

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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

Date.....May 23, 2013

► Minutes: Glenda Wiles

► Commissioner Greg Chilcott was in Flagstaff, Arizona attending a NACo Public Lands Steering Committee meeting.

► The Board met at 8:30 a.m. with Ravalli County Economic Development Director Julie Foster to discuss and make a decision on addressing a letter to Montana Rail Link regarding vendor shipping. Julie addressed previous meetings with MRL noting MRL's revenue projections for the shipping shortfall by local vendors is estimated at \$25,000. Commissioner Burrows noted he was hoping to obtain vendor shipping credits for the monies put forth by the county which has been utilized for maintenance. Thus far, MRL has declined that offer and have commented they plan to close the line towards the end of May. Currently the county's shortfall is approximately \$14,000.

Public Comment: Bitterroot Star Publisher Michael Howell had certain questions regarding the maintenance monies given by the county which are tax dollars yet MRL is not releasing certain revenue/expenses for this particular shipping line.

It was agreed Julie will prepare a draft for a letter to MRL from the Commissioners.

► The Board met at 9:05 a.m. for a Public Auction of Real Property located at N.H.N. Owings Creek Road. Present at this meeting was Deputy County Attorney Howard Recht. Glenda read the Legal Notice, noted the Appraisal was developed by Real Estate Appraiser Larry Lund at \$6,000, and explained the Montana States for notice, terms of sale etc. Attorney Recht advised the Commissioners they should decide upon the terms of the sale prior to accepting any bids. After that discussion **Commissioner Iman made a motion to accept 20% cash down within 24 hours and to close the transaction of sale with a balance of cash within 30 days of this date. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion. All voted "aye" (4-0).**

Public Comment:

Michele Longson asked if the property was developable for a house with a well and septic. The Board advised Michele the property is sold as is and there is no guarantee of a building site on this property.

Sharon Thompson stated she owns the parcel adjacent to this piece and she feels it is non-buildable. She indicated she was aware that some of the gravel from the parcel was used for the construction of Westside Road, asking if the slope was ok by state standards. The Board advised Sharon the County did not obtain any permit from the state for the removal of the gravel so there were no standards required by DEQ for the slope. Attorney Recht stated the County is not speaking for the State in this regard.

Michele asked if she could review the Plat map in the Clerk and Records Office. Glenda noted the Appraisal has been available since May 8th and it should include the plat map and other pertinent information. The Commissioners then allowed for a 5 minute break at 9:20 a.m. in order to allow any members of the public the ability to review the appraisal.

Commission now reconvened at 9:25 a.m.

Chair Burrows asked for any minimum bidders. Sharon Thompson stated she would offer a minimum bid of \$5,400 in cash. No other members of the public present indicated their interest in submitting an offer of bid.

Chair Burrows noted the property is then sold to Sharon Thompson for \$5,400 in cash (90% of appraised value). **Commissioner Iman made a motion to accept the bid from Sharon Thompson in the amount of \$5,400 with closing documents to be prepared and executed by the County Attorney's Office. Commissioner Foss seconded the motion. All voted "aye". (4-0)**

► The Board met at 9:40 a.m. to open bids for the 2013 Weed Control work along MDOT rights-of way. Glenda noted legal notice was ran in paper of record. Present was Weed Department Supervisor Kellieann Morris. Bids received were as follows:

- B & N Weed Control in the amount \$6,440.00
- 4-J Spraying in the amount of \$9,045.00
- Bitterroot Spaying in the amount of \$8,360.00
- Dickens Weed Control in the amount of \$12,420.00

Discussion included the total amount of acreage bid by each vendor which is based upon calculations by the Department of Agriculture. Kellieann noted the vendor probably drove the rights-of-ways as well.

Commissioner Iman made a motion to accept the bids for herbicide applications turning them over to the Weed Department for their review and recommendation. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (4-0)

► The Board met at 9:50 a.m. with Weed Supervisor Kellieann Morris to approve Department of Agricultural Weed Grants as follows:

- Slow Motion Explosion - Common Bugloss for \$5,000 (to be utilized in the Grantsdale Area)
- 2013 EDRR Rush Skeleton Weed Inventory project for \$30,000 (Partnering with Forest Service)

Commissioner Foss made a motion to accept these weed grants as presented this date with Chair signature. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (4-0)

► The Board met at 2:00 p.m. to award the Application of Herbicides along the MDOT rights-of-way. Present was Weed Department Supervisor Kellieann Morris. Kellieann stated after review of costs for total acres sprayed she recommends 4-J be awarded the bid due to the price per acre (4-J price per acre \$54.81; Bitterroot Spraying \$55.00 per acre). **Commissioner Iman motion to award to 4-J based upon the cost per acre. Commissioner Stoltz seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (3-0) Commissioner Foss was not present for this vote.**