

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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

Date.....September 12, 2011

► Minutes: Beth Perkins

► The Board met for discussion and possible decision on air quality issues at 8:30 a.m. Present were Sanitarian Anthony York, County Health Officer Carol Calderwood, Human Resource Director Robert Jenni and Ravalli Republic Reporter Whitney Bernes.

Anthony York gave a brief update of the current air quality and tools available online for what to do with certain quality levels. Carol Calderwood discussed school activities and to use the tools provided for any cancellations. Anthony added there have been two press releases regarding the tools to be utilized by the schools, daycares, preschools and assisted living/senior centers. The air quality has been at the level of unhealthy consistently for the past 48 hours.

► The Board met for an update with Johnson Controls for Performance Contracts – Phase 2 at 9:00 a.m.

► The Board met for approval and signature of the Board of Investment loan for refinancing of the Event Pavilion Center at 9:30 a.m. Present was CFO Klarryse Murphy.

Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to approve the Board of Investment loan for refinancing of the Event Pavilion Center in the amount of \$560,000 contingent upon legal review. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (5-0)

► The Board met for discussion and possible decision on speed limits for un-paved roads at 10:00 a.m. Present were Road & Bridge Supervisor David Ohnstad, Bitterroot Star Reporter Michael Howell and Ravalli Republic Reporter Whitney Bernes.

Commissioner Chilcott stated he has not received a response from the County Attorney's Office yet. He requested a continuation of this meeting. Commissioner Kanenwisher reviewed the Ordinance process versus Resolution. He does not support a blanket ordinance for speed limits

on gravel roads. He would prefer to see speed limits set per road based on the quality of the road and safety. Commissioner Foss expressed her concern with the complaints on roads coming from residents and people who utilize them. Commissioner Iman also cannot support a blanket ordinance for speed limits. Commissioner Chilcott will contact County Attorney's Office and reschedule this meeting at a later time.

► The Board met for discussion and possible decision to repeal (first reading) Ordinance No. 12 for off-premise outdoor advertising ordinance (signage) at 11:00 a.m. Present were Clerk & Recorder Regina Plettenberg, Planner Tristan Riddell, Bitterroot Star Reporter Michael Howell and Ravalli Republic Reporter Whitney Bermes. Commissioner Kanenwisher was not present for this meeting.

Commissioner Iman gave a brief review of last week's meeting regarding ordinances. Commissioner Chilcott stated there was a lot of public comment regarding this ordinance and hesitates to endorse repeal.

Commissioner Iman opened public comment.

Ben Schultz stated something should be changed such as the 100 foot setback. He replaced his sign for the highway and would like to make it bigger but the State has requirements that are not the same as the County's. Commissioner Stoltz stated there is no longer any grandfathering for signage due to State law.

Regina Plettenberg asked about the political signage and the provision of having them removed within ten days following an election. She is asked regularly when they can go up and when they have to be removed and would like to keep those rules in place or something similar.

Tristan Riddell stated in early 2008, Planning Department took over the review of ordinances for signs and easements and had requested the review of the both ordinances by Montana Land Use Clinic. He is not sure of the public process behind the ordinance but believes it was to limit signage along the highway. Since then permitting is required for signage along the highway. Commissioner Foss would like to see input from business owners in the community. Tristan added for record it is up to the Commissioners to set ordinances more stringent than State law. Commissioner Stoltz noted for record he received four citizen comments against this ordinance and all requested a revised ordinance for signage. Tristan recommended keeping the ordinance in place and the Board direct Staff to create a revised draft including public input and conduct a public hearing for adoption. Commissioner Chilcott requested Planning Staff to create a draft revision in an open public process. **The Board concurred. (4-0)**

Commissioner Iman closed public comment.

Commissioner Iman stated the object should be to make changes to the existing document rather than to completely repeal it. There are rules that are State law needing to either be revised or included within the ordinance.

Tristan suggested pointing out some of the keys areas of concern for Planning Staff to start with. Commissioner Chilcott suggested starting with Section 7 item 4 for non-conforming signs and amortization. Commissioner Stoltz requested removing in Section 3 all references to a "Director of the Ravalli County Land Services Department" since no such department exists.

Commissioner Iman requested any comment not otherwise on the agenda. Hearing none, he then adjourned the meeting.