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

Date.....October 24, 2011

►Minutes: Glenda Wiles

►The Board met at 9:10 a.m. with Road Supervisor David Ohnstad for the following issues. Also present was Citizen Bill Menager.

- Resolution No. 2758 - which authorizes the Road and Bridge Department to submit a $3.1 million dollar project for Tiger III Discretionary Grant Funding and Letter to certify that Ravalli County and any private entities we contract with will comply with the requirements of the Federal Wage Rate Requirements. This will be for Logan Lane and Pine Hollow Road reconstruction if approved. **Commissioner Kanenwisher made a motion to approve of this Resolution and to have Chairman Signature on the Federal Wage Rate Requirement Letter. Commissioner Foss seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (3-0)**
- Petition for posting a Speed Limit on North Kootenai Creek Road - The **Board wants to reconcile the signatures on the petition with the actual residents on the street, and then hold a meeting for any speed limit changes.**
- Acceptance of Asphalt Millings - **The Board concurred to accept the asphalt millings from Montana Department of Transportation for the North Kootenai and Hoover Lane project.**
- Winter Roadway Operations - David noted he met with the school superintendents and transportation supervisors on the 13th of October to discuss their views of the previous year's snow and ice control efforts. Their general consensus appeared to be favorable. David noted this operations policy establishes the parameters of winter procedures for roadway maintenance. **Commissioner Stoltz stated he wanted to spend more time reviewing this policy prior to adoption. It was agreed to place this on the calendar for approval at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 27th.**

►The Board met at 10:00 a.m. to approve of the agreement with Robert Peccia & Associates for Engineering Services for Improvements to the Airport; Certification for Selection of Consultants; and Task Order #1 for Environmental Assessment Services.

Present at this meeting were numerous citizens, including but not limited to Airport Board Members Dave Hedditch & Fred Haaskamp, Airport Manager Page Gough, Ravalli Reporter Whitney Bermes, Citizens William Menager, Phyllis Bookbinder, Dennis Moore, Bill & Judy Stewart and RC Watchdogs Maggie Wright and Lee Tickell.

Commissioner Kanenwisher noted the Airport Board reviewed the Engineering firms qualifications, making the recommendation for Robert Peccia & Associates. The Commissioner then approved utilizing Robert Peccia & Associates for the upcoming engineering services.

Commissioner Kanenwisher made a motion to accept the contract and execute with Chair Iman's signature. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion.

Public comment:

Doug McLaren presented a letter dated October 21, 2011 from the Airport Safety Foundation noting their continued commitment to pay an amount not to exceed $35,000, and to also commit an additional $1,320.00 for this upcoming engineering service.

Phyllis Bookbinder of ICAARE asked if the citizens understand what is being done. She stated a lot of work was done on the Environmental Assessment and runway option with a decision being made a year ago for option 2A. She stated at that time the citizens still had their right to vote on any runway extension. Those five Commissioners represented a broad spectrum when that decision was made. The runway length was held to keep excessive pollution and larger jets out of our valley. And now after hundreds of thousands of dollars, this Commission is changing that. She further stated that after three new Commissioners took office the process for option 2A was stopped and now the citizen's constitutional rights are being ignored. The new Commissioners chose not to meet with ICAARE. She feels that funding has been wasted because the Commissioners are starting the process over. She expressed her frustration in the public notice announcement in the newspaper which did not cite the meeting on Monday morning because Commissioner Stoltz placed it on the calendar on Friday morning. She stated there was no 48 hour notice either in the paper or on the bulletin board. She stated the new Commissioners have created more government and less civil rights. She stated after all of the previous decisions and process was in place, now the new Board of County Commissioners is going to spend more money for 1% of the population. This will be a 'Cadillac Airport' that 99% of the remaining citizens will have to pay for. She felt the current Commissioners disenfranchise them which could result in their taking legal action. She stated per the FAA agreement if option 2A is not followed, then all legal document questions must be answered. Further, that 2A would not delay job opportunity and safety at the airport.

Maggie Wright asked what the process was on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in regard to the two firms that responded. She asked if the competitive bidding process was utilized in order to select the engineering firm of Peccia & Associates.

Lee Tickell reiterated Phyllis's comments on the open meeting and public notice. He was notified of this meeting late Friday afternoon. And for those who don't have web access, and since it was not in the paper Friday or today, this meeting does not meet the letter of the law. He asked when the Commissioners received the documents, and how would the citizens obtain the documents ahead of time so they could review them? He noted the task order does not have the amount of money specified. So how would they know how much is being spent?

Maggie asked if the answers could be given at this meeting today rather than later.

Public comment was now closed.

Commissioner Kanenwisher stated he does not remember all the different meetings on the matter. He then gave an example of the LIDAR project, (recently going out to bid for flood plain work) noting that engineers have conversations with those who order the work. He stated the RFQ is different from a bidding process. The Commissioners received recommendations on the engineer from the Airport Board, then the engineer talked to the FAA and the FAA gave a $75,000 estimate for this work. In regard to the legitimacy of this meeting, the Commissioners have had multiple meetings on this issue and "you guys can beat this drum all you want", but the fact is that this was provided and it has gone back and forth to the engineers, FAA, and County Attorney. He also noted the Commissioners do have a standard for how long things have to be on the agenda.

Commissioner Foss stated this meeting was on the agenda and there is no reason to put this decision off.

Commissioner Stoltz stated this (agenda item) had 48 hours notice and that comment had closed. **All voted "aye" (3-0)**

Commissioner Kanenwisher discussed the scope of the project and then made a motion to accept Task Order Number One, executing it with Chair signature. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (3-0)

Public Comment was called for on this second motion on Task Order Number One.

Dennis Moore stated the Commissioners say they want public comment but they back door this deal and don't make the announcement in the paper. He felt they are doing this behind the scenes. Certain commissioners will not speak to ICAARE group members. He stated he was enraged when Obama Care was crammed down our throats and as far as he is concerned this is the same. We had no access to these documents; and the Commissioners can exclude us or try to work with us in order to reach an agreement with all sides.

Public Comment was then closed.

Commissioner Kanenwisher stated he does not care if these documents are out there for review another 3-4 days. He disagrees with this small group of people, and as he said before "you can

beat that drum all you want". He suggested they put this meeting off until the later part of the week.

Commissioner Foss stated when she was asked for a meeting with ICAARE, she asked for new information and the group did not have it. The Commissioners have involved the public in this process and to say otherwise is ludicrous. The people voted for us and when she ran for this Commissioner position she was very verbal about how she felt about option 2A. She felt basically the small group of ICAARE people did not win.

Commissioner Kanenwisher withdrew his motion on approval of Task Order Number One. (He will leave the agreement approval in place because they have addressed choosing that engineer.)

Commissioner Kanenwisher made a motion to continue this meeting until Thursday, October 27th at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Foss seconded the motion.

Public comment:

Phyllis Bookbinder stated while there might be notice that was legal, it was short notice. And now this time is wasted, it could have been avoided with better notice. She stated citizens looked in the paper on Friday and it was not there. We trust that. She asked Commissioner Stoltz why he did not schedule the meeting a week out and if the documents were available then why were they not given the opportunity to review them. If the Commissioners want the public involved then you have to respect citizen's time. She felt the short notice disenfranchises the public. She asked that they not place these items on the calendar Friday for a Monday meeting as they want to be informed.

All voted "aye" on continuance of meeting to October 27, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

► Commissioner Foss attended an Economic Development Authority meeting in the afternoon relative to the issues of rail link services in the valley.