

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

BURROWS 

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IMAN 

STOLTZ 

Members Present.....Commissioner Jeff Burrows, Commissioner Suzy Foss, Commissioner J.R. Iman

Date.....April 18, 2013

► Minutes: Glenda Wiles

► Commissioner Greg Chilcott was in Helena for the legislative session.

► The Board met with Officer of Emergency Services Director Ron Nicholas and OES Staff Eric Hoover at 8:30 a.m. to review the Emergency Management Program Grant Notice of Intent which will be submitted to the State. Ron explained this Notice of Intent is the preliminary step to the future application which will include a new set of policies and procedures for the County. Ron indicated this year's program pays for half of his annual salary. He hopes to include half of Eric's salary in the upcoming application as well as communication infrastructure. Ron also expressed frustration of the late payments to reimburse the county, which occurs to other counties as well. **Commissioner Iman made a motion to approve the Emergency Management Program Grant Notice of Intent with Chair signature. Commissioner Foss seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (4-0)**

► At 8:55 a.m. the Board met to review the draft of the Policy for Inspection and Copying of Public Documents. It was decided to place this item back on the agenda on May 29th at 9:00 a.m.

► At 9:30 a.m. the Board met to Open Herbicide Bids. Present was Weed Supervisor Kelliann Morris. It was noted the legal notice was ran on April 3rd and April 10th in the paper of record. Four bids were received as follows:

- Production Services of Huntley, Montana with the bid sheet filled out
- Wilbur Ellis of Spokane, Washington with the bid sheet filled out
- Alligare Resources of Kenniwick, Washington with the bid sheet filled out
- Red Rivers Specialties of Shreveport, Louisiana with the bid sheet filled out

Commissioner Iman made a motion to give the bids to Kellicann for the Weed Board's review and recommendation back to the Commissioners for award. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (4-0)

► Due to scheduling issues Commissioner Stoltz made a motion to move the 10:00 a.m. meeting with the Road Supervisor until 2:30 p.m. today. Commissioner Iman seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (3-0) Commissioner Foss was not present for this vote.

► The Board met at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the MACo/JPIA renewal for the 2013/2014 Property and Casualty Insurance. Commissioner Stoltz made a motion to move forward on the application process for the MACo/JPIA property and casualty insurance. Commissioner Foss seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (4-0) Glenda will copy this application to the Comptroller, and designated offices for a review of the properties/ personnel listed to make sure the information being submitted is correct.

► The Board met at 1:30 p.m. for a discussion and decision on a letter received from the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs for acquisition of 58.085 acres (known as Medicine Tree) to be held in trust for use and benefit by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. (See attached). Discussion included the amount of annual taxes on this property in the amount of \$808.00 that would stop if the acquisition is approved; a small spring called Medicine Creek; and why the Salish & Kootenai Tribes want the Federal Government to hold it in their behalf. Commissioner Stoltz made a motion to send a letter of opposition to this land acquisition with Attorney Recht writing the letter. Commissioner Foss seconded the motion.

Commissioner Iman stated the letter should show the findings such as:

- the loss of the annual taxes; no benefit found to the citizens of Ravalli County for this acquisition; reduces land ownership in the county when 72% is already owned by federal and state agencies; unknown what will happen to the house that is being rented (a tenant is renting now); question on access to the other 40 acres.

Public Comment: Jan Wisniewski asked why they would want to trade their sacred ground to the government? He too would like his property removed from the tax rolls as well, and asked if there are any stream water rights on this property. Jan also posed the question if the Bureau of Indian Affairs has this land in trust, would it create more problems when and if the highway was changed.

All voted "aye". (4-0)

► The Board met at 1:50 p.m. to discuss a letter received by the Ravalli County Airport Advisory Board regarding the need for a turn lane on the Eastside Highway at the Airport access. (See attached). Commissioner Foss made a motion to send a letter to the Department of Transportation addressing the concerns of the Airport Advisory Board for the unsafe conditions as traffic turn into the airport from the Eastside Highway, asking them to give the Commissioners a report. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (4-0)

► The Board met at 2:30 p.m. with Road Supervisor Dusty McKern for an employee evaluation. Dusty asked for a closed door meeting due to the personnel issues of his evaluation. Commissioner Burrows invoked closed door according to MCA 2-3-203.



United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Flathead Agency
P.O. Box 40
Pablo, Montana 59855



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RAVALLI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RAVALLI COUNTY COURTHOUSE
215 South 4th Street
Suite A
Hamilton, MT 59840

Dear County Commissioners:

This agency has under consideration an application for acquisition of land by the United States to be held in trust for the use and benefit of The Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes. The proposed use of the property is agricultural.

The property is described as follows:

The SE¹/₄NW¹/₄ and all that part of the NW¹/₄SW¹/₄ which lies East and North of the right-of-way of U.S. Highway 93, all in Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 20 West, P.M.M., Ravalli County, Montana.

Recording Reference: Book 176 Deeds, page 908.

AND

A tract of land in the NW¹/₄SW¹/₄ of Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 20 West, P.M.M., Ravalli County, Montana, as shown by the shaded area on the plat, attached and made part of Instrument No. 544781.

Containing 58.085 acres, more or less.

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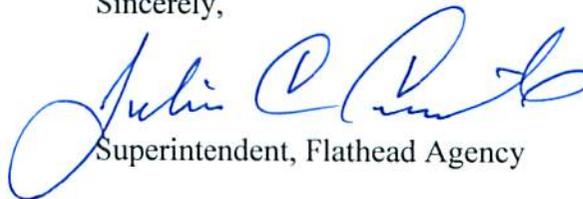
The determination to acquire or not to acquire this property in trust will be made in the exercise of the Secretary of the Interior's discretionary authority. To assist the Secretary in the exercise of that discretion, and pursuant to the regulations in Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 151, entitled Land Acquisitions, we invite your comments on the proposed acquisition. In order for the Secretary to assess the impact of the removal of this property from the tax rolls, we also request the following information:

- (1) The annual amount of property taxes currently levied on the property.
- (2) Any special assessments, and amounts thereof, which are currently assessed against the property.
- (3) Any governmental services which are currently provided to the property by your jurisdiction.
- (4) If subject to zoning, how the property is currently zoned.

Please address the information and comments to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Flathead Agency, Box 40, Pablo, MT 59855. Any comments received within 30 days of the date of this letter will be considered. Your comments will be made available to the applicant.

A copy of the application, minus any documentation exempted under the Freedom of Information Act, is available for review at the address above. Please contact Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Department of Lands at (406) 675-2700 Ext. 1261 to review the application.

Sincerely,



Superintendent, Flathead Agency

cc: Governor State of Montana
State Capitol
Helena, MT 59620-0801

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Ravalli County Airport Advisory Board

To Ravalli County Commissioners:

The RCAAB meet on April 3rd, 2013 for our regular monthly meeting. In the course of discussion about the Ravalli County Airport, an unsafe situation was discussed openly with the public.

To enter the airport property when northbound on the Eastside Highway requires a downhill slowdown, an aggressive 90 degree right hand turn, while avoiding an adjacent pot hole, and having vehicles approaching from behind doing 45 mph or greater. The possibility of a serious accident is very high.

One possibility to help alleviate that possibility is to fill in the hole and increase the turn radius slightly, thereby facilitating a quicker and easier turn into the airport. Another solution would be to have the State add a turning lane into the airport located on the east side of the highway. That solution would require checking into easements, the ditch along the highway and the length needed for a turn lane.

By unanimous consent, the RCAAB would recommend to the Commissioners that the County check with the State and see if a turn lane would be possible. It would be a temporary fix until a new airport access is official. At the very least, doing the necessary work and increase the radius for entering the airport would be some help.

Submitted by Vice-Chair of RCAAB



Tex Irwin

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CC this to ✓
Road Supervisor
Dusty McKern