

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

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

Date.....September 6, 2011

► Minutes: Beth Perkins

► The Board met for the following administrative matters at 9:40 a.m.:

Present were Lee Tickell, Maggie Wright and Administrative Assistant Glenda Wiles.

Commissioner Foss was not present due to another scheduled matter. (Attended Fire update)

- Approval of Minutes for August 15-26: Commissioner Kanenwisher made a motion to approve the minutes of August 15-26. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion. Discussion: Lee Tickell objected to the minutes of August 15th being adopted due to a possible incorrect notice for a personnel matter and requested the release of the separation agreement and two separate Human Rights complaints by the employee. Commissioner Kanenwisher will not advocate the release of the records without permission from both the Human Rights Commission and the employee. Discussion followed regarding significant public interest and how to remedy the objection. Maggie Wright expressed her concern of significant public interest due to a large portion of taxpayers' money being utilized for a settlement. **Commissioner Kanenwisher made a motion to amend his motion to exclude the minutes of August 15th. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the amended motion and all voted "aye". (4-0)** The Board will contact the County Attorney for recommendation.
- Signatures on contract Documents for Corvallis CTEP project: Commissioner Kanenwisher made a motion to execute the contract documents for the Corvallis CTEP project with Chair signature. Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (4-0)
- Glenda brought several other administrative matters to the Board's attention: The Road Department ran over an underground wire on Middle Burnt Fork Road and the estimate for repair is \$417.50. Deb Rogala notified the Commissioners' Office that the

Fair personnel ran into a Pepsi vehicle and an insurance claim has been filed. Joe Galupa had requested a speed study to be done on South Kootenai Creek Road and it has been completed.

- ▶ The Board met for an update with Human Resource Director Robert Jenni at 10:00 a.m.
- ▶ The Board met for an update with Chief Financial Officer Klarryse Murphy at 10:30 a.m.
- ▶ The Board met to open construction bids for the Road Shop building rehabilitation at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Kanenwisher was not present for this meeting due to another scheduled item.

Four bids were received as follows:

- J5 Construction in the amount of \$50,000 with a 10% bid bond.
- DJ's Electric in the amount of \$16,610 for the electrical with a 10% bid bond.
- Purity Cleaning and Restoration in the amount of \$63,584.44 for restoration with a 10% bid bond.
- J1 Heating and Air in the amount of \$17,927 for the heating ducts with a 10% bid bond

Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to have the bids reviewed the Road and Bridge Supervisor for recommendation by September 13th. Commissioner Foss seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. (4-0)

▶ The Board met for discussion and possible decision with Clerk & Recorder Regina Plettenberg regarding budget at 11:15 a.m. Present were Human Resource Director Robert Jenni, Kristyn and Travis Martinez, Bitterroot Star Reporter Michael Howell, Lee Tickell and Maggie Wright. Commissioner Kanenwisher was not present for this meeting due to another scheduled item.

Regina expressed her concern with the reduction in force (rif) for her department and being out a person during elections for maternity leave. She requested keeping the rifed employee until the end of November. Robert noted with the first employee on maternity leave and collecting no wages during that time, it would result in a savings of almost \$900. Discussion followed regarding the donation of hours from other employees to her maternity leave. **The Board concurred to extend the rifed employee as long as there are funds to cover the expense.**

▶ The Board met for discussion and decision on a grant application for Logan Lane and Pine Hollow Loop, speed limits for unpaved roads and on the purchase of project cost accounting software at 1:30 p.m. Present were Road & Bridge Supervisor David Ohnstad and Lee Tickell.

Grant Application for Logan Lane and Pine Hollow Loop: David utilized the same proposal last year to submit to MDOT Tiger grant program and was unsuccessful. Now there is another opportunity for submittal at \$2.5 million dollars and the cost share would be limited to the cost of materials. The project would be done completely by contract. He requested authorization to resubmit the proposal. Commissioner Iman expressed his concern with the contribution portion from the County to include easements and wetlands mitigation. David replied both would be rolled into the cost of the project and anticipates the project to be fully funded. **Commissioner**

Chilcott made a motion to approve the Road Department's submittal of proposal for Tiger II grant funds specific to Logan Lane and Pine Hollow Loop. Commissioner Kanenwisher seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (5-0)

Speed Limits for Un-paved Roads: David presented the Board with a draft Ordinance to establish a speed limit of 25 mph for un-paved roadways. Board discussion included concern with having a blanket ordinance and codification of the existing ordinances. Commissioner Iman opened public comment. Kathy Frasier expressed her concern with numerous vehicles across her driveway going into a ditch. (North Sunset Bench Road) People who go too fast end up in the ditch and now the shoulders are unstable. Criteria should include animals both wild and domesticated, children, and pedestrians. Tom Frasier asked how many of these roads are getting graded. Commissioner Kanenwisher replied not many are getting graded. Tom Frasier stated the dust abatement was gone five days after the application due to rain. A truck vibrated so much due to the wash-boarding, it went into the ditch. Kathy Frasier requested a speed limit be established on un-paved roadways. There is a Sheriff's Department patrol car on the road and no one gets ticketed for speeding just warnings. Tom Frasier stated the patrol cars used to park in his driveway and did write tickets when the speed limit was 35 mph. Commissioner Iman closed public comment. He recommended designating speed limits per road and to not have a blanket ordinance. Commissioner Chilcott suggested changing the sixth "Whereas" to add "not less than" before 25 mph and removing all references to 25 mph to a reduced speed limit on the draft ordinances and amending Item B in Section 1 to 65%. Discussion followed regarding 35 mph versus 25 mph. **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to proceed with the draft ordinance as amended and submit to County Attorney for legal review. Commissioner Kanenwisher seconded the motion.** Discussion: The Board deliberated if this ordinance would be establishing policy or speed limit. **All voted "nay" due to additional discussion needed.** Kathy Frasier stated the reason why we have a law is due to her coming in for the past seven years and volunteered to pay for signage. Tom Frasier added for record it is not just Kathy and himself who have an issue with these roads. **The Board determined to continue this discussion on Monday September 12th at 10:00 a.m.**

Purchase of Project Cost Accounting Software: David discussed the need to have a more definitive unit cost and a functional system for recording and tracking purposes of inventory including disposable assets. He reviewed software from Pub Works, Inc. that would be a good fit for the need including interfacing with Black Mountain Software. I.T Director Joe Frohlich has also reviewed the system as well as CFO Klarryse Murphy and it is utilized by other counties. The cost would be \$12,700 including on-site training and conversion and \$1,620 for maintenance after the first six months. Discussion followed regarding the viability of such a system and if comparison has been done for other less expensive options. Commissioner Chilcott expressed his concern with this request and the current budget status at this time. Commissioner Stoltz agreed with Commissioner Chilcott. Commissioner Foss also agreed and expressed additional concern with it not being part of the budget. David noted that there will be a carry-over from last fiscal year that could be applied to the cost.

David discussed replacing the Black Lane Bridge under TSEP funding planning grant. It is a \$15,000 matching grant to update the inventory and develop the plan. It is available to apply for and is a prerequisite for application of funding for future project. The Board concurred to review

this request with CFO Klarryse Murphy for funding options and schedule a public meeting at a later time.

9.6.2011

Dear Commissionesr,

I object to the adoption of the minutes of 8.15.2011 until there can be proper notice of a public meeting of significant interest, that is the approval of the separation agreement between Mr. Mahar and Ravalli County.

I also request a copy of the separation agreement and 2 separate Humand Rights cosmplaints.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Tickell", written in a cursive style.

Lee Tickell