

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

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

Date.....April 14, 2011

► Minutes: Beth Perkins

► The Board met for the following administrative matters at 8:30 a.m.:  
Present were Airport Manager Page Gough and William Menager.

- Approval of DOT aeronautics grant: **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to approve the DOT aeronautics grant. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. (4-0)**
- Formal review and approval of temporary policy for Commissioners Calendar/Scheduling: Commissioner Iman reviewed the temporary policy stemming from Tuesday’s meeting. **The Board concurred with the temporary policy as read. (See Attached)**
- Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Stoltz received a call from an engineering firm for an Airport site visit. Commissioner Chilcott was in Helena last week for JPA due to recent legislation and was frustrated with increased MOD factor with an overall reduction of claims. We anticipate the County should see a reduction in the work comp premiums in three to five years. Commissioner Iman discussed MDT amenities for the eastside of Meridian Road from Victor Crossing to the Farmers State Bank. Landowners agreed to the modified road construction in this area. Commissioner Stoltz received a complaint on Meridian Road and it will be processed in June.

► Minutes: Glenda Wiles

► The Board met for a Request for Commission Action regarding the reviewing agent for Flatiron Ranch Subdivision at 2:00 p.m. Present was Interim Planning Director Tristan Riddell, Civil Counsel Dan Browder, Citizens Ren Cleveland, Lee Tickle and Ravalli Republic Reporter Whitney Bermes. Absent from the first portion of this meeting was Commissioner Kanenwisher.

This request to change the reviewing agent from WWC Engineering to Ravalli County comes from Ken Madden, developer for this subdivision. Tristan recommended the Planning Department take over this subdivision as the reviewing agent but to charge the billable hours at a current rate for the Planning Staff. Discussion included the Lords et al Settlement Agreement filed on June 6, 2007 which resulted in the reviewing agent being WWC Engineering. Dan indicated he will review the settlement language and if directed prepare an agreement (amendment to the settlement agreement) to be filed with the Court of Record. He felt it would be appropriate to charge planning staff salaries and benefits as they review this subdivision. Commissioner Iman expressed concern on taking over the work product from WWC and being responsible for it. Tristan stated all of the work product done by WWC Engineering belongs to the county and has been reviewed by the Planning Staff already. Dan also stated this amendment would need to be drafted carefully seeking relief from any litigation from Flatiron Ranch LLC. He also noted if the subdivision was built and litigation occurred, WWC Engineering would have some piece of the liability if any was found.

Commissioner Kanenwisher returned to this meeting.

Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to have the Planning Staff take over the review of this project, being paid for the actual costs. Commissioner Kanenwisher seconded the motion noting the current unpaid invoice to Flatiron also be made current. Discussion: Dan stated this motion would bind the county to something when we should be negotiating with Flatiron and reviewing what the court of record will require. Commissioner Chilcott withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Chilcott stated the simplest thing to do is to continue to comply with the court order due to the time that might be needed to negotiate this request and having the subdivider apply for an extension.

**Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to have the Planning Staff and Civil Counsel negotiate with Flatiron Ranch LLC, which will include the wage rate for staff and any other items necessary in order to take over as the reviewing agent.**

**Commissioner Kanenwisher seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (4-0)**

► Fred Thomas met with Commissioner Stoltz and Commissioner Kanenwisher regarding the MACo insurance pool at 3:00 p.m.

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**Commissioners Scheduling**

Based upon a Board of Ravalli County Commissioners meeting on 4/12/2011 the following was agreed upon in regard to setting the agenda of the Commissioners:

- This will be a temporary policy until we see if it works
- Commissioners Staff can set meetings with Department Heads (as with any other agenda item, the Chair has this review
- Commissioners Staff can set certain items such as: public hearings (road abandonments, fire annexation, fee increases) (as with any other agenda item, the Chair has this review).
- Commissioners set meetings based upon citizen requests (as with any other agenda item, the Chair has this review) Commissioners staff will attempt to direct the citizen to the Commissioner who is the liaison for a specific issue they are concerned with, i.e., Commissioner Stoltz and the airport; Direct the citizen to the Commissioner who might be their district Commissioner, i.e., District 1 would be Commissioner Stoltz; or Direct the citizen to the Commission Chair