored it with input from the others. Charlotte Gray is not here for or against Terry Nelson but the legal process. To roll someone over into a job does not sound appropriate.

John Kissell stated the education should be the bottom line for this position.

Pat Tucker stated there is a sense of real impropriety here. The Board is treading on thin ice and lawsuits are expensive for the taxpayers. The Commissioners were elected for fiscal responsibility. How are lawsuits fiscally responsible?

Les Rutledge stated he appreciates the work of the commissioners and this is not an easy decision. He has served on many committees. If his Board had to make a decision that was controversial and on a time constraint, the constituents will look to you later as making a decision that was not necessary. He cautioned the board of the two applicants with one who already has gone through the process and was hired. If a decision is made, will the public say this is an honorable decision or should the application process been re-opened.

Commissioner Iman closed public comment and requested written public comment be added to the record. He then opened board deliberations.

Commissioner Kanenwisher discussed whether the process should be continued today due to the information not being received based on the freedom of information act. In the last 60 days, there could have been many requests for information in a timely manner. Requests made in the eleventh hour don't wash with him. There were interviews conducted publicly and no one showed up for those. He stated there isn't anyone in the CAO, Environmental Health, or Planning who has any experience in land use on the private side. The County can teach public process but not experience. Commissioner Iman referred to legal counsel regarding the requests received under the freedom of information act.

Civil Counsel Karen Mahar outlined for the Board for the competing interest of public right to know versus the right to privacy. There was a packet of material made available yesterday afternoon of those requests by HR Director Robert Jenni. She advised the Board to air on the side of caution if the Board feels the public did not have adequate time to review the documents and give comment. The process the Board has followed up to this time has been appropriate. She recommended the Board continue this meeting at a later date in order to give adequate time for the public to review the requested material. She then presented the packet to the Board of the application material available to the public. Commissioner Chilcott clarified the process up to this point has been appropriate and acknowledged the recommendation to avoid litigation and to give adequate time for the public to review the requested material. Karen stated it is appropriate for the Board to schedule a meeting to discuss the process of the hiring procedures. Robert stated he does not know if by re-opening the position if it would get the same applicants due to high publicity.

Commissioner Chilcott does not believe this was in any way based on cronyism or politically driven. He resents those comments. This Board reviewed the applications, held the interviews and made the selection based on the best interests of the County.

Commissioner Iman asked if every application was reviewed by each commissioner. Robert replied yes and five candidates were chosen. Commissioner Iman asked does any individual on the Board believe there were any other candidates more qualified than the five candidates selected for interviews. The Board replied no.

Commissioner Kanenwisher made a motion to continue this meeting to allow proper review of the material requested and at that time of continuance to consider the two viable candidates for the position of Planning Administrator until April 20th at 11 a.m. Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (5-0)

► Minutes: Glenda Wiles

► The Board met to make a decision to utilize a contractor for the Project Manager for the Road Shop fire reconstruction at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Iman noted he had contacted four companies that were interested in the Project Manager position and to assist the County in developing the RFP for the remodel at the road shop. Only two companies returned their resume: Bull Pine Construction and Pigman Builders. These two resumes with bid prices were sent to the county insurance company and reviewed by Steve Larkin (the underwriter to MACo, of McLarens Young International). Bull Pine: proposes to charge a rate of \$45.00 per hour with no trip charges with a Not to Exceed budget after receiving the engineered drawings and or architectural details). Pigman Builders: \$3,000 at contract signing and 5% total contract costs, with additional fees at \$75.00 with senior staff and \$35.00 per hour for support staff. Discussion included references and bid costs.

Commissioner Stoltz made a motion to utilize Bull Pine Construction as the Project Manager to this construction (re-model) to repair the fire damage. Commissioner Kanenwisher seconded the motion. All voted "aye". (5-0)

Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to approve the Dust Abatement program for 2011. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (5-0)

► Minutes: Beth Perkins

► The Board met for discussion and decision on Meridian Road/Victor Urban with Road & Bridge Supervisor David Ohnstad at 2:30 p.m.

David requested issuing a letter to MDOT for the improvements from 3rd Avenue through 6th Avenue within the easement of historic use at no cost to the County. Discussion followed regarding the drainage system. The Board concurred to move forward with issuing the letter.

Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to issue a letter to Doug Moeller at MDOT for the improvements. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (5-0)

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Rebecca F. Peters

Undergraduate Program

In addition to satisfying the general requirements for a degree in geography, the student desiring to achieve the option in community and environmental planning must complete a minimum of 12 additional credits as follows: GEOG 465 and GEOG 468, plus four of the following five courses: GEOG 315S, GEOG 335, GEOG 412S, GEOG 432, GEOG 435. (These courses can concomitantly satisfy the 300- or 400-level core requirement in geography and society, and human-environment interaction.) An internship is strongly recommended.

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This option provides students with training in planning (urban, rural, transportation, environmental, and natural resources) and prepares them for employment in local, state, and federal agencies as well as the nonprofit and private sectors. Additionally, this option prepares students for doctoral studies in related fields (thesis track). In addition to courses in geography, student may select courses in sociology, environmental studies, forestry, political science and other relevant disciplines.

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U 381 Principles of Digital Cartography 3 cr. Offered autumn. Prereq., GPHY 112 or consent of instr.; coreq., GPHY 382. Concepts, principles, and methods of cartography as applied to computerized mapping and geographical information systems. Topics include history of cartography, basic geodesy, map projections, coordinate systems, map compilation, generalization, and design.

U 382 Digital Cartography Laboratory 1 cr. Offered autumn. Prereq., GPHY 112 ; coreq., GPHY 381. Laboratory to accompany GPHY 381.

UG 385 Field Techniques 3 cr. Offered autumn. Prereq., M 115, GPHY 111N, and GPHY 112 or consent of instr. Field techniques used by geographers and planners in making field observations and in collecting data. One hour of lecture and four hours of field/laboratory-based work.

UG 465 Planning Principles and Processes 3 cr. Offered autumn. Prereq., upper-division or graduate standing. Surveys planning principles, practices and issues in urban and rural environments. Attention is devoted to Montana, state planning programs in the United States, and federal programs and policies that influence land-use planning. Emphasizes skills and techniques used in plan development and implementation.

UG 466 Environmental Planning 3 cr. Offered spring. Introduction to practice of environmental planning which includes elements of physical planning, planning design at the landscape scale, and conservation planning. Includes field visits and project-based work.

UG 467 Planning Decision Support Systems 3 cr. Offered spring even numbered years. Introduction to use of computer software tools for modeling and analyzing land use.

UG 468 Community and Regional Analysis 3 cr. Offered autumn. Prereq., M 115 (or higher) or consent of instr. Coreq., GPHY 460. Socio-demographic analysis of communities and regions: population, employment, and spatial interaction. Hands-on course designed for future planners, GIS analysts, and others interested in socio-demographic change.

UG 469 Planning and Analysis Laboratory 1 cr. Offered autumn. Coreq., GPHY 468. Laboratory to accompany GPHY 468.

UG 486 Transport, Planning, and GIS 3 cr. Offered spring. Prereq., M 115 or higher or consent of instr. Coreq., GPHY 489. A project-oriented course focusing on patterns and trends in urban passenger transportation, principles of transport planning, and modeling in GIS-T.

UG 482 Spatial Analysis and GIS 3 cr. Offered intermittently. Prereq., GPHY 381 and 389 and STAT 216 (or higher) or consent of instr. Quantitative analysis of spatial data, including techniques for pattern analysis, classification, and interpolation within a GIS environment.

UG 485 Internet GIS 3 cr. Offered intermittently. Prereq., GPHY 381; coreq., GPHY 489. Principles and techniques for distributing GIS and mapping applications through the Internet.

UG 487 Remote Sensing and Raster GIS 3 cr. Offered autumn. Prereq., GPHY 381 and 389 and STAT 216 (or higher) or consent of instr. Coreq., GPHY 489. Basic principles of remote sensing and analyzing images within a raster GIS. Review current data sources.

UG 488 Thematic Cartography and GIS 3 cr. Offered spring. Prereq., GPHY 381 or

consent of instr.; coreq., GPHY 489. Communicating and analyzing topical information with maps. Choropleth maps, dot maps, proportional figure maps, isarithmic maps, and others. Includes computer mapping and GIS exercises.

UG 489 Cartography/GIS Laboratory 1 cr. (R-4) Offered autumn and spring. Coreq., GPHY 486, 485, 487 or 488. Lab to accompany cartography and GIS courses.

UG 497 Workshop in Teaching Geography 2-3 cr. Offered summer. Prereq., upper-division or graduate standing. Modern concepts and techniques in geography, with emphasis on their use in teaching geography in Montana schools. Students are required to prepare and present a teaching unit project.

G 500 Geography Graduate Colloquium 1 cr. (R-3) Offered autumn. Presentation of faculty and student research interests. Guest lecturers. Graded pass/not pass only. Enrollment required every autumn graduate students are in residence.

G 504 Introduction to Geographical Research 1 cr. Offered autumn. To be taken during first semester of graduate studies. Understanding of diverse research approaches in geography and development of a thesis topic. To be continued in spring in GPHY 505.

G 505 Research Design 2 cr. Offered spring. Prereq., graduate standing and GPHY 504. Preparation of a thesis proposal: research design, data collection, analysis, interpretation, and presentation. Recommended to be taken during the second semester of graduate studies.

G 520 Seminar in Geographical Thought 3 cr. Offered autumn. Geographical ideas, concepts, approaches, and techniques from ancient to modern times. Recommended to be taken during first semester of graduate studies.

G 550 Seminar in Geography 3 cr. (R-9) Offered intermittently. Prereq., consent of instr. Seminar topics in geography and society, human-environmental interaction, physical geography, regional geography, or geographical techniques.

G 560 Seminar in Planning 3 cr. Offered spring odd-numbered years. A critical analysis of land planning history, theory, approaches, and practice. Emphasis is on the United States and England.

G 561 Land Use Planning Law 3 cr. Offered autumn. Same as EVST 561 and LAW 687. Basic overview of the law of land-use planning including, background in the traditional governmental regulatory, proprietary, and fiscal land use tools. Examination of modern techniques for land-use planning; consideration of constitutional limits of the authority of state and local governments. Focus on skills in interpreting, drafting, and applying state legislation and local ordinances.

G 562 Land Use Planning Clinic 1-6 cr. (R-6) Offered every term. Prereq. or coreq., GPHY 561. Same as EVST 562. Students assist local communities in long-range planning efforts and development of growth management plans as required by Montana law; ordinance drafting, development proposals, and land use issues.

G 564 Planning Design 3 cr. Offered spring even-numbered years. Prereq., graduate standing or qualified seniors. Analysis of land-use problems and design.

G 578 Preceptorship in Geography 1-3 cr. (R-6) Offered autumn and spring. Prereq., graduate standing, suitable coursework, and consent of instr. Assisting a faculty member by tutoring, helping students with research projects, and carrying out other class-related activities.

G 580 Seminar in GIS and Cartography 3 cr. (R-9) Offered spring. Prereq., consent of

instr. Seminar topics in cartography and GIS. Applications to advanced studies in human

and physical geography.

G 587 Digital Image Analysis and Modeling 3 cr. Offered spring. Prereq., GPHY 487 or FOR 351 or consent of instr.; coreq., GPHY 589. Advanced topics in image analysis (e.g., hyperspectral images and pattern-recognition-based classification) and foundations of simple raster-based models.

G 588 Vector GIS 3 cr. Offered autumn. Prereq., consent of instr.; coreq., GPHY 589. Applications of GIS in human geography. Mapping and map analysis methods employing census data, TIGER Files, city and county data bases, county surveyors maps, and others. Theory, concepts, and practices of GIS focusing on the vector data model.

G 589 Cartography/GIS Laboratory 1 cr. (R-4) Offered autumn and spring. Laboratory to accompany GPHY 587 or 588.

G 595 Special Topics Variable cr. (R-9) Offered intermittently. Prereq., consent of instr. Experimental offerings of visiting professors, experimental offerings of new courses, or one-time offerings of current topics.

G 596 Independent Study Variable cr. (R-9) Offered every term. Prereq., consent of instr. Independent research in geography or planning.

G 598 Internship Variable cr. (R-9) Offered every term. Prereq., consent of instr. Extended classroom experience which provides practical application of classroom learning during placements off campus.

G 599 Thesis Variable cr. (R-6) Offered every term. Prereq., consent of advisor.

7 April 2011

My name is Judy Kline. I have been a property owner in Ravalli County for 37 years, residing now in the Stevensville area.

I am here today to support our Ravalli County Commissioners in their decision to hire Terry Nelson as Ravalli County Planning Administrator.

I know Terry Nelson to be very fair, a man of integrity, a man of honor.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Kline". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Judy Kline

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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Date.....July 10, 2007

Members Present.....Commissioner Jim Rokosch,
Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff, Commissioner Alan Thompson, Commissioner Greg
Chilcott and Commissioner Kathleen Driscoll

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

The Board met with Mr. and Mrs. Arnott and other residents in their neighborhood in regard to their complaint against Terry Nelson for a potential subdivision evasion (on Stevi-Airport Road). Mrs. Arnott also presented signatures from neighbors who also have this complaint against Terry Nelson. Present were Planning Director Karen Hughes, Planner Tristan Riddell and Terry Nelson. Numerous citizens were in the audience.

Karen gave an update stating this is a long standing complaint. It came to her attention in 2004. Terry Nelson did a family transfer on this property that he owns. Neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Potten were the first to complain in 2004, the first lot transfer was done in February 2005. The Potten's continued to make complaints along with emails and conversations with and between Civil Counsel and the neighbors. In July 2005 Terry Nelson provided a response and in October 2005, Civil Counsel sent a memo and since then more memos and emails and complaints have come forward. The last conversation she had with the Commissioners and Civil Counsel was they were to handle this matter. The last action by the Commissioners was two letters to Terry asking for a response.

Mrs. Arnott stated she drives by this subdivision every day. It has been 2 1/2 years since they asked the Commissioners to do something. She relayed Terry purchased the property, and then did a family transfer. He has sold five lots with two more for sale. None of his family members live there. There is an increase of cars due to this subdivision and the road is in the worse shape it has ever been. Terry has not done any work on the road and this is not a family transfer of lots as he says it is.

George Guest also lives on Airport Road. He relayed he knows this family transfer has been abused before and it is something that someone will always do (breaking the law). He felt this was a planned idea of Terry's in order to get around the law. He asked what

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require the road be brought up to proper standards and investigate possible civil charges, for monetary compensation for roads, schools and fire.

Commissioner Driscoll advised Terry he should not be laughing. Commissioner Grandstaff also advised Terry he of all people should know that.

Commissioner Rokosch stated 'this smells and looks like a subdivision', therefore the Commissioners should look to the regulations that were in place at the time of this lot split for mitigation purposes. Alex asked how much road work or money is the Commissioner talking about. Commissioner Driscoll asked if the road department has looked at this road in order to ascertain the actual costs. Alex stated any recovery of road funds must go to the grader district. Commissioner Grandstaff noted the Commissioners can direct the road department to spend this amount.

Terry stated this was never discussed three years ago, so how would the Commissioners find out how the rules were applied. He advised the Commissioners they were coming after him a month or so after the election. He reiterated he followed past practices and he stayed within legal bounds. Commissioner Driscoll stated Terry had received letters and never responded to them.

Commissioner Chilcott stated the situation is clear, however unfortunate. He stated what they have here is someone who has taken advantage of the loop hole who understood the practices. He noted Terry was aware of the elasticity of the regulations and it did make a profound impact on this body. The exemption process has been utilized statewide as an evasion process and no one can abuse it better than someone who works in that profession. He stated he does feel it was a subdivision but the litmus test was whether it met the law. The previous counsel (James McCubbin) stated he was 'never confident it was a winner to go after this evasion by Terry'. He felt it was marginal to spend the money and go after him, and the previous Board chose not to do anything.

Mrs. Arnott stated she wants to know what decision is going to be made. Even in the regulations there is a time line. She stated they are a priority because they live there. She stated the neighbors want to be in the loop on this decision as they have been victimized by what Terry has been getting away with. She asked 'what the Board does for the citizens if they do not go to bat for us'?

Commissioner Rokosch stated they will have legal counsel make a determination if the county has a case. Alex stated this might take some time.

Stephanie Recke lives in the subdivision. She asked what will happen with the road within the subdivision as it is one car wide. Karen stated had it been a subdivision, the internal road would have been done correctly.

Commissioner Grandstaff stated he agrees this is an evasion of family transfer; and thus how do they mitigate the external and internal road issue. She agreed the neighbors should not wait too much longer.

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Public Comment before Ravalli County Commissioners

Testimony of Gene Williams

Subject: Terry Nelson

I want to note that the accusations of cronyism against Mr. Nelson remind me of the vicious verbal assaults that I found so surprising in the Ravalli Republic when I first moved to Hamilton in June of 2000. I was astonished at the kind of charges leveled at the commissioners in office at that time.

I didn't know any of them. I wondered whether there was any evidence to substantiate the accusations leveled against them. There were many charges from different writers.

Gradually I began to understand the vulnerability of public figures. I recall that based on what I read in the Republic, my view of those commissioners was slightly negative. There were so many people denouncing them and I don't recall any commissioner speaking out to refute the charges. Now, eleven years later, I realize that I was witnessing a coordinated exercise in character assassination. Interestingly, when control of the commission changed, the letters stopped.

Voters have resoundingly rejected the Democrats and their policies. Fourteen of fourteen races went to Republican candidates. The message was clear. Now their writers are back. They will be lined up to testify to their frustration. There is nothing that the new commissioners can do that will not be attacked by these Democrats. What is different now is the understanding that this is a tactic. Truth does not matter to these people.

Terry Nelson is qualified to be the head of the Planning Board. The people attacking the decision of the commissioners in selecting him for the position are simply expressing their frustration at their recent humiliating defeat. Now they will turn to the tactic that they used to gain power. Character assassination, with no evidence to support the defamatory accusations they will be making.