

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

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

Date.....July 15, 2011

- ▶ Minutes: Glenda Wiles
- ▶ Commissioner Chilcott attended the NACo 2011 Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon for the day.
- ▶ The Board met with Road Supervisor David Ohnstad at 10:00 a.m. for the following issues:

Bid opening for the Westside Fencing project: This piece of the project will be required due to the Westside Road Construction. Only one bid was received from Skyline Fencing of Victor for an estimate base bid of \$28,763.00, with one bid acknowledgement. Commissioner Kanenwisher made a motion to have the Road and Bridge Department review the bid and then make a recommendation to the Commissioners. Commissioner Foss seconded the motion. Discussion: Commissioner Iman asked about the 'estimate bid'. David noted any monies left over in the anticipated probable cost line will be utilized for another portion of road construction. All voted "aye".

Safety Enhancement for West Fork Road: David noted this safety enhancement project includes the replacement of traffic signs and durable pavement markings. Estimates for this road signing and striping for 34.3 miles of road length is \$153,643.20. The new signs will conform to Federal Highway Safety Standards. This project also includes striping, which is estimated to cost \$196,990. These purchases are 100% reimbursable from the Federal Highway Transportation Department. They hope to have the project completed by August. David recommends the Commissioners move forward on seeking bids for these two sign enhancement projects.

David then read a portion of the Draft Ordinance for speed limits on West Fork Road. He noted some of the sections of this road have the speed limits set by the State Transportation Commission.

Commissioner Iman opened the discussion up for public comment as follows:

Charles Scripts, Chief of Painted Rocks Fire discussed the reason for speed limits. In the last five years they have only responded to one motor vehicle accident. The Fire District does not feel any changes need to be made, with one section increasing the speed from 30 to 35 miles per

hour. A reduction in speed limit means the emergency vehicles will arrive at a slower rate because they are required to follow the speed requirements set by law.

Frank Kucera, representing West Fork Fire District noted he has yet to see a traffic accident on the West Fork Road. The West Fork QRU (Quick Response Unit) has responded to one accident at the Conner cut off due to alcohol consumption, but there were no serious injuries. He felt there was no justification for a reduction in speed limits.

Dick Bonnet, also of the QRU stated he remembers one other vehicle accident (other than the one at Conner cut-off) and he too feels any change in the speed is not justified.

Charles Scripts asked what the process for the Ordinance was. Discussion included how ordinances are adopted. More discussion occurred about the existing and proposed speed limits at certain mile markers. Some citizens suggested the speed limit go back to 45 or 55 m.p.h. after the dam. At the large rock that hangs over the road, the citizens suggested the speed be left at 55 m.p.h. with advisory signs for curves.

Frank Kucera stated the mile marker signs are all one sided posts. Since the QRU personnel depend upon those signs for their responses, he suggested the mile marker signs be two sided. David stated the new signs will be two sided and placed at the proper locations.

Charles Scripts stated the guardrail between marker 26 and 27 is actually hanging in the air due to erosion. David stated that is a remnant of the old road alignment. He suggested it be either removed or moved to its proper location.

Board comment: Commissioner Kanenwisher stated speed limit signs do not stop people from driving too fast. While they have heard in the past that there were many complaints and issues, they are finding out there is not a problem. Commissioner Foss stated anything the Commission can do to enhance the safety response of emergency vehicles is important and she noted this meeting shows there are no problems due to the lack of accidents. She suggested they do not move forward on the Ordinance. Commissioner Stoltz stated they need to move forward on the Ordinance because there are some changes the citizens would like to see. Commissioner Iman memorialized that the citizens present this date want 45 to 55 m.p.h. beyond the lake, and below the bus turn around to the rock, they would like to keep that at 55 m.p.h. The citizens concurred. Commissioner Iman suggested they perform a speed study in order to find the 85th percentile. ~~Commissioner Kanenwisher stated the speed studies don't always provide the information necessary to set speed limits.~~ David stated they can perform an analysis and while not 100% accurate, it can provide a reasonable reading. The Ordinance is in a draft form, so he suggests they move forward with the process and make the changes. Commissioner Stoltz made a motion to do a traffic study on the road above the lake. Commissioner Kanenwisher seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

In regard to the discussion and decision for the safety enhancement project in the amounts of \$153,643.00 and \$196,990.00, Commissioner Kanenwisher made a motion to move forward with the bidding process. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

(Commissioner Foss then left the meeting for another commitment).

David noted they had 40-45 citizens attending the meeting last evening on the Westside Road construction that is due to start on Monday, July 18th. One issue brought up was the non-motorized vehicle usage. Some people wanted the road widened by paving the 2' shoulders. David noted while they had reviewed this in the design phase, it was noted the extra cost would

be prohibitive. The design allows it to be a shared roadway. In regard to businesses along this roadway, an email was received from Sapphire Jewelry Business located on Wyant Lane. This business would like construction signage displaying their business. David noted that is something the Commission can decide upon, noting the signs can be utilized again. Commissioner Iman asked if the sign ordinance applies in this incident, also noting he is in favor of allowing those display signs during the course of construction. Any permanent signs would need to go through the regular sign ordinance process. **The Board had no issue with the display signs during construction.**

► In other business the Board met at 10:55 a.m. to discuss the policies for public meetings. Commissioner Kanenwisher stated this policy has been published for the past thirty days and at this time he made a **motion to adopt public policy as presented. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion. Commissioner Iman stated he would be in favor of this except when directed by Civil Counsel to use a different format for special meetings. All voted "aye" with the addition.** Some discussion ensued about the policy as written by Commissioner Kanenwisher and when public comment is allowed.

Commissioner Kanenwisher also addressed citizen requests for information indicating some of the requests are not specific and there is no way to fulfill that request. He stated there is no county responsibility to respond to people if they ask for 'things' that justify what their thoughts are. A published form for a person's request would be located on the web. The form would delineate if it is a personnel request, or a request from a business or non-profit. He felt the fees for copies can be addressed at a later date. Commissioner Iman noted this is a draft policy. **Commissioner Stoltz made a motion to adopt this provisionally for 60 days (in order to make sure it works). Commissioner Kanenwisher seconded the motion.** Discussion: Michael Howell asked why the request would require people to identify who they are. Commissioner Kanenwisher stated if the person is representing a company; the county does not have to supply the information for reasons of solicitation purposes. Michael asked if Civil Counsel should review this first. Commissioner Kanenwisher stated it is not a policy right now and if they move forward to make it a policy, it will have legal review. **All voted "aye".**

► The Board met at 11:10 a.m. with Public Health Nurse Director Judy Griffin. Judy brought the agreement for a Nurse Practitioner Service with Nurse Practitioner Jenny Forbes. This agreement would have an end date of October 31st. It has been reviewed by Legal Counsel. Commissioner Iman addressed the "18 hours of services" and the "compensation for full and half day clinics". Judy stated the extra two hours are for phone consultation and the average hours for those clinics will total approximately 18 hours. **Commissioner Kanenwisher made a motion to execute this service agreement with Jenny Forbes. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye".**

► The Board met at 1:30 p.m. to interview Bob Harkin for the Impact Fee Advisory Board.

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