

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

IMAN 

CHILCOTT 

FOSS 

KANENWISHER 

STOLTZ 

PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Members Present.....Commissioner J.R. Iman, Commissioner Greg Chilcott, Commissioner Suzy Foss, Commissioner Ron Stoltz and Commissioner Matt Kanenwisher

Date.....March 22, 2011

► Minutes: Beth Perkins

► The Board met to make a decision on Ravalli County Recycling Inc. (Hub and Spoke Recycling Grant) at 8:30 a.m. Present were Bob Scott, Doug Soehren, Vickie Coon, Allen Bjergo and Ravalli Republic Reporter Whitney Bermes.

Bob Scott gave a review of the grant which can be awarded up to \$100,000 for recycling. It would be a once a month report sent to DEQ with minimal impact to administration. He stated the goal is to process recyclables profitably. Doug Soehren summarized the equipment received and reviewed how it operates. Commissioner Kanenwisher asked about a private loan listed within the proposal. Bob replied it is a bridge loan and would like the County to provide it with a return of \$1,000-\$2,000 in interest. Discussion followed regarding location. Commissioner Chilcott expressed his concern that a location has not been secured for this operation. Commissioner Kanenwisher suggested having a contingency plan for the land and to have at least three options. Commissioner Foss stated this Board is approaching the County as a multi-million dollar business. The effort to move forward is with tax dollars and it is not free money. She is not in favor without land secured or a plan for land. The grant is not a guarantee. Bob Scott replied the Board will not give any advance approval of a land site and should not make that contingent upon approval of the grant application. He has shown due diligence of this recycling program with going to the private sector for funding. The next step for this program is the grant for funding. Doug Soehren stated the only investment is RSVP and the other volunteers who are creating a system as a benefit to the community. There is no investment from the County. Commissioner Chilcott expressed his concern with the Board supporting this project without any plans for land. Commissioner Foss agreed with

Commissioner Chilcott. To his understanding, the grant is applied for and if it is awarded, then the land is the issue. Commissioner Stoltz stated this project is not viable without help and community help is not a guarantee. What the Board is asking is something in writing for options of land. The land does not have to be secured, just the options. Bob then reviewed the proposal for sustainability. Commissioner Iman stated he attended a recycling conference last spring. The recycling business yields about 2% per year. He used a recycling plant in Kalispell as an example of a viable operation. He disagreed with the majority of the Board since Kalispell did receive some funding from the county to get started. There has been discussion at the Fairgrounds of extending the recycling program at the Fairgrounds beyond July. Discussion followed regarding the lease expiring in July at the Fairgrounds and the need to find another location for the operation. Commissioner Iman asked if this grant would be available next year. Bob replied he asked DEQ and their response was there is no guarantee. There have been some questions raised that need to be addressed. Commissioner Chilcott stated the Board would like to see this venture be successful however, it may not be at the Fairgrounds. **Commissioner Kanenwisher made a motion to support the Ravalli County Recycling Inc. application for the Hub and Spoke Recycling Grant. Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion.**

Discussion: Commissioner Chilcott asked what donations have been raised within the last 10 months. Bob replied they have not solicited any but there have been small donations in the amount of \$500. **Commissioner Foss, Commissioner Chilcott and Commissioner Iman voted "aye" due to the grant funds would be returned if a location is not secured. Commissioner Stoltz and Commissioner Kanenwisher voted "nay" due to an unsecured location. Motion carried (3-2).**

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

- **Approval of Minutes for Feb 25-March 4: Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to approve the minutes of February 25 through March 4th as amended. Commissioner Kanenwisher seconded the motion and all voted "aye".**

▶ The Board met for an update with Human Resource Director Robert Jenni at 10:11 a.m.

Robert requested a resolution to designate Jana Exner and himself as authorized county representatives for Ravalli County for Kemper insurance. **Commissioner Kanenwisher made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2668 to designate Jana Exner and Robert Jenni as authorized signatures for Kemper Insurance. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye".**

▶ The Board met for an update with Chief Financial Officer Klarryse Murphy at 10:30 a.m.

▶ The Board met for an update with Treasurer Marie Keeton at 11:00 a.m.