

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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BURROWS

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

Date.....December 7, 2012

▶ Minutes: Glenda Wiles

▶ The Board met at 8:00 a.m. to interview Gary Carlson for the open Senate Seat District No. 44.

▶ The Board met at 8:30 a.m. to interview Hollis Poe for the open Senate Seat District No. 44.

▶ The Board met at 9:00 a.m. to interview Scott Boulanger for the open Senate Seat District No. 44.

▶ The Board met at 9:40 a.m. to interview Doug Davies for an opening on the Ravalli County Economic Development Authority Board.

▶ The Board met at 10:00 a.m. with Deputy County Attorney Dan Browder for an update on the draft agreement for the Highway 93 Amenities between the Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the County. Dan indicated the most recent draft is unacceptable to the Commissioners so his recommendation is that individual Commissioners work with him and the Department of Transportation in order to reach agreement on a draft agreement. It was agreed that Commissioners Iman and Stoltz will work with Dan, possibly making a trip to Missoula for that discussion. Discussion also took place in regard to responsibilities and options of the county for the bike/pedestrian pathway along Highway 93.

▶ The Board met at 10:30 a.m. for the following administrative matter:

- Approval of Mileage Rates/Holidays and Per Diem for calendar year 2013 -  
**Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to accept the 2013 Legal Holidays and Per Diem Rates as put forth by MACo and the mileage rates as put forth by IRS. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (5-0)**

▶ The Board met at 2:30 p.m. for a decision and confirmation of the appointment of Senate Seat District #44 due to Bob Lake's resignation. Commissioner Iman was not present for this

*Commissioner Burrows indicated this was a very difficult decision because all three applicants are excellent candidates for this position.*

**Commissioner Burrows made a motion to appoint Scott Boulanger as Scott is the number one vote by the Republican Central Committee. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion.**

Commissioner Foss read a statement from Commissioner Iman since he had a previous appointment.

Commissioner Chilcott asked for public comment.

Public Comment:

Dixie Stark lives in this district and stated she is appalled the Commissioners would appoint Scott when he lost to Pat Connell in the November race. She stated it boggles her mind that the Commissioners will not look at other candidates. When Darby School Board had a similar appointment, they did not consider the person who lost in the last election.

Clay Deffleson stated this is a serious decision. He felt it important to look at the economy and felt the questions asked of the candidates by the Commissioners glossed over the critical issues at the federal and state level. He felt the county needs to appoint someone for that seat that can fill in for the short term and not need the long term learning curve. An example is the mandated Obama Care. He feels strongly that the Senator appointed needs to be someone who can handle the 'whole political gamut'; being able to influence the state legislators; have conservative values and the ability to project the solutions at the federal level as well.

Public Comment closed.

Commissioner Chilcott felt all three candidates have the ability to be good statesmen in Helena. He discussed each candidates strong points.

Commissioner Foss stated she is looking for solutions and one candidate approached issues with solutions.

Commissioner Stoltz concurred there are three qualified candidates. He thanked everyone who participated in the process.

Glenda brought forth the form from Secretary of State which requires the name of nominee and number of votes according to 5-2-402 MCA, asking if the motion made follows this form required. The Board reviewed the form in regard to the MCA requirements. (5-2-402 MCA).

There was no Civil Counsel present for review so Glenda called the Secretary of State's Office for clarification on the form that needs to be returned. After that clarification, Commissioner Stoltz called the question.

**All voted "aye". (4-0).**