

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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Members Present.....Commissioner Suzy Foss, Commissioner Greg Chilcott, Commissioner J.R. Iman, Commissioner Ron Stoltz and Commissioner Jeff Burrows

Date.....September 18, 2012

- ▶ Minutes: Glenda Wiles
- ▶ Commissioner Foss and Burrows participated in a radio talk show during the morning hours.
- ▶ The Board met with fire officials for the Sawtooth Fire. Commissioner Foss and Burrows were not present for this meeting.
- ▶ The Board met at 9:30 a.m. with Deputy County Attorney Howard Recht for an update on the litigation against Jack Vallance regarding storing a motor home at the airport. Howard stated he received letters from Mr. Vallance and referenced a September 11th letter where Jack stated \$50.00 per month is the standard amount collected by private businesses for storing trailers/motor homes and that is what he wants to pay. Howard asked the Commissioners how they want to proceed on this issue particularly in light of the \$3,000 charges thus far by the county. Commissioner Stoltz felt it would be incorrect to negotiate a fee or penalty due to the grant assurances the county is required to follow. Commissioner Stoltz also noted for over two years Mr. Vallance would not talk to the county or respond to any of the county's letters but now he wants to negotiate. Commissioner Chilcott stated Mr. Vallance was living in the motor home for a period of time which is more than a monthly \$50.00 fee. Howard stated during the period of penalty the motor home was not occupied. Commissioner Stoltz stated he will visit with the FAA to make sure they don't have any problem with negotiation instead of going to trial. He also noted he personally feels \$50.00 per month is too low of a settlement.

Public Comment:

Chris Hockman asked if utilizing a collection agency is an option. Howard responded collection agencies collect upon the judgment and the keep a percentage of what they collect.

- ▶ The Board met with Chief Financial Officer Klarryse Murphy at 9:50 a.m. for an update which included a decision to seek Montana Board of Investment Loan for the Kurtz Lane Park Property.

Klarryse's concern is that this is a non-levied fund and there has not been revenue to support it. Commissioner Iman stated the Park Board only has about \$200,000 in reserves, so they are looking at partnering with other community organizations to improve and use the property as well as reducing the interest rate on the loan. Reserve money could be utilized to reduce the amount of the note. Klarryse indicated every February the Intercap interest is recalculated, historically it is one half to one third of normal rates. Depending upon the economy, the current fixed rate is 4.25% for 20 years, since Intercap is variable it could increase as well. Discussion included a shorter term loan instead of a full 15 year loan. Discussion also included subdivision activities for revenue. The note pay off is currently at \$270,000. **The Board agreed to have Klarryse contact Intercap and ascertain the current rate and the county's eligibility in order to make a decision at a later date.**

Public Comment:

William Menager by email.

Other update issues from Klarryse included:

- County Attorney Salaries: Discussion included the necessity as per MCA 7-4-206 to pass a Resolution for salary and benefits if the population exceeds 30,000. **Commissioner Iman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2913 which sets the salary of the County Attorney. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (3-0)**
- Meals for employees under the IRS rate/regulations cannot be more than per diem allows, and the entire meal cannot be placed on a credit card and paid for if it exceeds the per diem rate.
- CTEP City of Hamilton - The Board received a letter from the City asking for one year's worth of CTEP money for the Fairgrounds road project. The Board indicated the City needs to have the engineer's estimate and the CTEP monies will be given to the City during the actual construction year. CTEP Administrator Glenda Wiles will visit with the Fiscal Officer for CTEP at the state level for further information on the CTEP dollars.

► The Board met at 1:30 p.m. to continue their discussion of possible amendments to the Outdoor Sign Ordinance #12. Present was Planning Administrator Terry Nelson. After more changes it was decided to have the first reading on October 1, 2012

► The Board met at 2:40 p.m. to ratify the Delegation Agreement for the 911 Dispatch Management. The original motion was made on September 14, 2012, due to the necessity of immediate management. Present at this meeting was Chief Financial Officer Klarryse Murphy. **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to ratify the Delegation Agreement for 911 Dispatch Management. Commissioner Burrows seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (5-0) Due to some necessary changes (budget and terms) of this agreement, it was agreed to calendar another meeting on September 20, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss and make changes to the agreement with the Sheriff.**

The Board also discussed some budget and accounting issues for the 911 expenditures.