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

Date.....October 26, 2011

► Minutes: Glenda Wiles

► The Board met with Glen Cameron of Montana Department of Transportation at 9:05 a.m. to discuss the findings of the speed studies done by the Department of Transportation (DOT) on U.S. 93 and Skalkaho Highways. Also present at this meeting was Ravalli Republic Reporter Whitney Bermes, Citizen Jaymie Baer and Montana Highway Patrol Trooper Rocky Bailey. Glen gave a brief recap of how speed limits are set on the Montana State Routes as well as the history of U.S. 93 being set to 70 miles per hour in this particular section of highway. Presented for discussion were letters from the Traffic Engineer in regard to the existing conditions, traffic volumes and crash history. Glen indicated the state will be designing some additional lighting and a flashing light at that intersection within the next month. Discussion included the traffic speeds, area traffic congestion and the slope and curves of Skalkaho from the intersection onto Highway 93.

Trooper Bailey stated he has investigated crashes on Montana roadways since 1997. In his opinion, a reduction of speed is important for this intersection. Many vehicle operators want to drive 5-7 miles per hour faster than the speed limit. There are different types of vehicles and driver abilities being challenged within this intersection. At 60 miles per hour a vehicle travels 88 feet per second. This vehicle closing distance comes upon people faster than they think, and getting off to a slow start at this intersection creates a traffic hazard. Trooper Bailey stated they work in areas that they have the best impact on. He noted if the limit is 70 then they drive 75 miles per hour particularly when they head south of Hamilton. Having a posted limit of 60 mph makes the intersection much safer even accommodating for those that think they should drive a few miles more per hour.

Glen stated while the traffic engineer's recommendation is to have "a 60 miles per hour speed limit beginning at station 68+00, (1,000' south of the intersection with Skalkaho Road) and continuing north to station 163+00, an approximate distance of 1.8 miles", the Commissioners

need to write a letter to the Montana Transportation Commission for final determination and action.

Commissioner Stoltz made a motion to support the recommendation of lowering the speed limit to 60 miles per hour for this intersection and to include the other safety enhancements (intersection lighting and flashing light) in a letter to the Montana Transportation Commission for final determination and action. Commissioner Foss seconded the motion. Discussion: Jaymie stated the issue of visibility and speed is important to this intersection. Her 16 year old daughter was fatally injured at this intersection last November 2010, due to her inexperience. The Board concurred other construction changes on the approach lane are important; for example removing part of the super curve and sloping it to the back side. These requested changes will also be part of the letter sent to the Montana Transportation Commission. **All voted "aye". (4-0)**

► The Board met at 10:00 a.m. for a public hearing for the adoption of Resolutions for budget amendments for FY 2011. Present at this meeting were Comptroller Jana Exner, Chief Financial Officer Klarryse Murphy, Ravalli Republic Reporter Whitney Bermes, Bitterroot Star Publisher Michael Howell, RC Watchdogs Lee Tickell and Maggie Wright.

The public hearing was called to order. (Proper legal notice was given to the paper of record for legal advertisements on October 12th and October 19th per Glenda.)

Klarryse noted they are getting ready for their FY2011 fiscal audit and they need to do budget amendments to accommodate for any unanticipated revenue, overages and shortages to the budget. Klarryse then reviewed each of the Resolutions and explanations of overages, shortages, and unanticipated revenues.

Commissioner Kanenwisher made a motion to adopt the following Resolutions No. 2760 through Resolution No. 2778 for FY 2011.

- **Resolution No. 2760 – Unanticipated Revenue in funds 2939; 2859; 2841; 2843; 2360; 2254; 2180; 2172; 2160**
- **Resolution No. 2761 – Unanticipated Revenue in MDOT Westside Road Capital Project**
- **Resolution No. 2762 – Unanticipated Revenue in Justice Center Bonds**
- **Resolution No. 2763 – Unanticipated Revenue from SRS fund to Road fund for dust abatement**
- **Resolution No. 2764 – Unanticipated Revenue from Federal Narrowband Repeater Grant and E-911 expenditure**
- **Resolution No. 2765 – Unanticipated Revenue from Senior Citizens Fund**
- **Resolution No. 2766 – Unanticipated Revenue from RAC Grant**
- **Resolution No. 2767 – Reserve money from Seniors distributed to Senior Center due to a new voted levy**
- **Resolution No. 2768 – Unanticipated Revenue in Parks Fund**
- **Resolution No. 2769 – Unanticipated Revenue from dust abatement**
- **Resolution No. 2770 – Unanticipated Revenue in Airport Fund**

- **Resolution No. 2711 – Transfer of monies from Clerk and Recorder budget to CIP for purchase of voting machine**
- **Resolution No. 2772 - Unanticipated Revenue in the Vaccination Fund**
- **Resolution No. 2773 – Unanticipated Revenue on Homeland Security Grant**
- **Resolution No. 2774 – Unanticipated Revenue in the Family Planning Grant**
- **Resolution No. 2775 – Unanticipated Revenue in MCH Grant**
- **Resolution No. 2776 – Unanticipated Revenue in Victim Witness surcharge and grant fund**
- **Resolution No. 2777 – Unanticipated Revenue to Pro-rata Fund**
- **Resolution No. 2778 – Unanticipated Revenue to Crisis Stabilization building construction**

Commissioner Foss seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. (4-0).