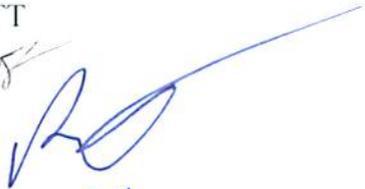


COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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

Date.....September 19, 2011

► Minutes: Beth Perkins

► The Board met for the following administrative matters at 9:00 a.m.:

- Approval of Agreement Modification Bitterroot Valley Invasive Weed program grant: Present were Gil Gale, Randy Maxwell and Administrative Assistant Glenda Wiles. Gil stated the modification is an additional \$14,500 for the invasive weed program. **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to approve the agreement for a modification to the Bitterroot Valley Invasive program grant. Commissioner Kanenwisher seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. (4-0)**
- Approval Pay Request on Intoxilizer Room: **Commissioner Kanenwisher made a motion to pay the business tax section MDOT \$383.19. Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. (4-0)**  
**Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to pay J5 Construction \$37,936.73 for the second installment for the Intoxilizer Room. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. (4-0)**
- **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to accept the JAG grant. Commissioner Kanenwisher seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. (4-0)**

► The Board met for the continuation of the second reading for repeal of Ordinance No. 17 and to rescind Resolution No. 2178 at 9:40 a.m.

Commissioner Iman noted for the record a request was received from John Meakin to continue until tomorrow afternoon. The Board concurred to deny this request and move forward due to already approving a continuation request on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner Stoltz made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 35 to repeal Ordinance No. 17. Commissioner Kanenwisher seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. (4-0)**

**Commissioner Stoltz made a motion to rescind Resolution No. 2178 by adoption of Resolution No. 2725. Commissioner Kanenwisher seconded the motion and all voted “aye” (4-0)**

- ▶ The Board met for an interview with Fair Commission applicant Joy McClure at 10:00 a.m.
- ▶ The Board met for an interview with Fair Commission applicant Margaret Yuhas at 10:30 a.m.
- ▶ The Board met for an interview with Fair Commission applicant Quinn Kirkland at 1:00 p.m.
- ▶ The Board met for an update with the Road Department to include discussion and possible approval of accepting recycled ACP from MDOT which can include placement onto county roads including N. Kootenai and portion of Hoover Lane and Approval of use of right of way along Sleeping Child Road for REC at 1:30 p.m. Present were Road & Bridge Supervisor David Ohnstad, Kyle Kearns, Jim McKay, Mr. & Mrs. Gates and Mr. & Mrs. Cummings.
  - Approval of use of right of way along Sleeping Child Road for Ravalli Electric Cooperative: Commissioner Iman questioned notification to residents for thinning and removal of trees and requested confirmation of the line being entirely within the easement. Discussion followed regarding the line. **The Board concurred to support the project.**
  - Discussion and possible approval of accepting recycled ACP from MDOT which can include placement onto county roads including N. Kootenai and portion of Hoover Lane: Commissioner Iman expressed his concern with material that won't compact. He would like to see some numbers that justify what could be done. Commissioner Stoltz would like to speak with Gallatin and Yellowstone Counties prior to making a decision. (Minutes – now being taken by Glenda Wiles due to Beth's necessary departure): Mr. and Mrs. Gates who live along this road commented about the rough road that is hard on the vehicles and the problems with the dust created by a gravel road due to speeding vehicles. Two years ago he spearheaded the efforts for paving. Some neighbors did not like the removal of trees. Mr. Gates addressed some safety issues including the dangerous intersection of S. Kootenai Creek and Wakatanka due to the vegetation. After a couple of years, the neighbors are looking forward to this project with the concern of some tree removal. David stated in order to obtain a surface width, just about all of the trees in that area will need removal. Commissioner Iman noted the residents west of Wakatanka could petition a speed limit of 30 m.p.h. Commissioner Iman noted if the road is paved, the speed would need to be increased to 35 m.p.h. after the petition if approved. Ed Cummings addressed the difference of the road as it traverses into the trailhead. He stated he is willing to allow encroachment of the easement on the north side of N. Kootenai into his property. If this is done he will lose about one mile of fencing, which will cost him between \$25,000 - \$32,000 for the type of fence (Jacklegs)

he would like to have. Driving t-posts will be difficult and not look as nice as the Jackleg type of fence. He stated the fencing and labor to install the fence would be purchased from local businesses. He stated he is not looking to the county for the fence purchase; he would be willing to handle the finances himself. He felt the nice fence would be an attribute to the project also. David stated they would need the County Surveyor to survey this. **It was agreed the Board will visit with Yellowstone County while they are at the MACo conference next week in regard to the materials. In the mean time David will visit with the Forest Service. In regard to the materials available from the state, David can let the state know the county is interested in this material.** Mr. Gates indicated he will address the Commissioners in a letter requesting lowering the speed limit to 35 m.p.h. which will meet with the new legislation after the road receives the recycled ACP. David agreed he will help Mr. Gates with the letter (petition).

► On comments otherwise not on the agenda: Charlotte Gray addressed the reduction in work force issue asking if the Commissioners considered a straight across the board for a reduction in pay in order to retain some employees. Commissioner Kanenwisher stated they did address that issue, but due to the low wages in Ravalli County they did not feel that would work out particularly those that are in the Unions.

Ed Cummings stated he appreciates the Commissioners getting the gates closed ~~for~~ on the wolf issue, but they need to develop some technique in order to handle the wolves that are already here.