

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

KANENWISHER

FOSS 

CHILCOTT 

IMAN 

STOLTZ 

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

Date.....March 8, 2012

► Minutes: Glenda Wiles

► The Board met at 9:00 a.m. with IT Director Joe Frohlich to discuss and make a possible decision on power in the second floor server room at the Courthouse and power back up at the Administrative Center. Also present at this meeting was Office of Emergency Services Staff Erik Hoover and Ravalli County Under Sheriff Perry Johnson.

Joe addressed the necessity to replace the UPS's in the Server Room, the issues created when the power goes out and the cost of lost equipment. Joe worked with CTA Architects/Engineers to design plans which will include power from 911 to the 2nd floor server room, a new power panel in server room which would in turn supply power to radio and detention boiler room. Estimates on the scope of project for the Courthouse are approximately \$15,000 and Joe can utilize monies set aside in his budget for the Administration Generator purchase.

**Commissioner Iman made a motion to follow the recommendation of CTA and the IT Department to implement the upgrade of the UPS's for the second floor server room, the jail and antennas (radio) with bids to come before the Board of County Commissioners for final decision and to utilize the funds currently set aside for the Administrative Building Generator. Commissioner Foss seconded the motion.** Discussion: Erik addressed the contractor who handled the County/City radio issues and he agreed to follow up on those issues. Commissioner Stoltz was now present. **All voted "aye". (5-0)**

► The Board met at 10:00 a.m. with Dennis Stranger, City of Hamilton Special Projects Director and WGM Engineer Jonathan Gass in order to discuss the improvement project for Fairground road pedestrian facilities and fairground parking. Also present was Fairgrounds Manager Deborah Rogalla and Fair Commission Member Ran Pigman.

Dennis identified the City/County Transportation Plan which names Fairgrounds Road as one of the highest traffic roads in Ravalli County. The Transportation Safety Plan also identifies Fairgrounds Road as a road in need of assessment for non-motorized use (shared-use path).

Dennis stated when the building permit for First Interstate Center was issued, the Commissioners agreed the county would allow one year of its CTEP monies to be used for this road project (sometime in the future). Jonathan presented a power point presentation on the shared-use path in regard to the project description for the need and objectives, the work to date performed, estimated project costs broken into road segments and lighting at \$568,744. Eventually the project will include paths on both sides of the road with road construction with an estimated cost of 2.7 million. Discussion included the use of one year's worth of County CTEP money that was pledged for this project.

**Public Comment:**

Michael Howell asked about extra monies available for cost overruns for the existing CTEP project in Stevensville.

► The Board met at 1:30 p.m. with Ravalli County Economic Development Director Julie Foster to discuss and make any decisions necessary on the Tiger IV grant application she is pursuing for the county for the Montana Rail Link repair. (See attachment). It was agreed Deb Reesman of the Department of Revenue will bring forth research on the issue of tax reduction for repair of infrastructure, and to hold a roundtable discussion with Elected Officials from Stevensville, Hamilton and Darby for a discussion of the continuation of rail link and Tiger IV Grant Application on Tuesday, March 13th at 4:00 p.m.

## **Current TIGER IV Application**

20% match required to be competitive

\$5.62 M = total project cost submitted in application

\$1.00 M = amount of match needed to be competitive for a total project cost of \$5.62 M

\$0.00 - match

## **TIGER IV – More Competitive Option**

\$5.6 M = total project cost submitted in application

\$200,000 = Ravalli match

\$5.62 M = total project cost

## **New Information from TIGER Webinar**

The requested amount for a project is almost never awarded and reductions can be significant.

There are 1000 applicants requesting \$13.7 billion in funds for this TIGER round.

If we had a \$1.2 M project we would be very competitive. | \$1.0 M TIGER Funds and \$200,000 Ravalli match via a loan.

## **Decisions**

1. Would the County Commit to the \$200,000 in the next few days?

Other local governments could be asked to assist – as an example the County could pay the first 4 years of debt service, City of Hamilton could pay the next 3 years, and the Town of Stevensville could pay the final 3 years.

There is not time to get this agreement in place prior to the submission of the application but there is time to get it done before the County would execute a loan agreement.

2. Should we change our application to the \$1.2 M project and abandon the \$5.62 M project?

## **MISC**

MRL wanted \$5.62 M .....but..... MRL;  
Isn't willing to make the application competitive  
Doesn't understand and doesn't care to understand anything about grants

We could ask STB about their thoughts on this.

See attached handout provided by MRL – a major problem is the bridge in Missoula for \$500,000 which could be repaired.

Jim Lewis told me that if service was resumed with JUST the culvert repair it is likely that MRL could operate the track for as many as five years before additional problems like the cracked pilings would require a shut down or a fix. Note that the pilings are \$50,000. If we receive these funds we could fix many of them. The decision is not entirely MRL's.

I think the short time that we have known of the situation and therefore have had to raise any match makes a compelling point.

Annual taxes paid by Selway Corporation alone are \$57,500.



Br 0	Replace ties across bridge \$200,000	200000
BR 0.1	Cracked stringers \$45000	45000
BR 22	Replace ties\$ 5200	5200
Br 23	Ties \$2070	2070
BR 23.1	Ties \$3105	3105
BR 24	Ties \$2300	2300
<Stevensville>		
BR 34	Crack in piling replacement \$50000	50000
Br 37	Crack in piling replacement \$50000	50000
Br 40	Crack in piling replacement \$50000	50000
Br 43	Crack in piling replacement \$50000	50000
Br 46	Crack in piling replacement \$50000	50000
Various culvert work		60000
Bridge 47 piling repairs		150000
		717675

**MONTANA RAIL LINK  
AUTHORITY FOR EXPENDITURE**

SUBDIV: all  
LINE SEG: all

AFE No. \_\_\_\_\_  
BUD REF: 4  
DIS/N-DIS DIS

Title: Raise, Line, & Surface 48 miles on 9th Sub.

Requested by: Randall A. Gustin Date Requested: 02/15/12

Amount Requested:

	<u>Total</u>
Capital	<b>\$512,669</b>
Operating Expense	<b>\$0</b>
Gross Expenditure	<b>\$512,669</b>
Net Salvage	<b>\$0</b>
Net Expenditure	<b><u>\$512,669</u></b>

Proposal:

See attached

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Authorization

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Board of Directors (Gross Expenditure in excess of \$100,000) \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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President (Gross Expenditure in excess of \$50,000) \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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Vice President (Gross Expenditure in excess of \$10,000) \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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Vice President of Finance & Administration \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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Department Head \_\_\_\_\_ Date