COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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

Date.....May 7, 2012

►Minutes: Glenda Wiles

►Commissioner Chilcott was in Helena attending a MACo Tax, Finance and Budget meeting.

►The Board met at 9:00 a.m. with members of the committee (Fire Council Members and Fire Chiefs) designated to review and make recommendation on the vendor/proposal for the alphanumeric paging system as well as to make a decision on the award and funding. Staff members included Under Sheriff Perry Johnson, Office of Emergency Services Erik Hoover and Ron Nicholas and Chief Financial Officer Klarryse Murphy. (See attached document indentifying the bid costs as well as maintenance and support as prepared by Erik.) Erik reviewed the bid finding it to be a viable and well prepared bid from Montana Electronics in the amount of $298,744.50.

Discussion included the Lake Como equipment, location and necessary lease; the one time costs and recurring maintenance costs that are not included in the bid from Montana Electronics and the integration/interface of CTS software.

Fire Council Chief Russ Giese presented and identified an annual contribution through loans by the individual Fire Departments, Marcus Daly Hospital and Search and Rescue, for the next ten years, noting the best way to fund this in the future is to present a mill levy voted on by the people for public safety equipment which would talk care of the recurring maintenance and future upgrade of radio equipment. Erik noted this equipment will last over the ten year loan period.

Klarryse identified the current mill levy value is approximately $78,000 and they might want to consider leaving the mill levy for perpetuity if approved by the voters in order to develop a capital improvement fund. She also explained that Ravalli County will carry the Intercap loan on this alphanumeric paging system with the individual fire departments reimbursing the county for their portions.

Commissioner Iman made a motion to continue meeting until May 10th at 11:00 a.m.. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (3-0)

►The Board met at 10:00 a.m. to consider and make a decision concerning the Justice of Peace injunction and related attorney's fees by Datsopoulos, MacDonald and Lind, P.C. Present at this meeting was Attorney George Corn who represents Justice of Peace Robin Clute and Jim Bailey, Justice of Peace Robin Clute, Human Resource Director Robert Jenni and Deputy County Attorney Howard Recht.

Attorney Recht presented an update on the lawsuit brought forth by Justice of Peace Clute and Bailey in regard to a proposed layoff. He noted there are a number of substantive and procedural questions they hoped the court would rule on, but since the fiscal year is ending with new budget and the court has not made any ruling both the County Attorney's Office and George Corn have agreed to dismiss the case and make payment for the attorney representation in the amount of 16,327.50 if approved by the Commissioners. **Commissioner Iman made a motion to dismiss the case and pay $16,327.50 for the cost incurred in this matter, noting instruction to the County Attorney's Office and George Corn to facilitate the case dismissal with payment. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (3-0)**

George Corn stated he hopes the Justices of the Peace Robin Clute and Jim Bailey does not have to through this litigation again with the upcoming budget year.

►The Board met for an interview with Jenny Zito for a Park Board interview at 1:00 p.m.

►The Board met at 1:30 p.m. for a budget presentation by the Humane Society.