

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

FOSS 

CHILCOTT 

IMAN 

STOLTZ 

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

Date.....July 13, 2012

► Minutes: Glenda Wiles

► Commissioner Greg Chilcott was in Pittsburg, PA. for a NACo Public Lands Steering Committee meeting.

► The Board met at 8:00 a.m. for an exit interview with Road Employee Bear Herman. Closed door was invoked by the employee for purposes of confidentiality.

► The Board met at 9:25 a.m. with Deputy County Attorney Howard Recht. **Commissioner Iman made a motion to invoke closed door under MCA 2-3-203(4)(a) for purposes of litigation strategy in the case of the Bitterroot Star and Ravalli County Watchdog versus Ravalli County. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (3-0) to invoke closed door. After that litigation strategy the door was open at 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Iman made a motion to allow County Counsel the ability to represent the County and its' interest in a settlement conference in the above named case. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (3-0)**

► The Board met at 10:00 a.m. with Road Administrator Eric Anderson, Road Operations Bear Herman and Bob Arduini to discuss and make a possible decision on the reclamation of private property on West Fork. Mr. Arduini indicated the previous Road Supervisor stock piled chips on his property in exchange for cleanup of base rock and clean up around his dam area (in 2010). There was so much dirt in the chips the county had to dig a pit and wash the chips. This left large amounts of material on his property. Discussion included how to grade the top portion and lower portions of the property. Mr. Arduini felt comfortable with any decision on the ditching by the road crew. It is all gravel and he does not anticipate any water pooling and standing. Bear suggested on the lower side by the hill they can fill that area in for the water to drain appropriately. **Commissioner Iman made a motion recognize the county responsibility to Mr. Arduini and have a resolution by October 15, 2012, or prior to the freeze season. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (3-0)**