

Notice: These minutes are paraphrased and reflect the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners. MCA 7-4-2611(2) (b).

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2013

The Board of County Commissioners met in continued session at 8:00 o'clock A.M. Chairman Holmquist, Commissioner Scott and Krueger, and Clerk Robinson were present.

NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on August 27, 2013.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2013

The Board of County Commissioners met in continued session at 8:00 o'clock A.M. Chairman Holmquist, Commissioner Scott and Krueger, and Clerk Robinson were present.

3:00 p.m. Commissioner Krueger: Refuse Board meeting @ Solid Waste District Office

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on August 28, 2013.

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The Board of County Commissioners met in continued session at 8:00 o'clock A.M. Chairman Holmquist, Commissioner Scott and Krueger, and Clerk Robinson were present.

Chairman Holmquist led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Holmquist opened public comment on matters within the Commissions' Jurisdiction.

Paul Mutascio, 320 Swan Meadow Drive met with the commission and spoke about Bigfork green box container site issues with regard to the way the county will be collecting trash. He said I think it is important that everyone realize that it is not just about picking up trash but how we manage our waste, which is critical to the health, safety, and welfare of the entire community. The issue they are dealing with is how the county would deal with the collection and disposal of trash. They have based their decision on a strategic plan done around 2008 – 2009, and when we looked at the study it became clear that only one issue was looked at; that was the cost to Solid Waste, and did not deal with the whole impact on the community at large. What is important to realize is that it seems there is a mindset that Bigfork is just that little mile and a half streak downtown, yet the Bigfork community is quite large, and stretched from Highway 35 all the way down to Highway 209, out to 83, and around towards the church, and down towards Woods Bay and then down to Lakeside. In the strategic plan adopted by Solid Waste it became clear that the goal and objective was to do nothing but basically shut down the green box sites, and center all the collection basically at Somers and then everyone else had to get curbside service or whatever the case may be. Actually, the plan called for closing of Lakeside, Bigfork, and Creston sites all by 2014. So the issue became how do we effectively/efficiently collect and dispose of trash. Again, this is an important issue because it does affect water quality and the financial position of individuals. We showed in our studies that closing just the Bigfork site down, and moving it to Somers that may not remain a site, but instead turn into nothing more than a transfer site would impose extra costs to individuals. The estimate of gasoline costs alone in a 10 mile round trip from where the present site is that it would be approximately anywhere from \$250,000 to \$500,000. Their study basically looked only at three areas of the county; incorporated cities, Columbia Falls, Whitefish, and Kalispell. They did not look at the other 70 percent of the population base of the county, which is basically rural. A lot of people have said we need to go to curbside pickup, yet in a rural environment understand that is not necessarily feasible. Curbside pickup only means that the trash company only comes to the area where the county road meets the private property. In our rural settings there are a lot of private roads and homes that are setback quite far so it becomes almost impossible during the winter. Another issue is to get into curbside or to get into traveling greater distances basically increases the cost to the user significantly, and at the same time results in reduction of services. So what we are really looking at is paying more. A hidden tax if you will for less and less service. Our issue originally became one in that the study done was very narrow in its view as it only looked at the expense to the landfill site. We feel that a larger socioeconomic impact should be studied; especially how it affects people. Please keep in mind the Bigfork community and I mean the Bigfork community, and not downtown because most of the people downtown do use curbside pickup, is not a very rich community with 60 – 70 percent of the students going to the Bigfork school district are on either reduced or free lunch services. When we spoke to various groups, for example the Flathead Lakers it became obvious that any reduction in service like that would have a spillover effect with regard to drainage, illegal dumping and all the rest. Flathead Lake is very critical to the entire county in terms of what it brings in. He suggested that the study be re-done and look at the whole issue more comprehensively; not just one single thing. In any event, they then turned into a study group that consisted of four prominent people in the Bigfork community. The challenge to them was to look for alternatives and they found them. A summary of the conclusion follows:

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BIGFORK GREEN BOX SITE ALTERNATIVES

SUMMARY

Four formal meetings were held between the landfill staff and the Bigfork Community Study Group (BCSG) to brainstorm various ideas and solutions. In addition, there were several onsite visits by both groups.

BCSG is convinced that closing the Bigfork Green Box site will result in a serious reduction to current service levels, while significantly increasing disposal costs to Bigfork Community residents. If the Bigfork site is closed, it is estimated that current users will incur, in the aggregate, between \$250,000 to \$570,000 extra per year in gasoline costs alone to drive to the Somers' site. **Please see attachment 1.**

Regarding the "Curb Side Pickup" option proposed by staff, Bigfork residents live in a rural setting, as does nearly 70% of the County's total population. With very few exceptions, private trash companies do not drive onto private property or roads. They only stop where the private property abuts the county road. In our rural setting most homes are far from the county road making it very difficult if not impossible to get trash cans to the curb.

In addition, Curb Side Pickup would cost a home owner, at a minimum, nearly \$300.00 per year. This is in addition to the \$80.00 per year now paid for landfill and Green Box services. **Please see attachment 2.**

Flathead Lakers is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting clean water in the Flathead Lake and its watershed. In a letter to the Solid Waste Board dated January 22, 2013, they expressed their concern about the negative impact on surface and groundwater quality due to illegal dumping on public or private property as local disposal sites are closed or their hours of operation reduced, as exemplified by the Columbia Falls experience. **Please see attachment 3.**

The owner of the land south and east of the current site has offered to make some of her land available to help the Community of Bigfork keep a Green Box site either at or next to its current location. Based on her offer, the Solid Waste Staff and the Bigfork Study Group identified two alternatives to keeping the Bigfork site. While several details would need to be resolved, the two alternatives are as follows.

ALTERNATIVE 1. EXPAND AND IMPROVE THE EXISTING SITE

Staff has stated that they would prefer two to four acres for a site. The present site leased from the State can be expanded by 25 percent, as the current layout does not utilize all of the leased land. **Please see attachment 4.**

BCSG has also proposed that the trash bins be angled at 30 degrees so that the disposal trucks would have more room to maneuver, essentially increasing the workable space. **Please see attachments 5 and 6.**

To further increase the site's size, the above mentioned property owner is willing to lease a portion of her land to the County for expansion to the south. Specifics regarding how much land would be made available and related lease price need to be negotiated between the County and the landowner.

Finally, the current site can be further expanded north towards Hwy 35 if the speed limit on the highway is reduced from its current 70 MPH down to 45 or 50 MPH. It is the BCSG position that the current speed limit is unsafe in that stretch of Hwy 83. From Hwy 35 going a distance of 2.5 miles east there are turn offs to four churches, to the Carlyle- Johnson sports field, to an elementary school and turnoffs for at least 15 to 20 commercial and private/public residential roads, and of course the turnoff to the Green Box Site.

ALTERNATIVE 2. BUILD A NEW GREEN BOX SITE IMMEDIATELY TO THE EAST OF THE CURRENT SITE

The same property owner is also willing to make her land available for an entirely new site. The property is in a SAG 5 zone and would have to be subdivided into a five acre parcel that can either be leased or purchased. At this time, the owner prefers to lease the land, would want only approximately 3 acres used as a site to mitigate possible negative impacts on her nearby home. Other issues such as lease price and other mitigating factors would need to be negotiated between the County and landowner. In conclusion, the BCSG has developed two reasonable and workable alternatives for keeping the Bigfork Green Box Site. While several details need to be agreed upon, we are confident that an agreement can be reached between all parties. We would like to thank the Solid Waste Board and staff for understanding the importance of the site to the Bigfork Community and for your time and efforts in finding a solution to such an important issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karin Henion, Bob Keenan, Paul Mutascio, and Bruce Solberg

Attachments

ATTACHMENT #1

Dear Flathead County Solid Waste Board:

I attended the July 23 meeting of the board and was pleased about the decision to extend the timeline for Bigfork's effort to preserve and improve its solid waste collection site. As Paul Mutascio's report summarized so well, the local committee has worked long and hard to assess the problems at the site and to search for solutions. Dave Prunty and Jim Chilton have been informative and helpful at our meetings, assisting us in pinpointing efficient and mutually beneficial alternatives for problem resolution. As Paul noted, improvements at the site or the construction of a new site are promising avenues toward serving the widely dispersed population the Bigfork site serves. Community support for those alternatives runs deep and wide, and Bigfork remains willing and able to assist in establishing a collection site that meets the county's standards and achieves the highest-quality outcome for all.

Despite the many positive steps forward, however, I heard comments reminiscent of where we were when we started this process last January. So, I feel compelled to write and reiterate some of the reasons why the retention of a collection facility in the Bigfork area is imperative. For one, the Bigfork site is second only to Columbia Falls for the amount of refuse collected. The need in this part of the county is significant. Second, our committee has studied the options for curbside collection in depth. Bigfork is not a community of city-style streets with houses spaced along those streets on lots; the kind of configuration suitable for curbside services. Only a relatively small number of Bigfork homes are sited that way.

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Most Bigfork residents (i.e. those with Bigfork mailing addresses) live out of the town center, on small lanes, byways, and gravel rural roads where curbside pickup is either unavailable or prohibitively expensive. Comparing Bigfork to Kalispell is apples and oranges. The communities are not the same in terms of their physical layouts or their service needs.

I heard an assertion that Whitefish (where curbside is used) should not have to "pay for Bigfork". While it is true that every county resident pays an equal amount into the solid waste fund, it is also true that community needs and distances from the landfill site vary. The green box site in Columbia Falls is said to be a model of cleanliness and efficiency. Should Whitefish "pay" for Columbia Falls? Should Bigfork? The citizens of Kila have now lost their collection site? Should they get a refund? I challenge that kind of thinking. We contribute collectively to the solid waste services of the county, and we trust the county to look at fair and equitable ways to meet citizen's needs. Bigfork has repeatedly expressed a willingness to pay an additional fee if necessary to keep our collection site. The answer has always been that the process of charging individual communities differentially is too complicated, despite the fact that different fees are assessed for school districts. So, if the communal county "pot" has been established and is unassailable, then its distribution should be undertaken in a manner that best serves citizens' needs, regardless of the community in which those citizens reside.

I heard the comment that driving "only another five miles" (to Somers) imposes only a minor burden on Bigfork families. Not so. From population numbers, it is reasonable to assume that the Bigfork container site serves about 3,000 households. If you assume two rubbish trips a week, an extra 10 miles per trip (to Somers and back), an average of 20 miles/gallon for a private vehicle, and gasoline at \$3.65 per gallon, the total cost PER YEAR for Bigfork families driving their garbage to Somers in GASOLINE COSTS ALONE is \$569,000. If you assume that one trip a week is adequate, the cost still tops a quarter of a million. If you use the IRS figures for mileage, you get similar totals, ranging upward toward nearly \$900,000 per year. The economy of scale that is available here is massive. If those 3,000 families each gave the county an extra \$20 to pick up the garbage, then Bigfork would spend only \$60,000 more, a huge saving. Please note that this estimate is for gasoline costs only. It does NOT count the hidden costs of air pollution, time lost, increased accident risk, and so forth.

I also heard an objection to investing in the alternative Bigfork site that the Conley family appears willing to sell. Should that option prove feasible, the county would gain an asset. The county would own the land and could use it in profitable ways for many years to come. I assert that purchasing the property would be an investment in the county, not merely an outlay of funds.

One additional consideration, please: We heard from the Columbia Falls city manager that the accumulation of garbage from illegal dumping has increased in that community, simply because of restricted hours at the green box site. We predict a worse problem if Bigfork closes entirely. If garbage disposal is made too difficult for people, some of them will take the easy way out. It is human nature. We all know that keeping Bigfork clean and safe benefits all county residents. Please, board members, will you reconsider your previous views on the Bigfork site and decide to work with us in retaining service and improving facilities?

I thank the board for this opportunity to contribute to the public discussion on this issue.

Yours,
Faith Brynie
Bigfork resident

ATTACHMENT #2

January 21, 2013

Dear Solid Waste Board Members:

Speaking on behalf of numerous residents, I respectfully request a three-year moratorium on Green Box Site closures Countywide. As your Strategic Plan states, it is important to review its conclusion and recommendations periodically. Now is the time to do so.

During this three-year period we ask that the Board, your staff and consultants undertake and complete a much more comprehensive study of the different ways the County can collect trash; current and alternative approaches should be evaluated. For each alternative, you need to take into consideration the financial and economic impact to our citizens, plus the impact on public safety, recycling efforts and the environment.

How we collect and dispose of our trash is one of the fundamental duties of a local government. The path you are now taking in closing all Green Box Sites represents a drastic reduction to current service levels, and will significantly increase disposal costs to a majority of County residents, (a hidden tax).

Any reduction in services should be the prerogative of the Commissioners not an appointed Board. Based on a more comprehensive review that we are calling for, the Commissioners would be able to develop or update Flathead County's solid waste collection policies. These policies would then be your guide for the important work you undertake.

The Strategic Plan you are working under overlooks several important issues. This comes about because it only looks at County operating costs. It clearly has an urban land use bias and virtually ignores our more rural setting. But why? Nearly 70 percent of our county's residents live in a rural environment according to the latest Federal census.

Please consider the cost burden you will be placing on users of the sites. Once they are closed, residents will either have to start paying for curbside pickup or drive to the Solid Waste landfill to dispose of their trash and recyclable materials. Let there be no mistake that recycling levels will drop when the sites close and the now convenient opportunities to recycle disappear. Consequently, the landfill's lifespan will be shortened unnecessarily.

Private trash collection companies, with very few exceptions, do not drive onto private property, but only to the edge of public roads (curbs), regardless of how far a home is away from the curb. These private companies currently charge \$280.20 per year for curbside pickup. For anyone living in a rural area and needing an animal/bear proof container that is another \$80.00 per year. If the truck operators are willing to drive onto your property, they will charge an additional \$200.00 per year to do so. All told, County residents will pay an additional \$280.20 to \$560.20 per year to dispose of their trash via curbside pickup.

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For those of us who can't afford or qualify for curbside service, our only other choice is to pay for the drive to and from the landfill site near Whitefish. Depending on where we live in the county, this could amount to several hundred miles a year. Neither of these consequences was given serious study. However, both these alternatives amount to a significant and hidden "tax", along with a drastic decrease in current services offered by the County.

Regarding Bigfork's Green Box site, all agree that the Bigfork site is not up to the "standards" you believe to be important. But all sites have problems. For example, Ashley Lake is on leased land just as Bigfork's is, Somers and Creston sites are dangerous as they have no right or left turn lanes, and both entrances are from single lane roads with speed limits from 65 to 70 mph.

But as your study showed, Bigfork's site is at the top of the list in collecting recyclables (see table 5.2) and is one of the least costly sites to operate (see table 5.1). It can be improved if there is a willingness to do so on your part. I can only assume that little effort has been spent to upgrade the site as it was slated to be closed this spring.

The creation of a study group for Bigfork's site is a good beginning. But taking a complete and thorough look at how the County should provide for waste collection and disposal is critical. We need to take the time and spend the energy to get it right.

Please honor our request for a new more comprehensive study and a three-year delay in further Green Box closures.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul Mutascio

ATTACHMENT #3

January 22, 2013

Flathead County Solid Waste Board
c/o David Prunty, Public Works Director
4098 Hwy 93 N
Kalispell, MT 59901

Flathead County Solid Waste Board Members:

The Flathead Lakers encourage you to review more thoroughly the potential impacts to water quality with changes in waste disposal proposed in the Strategic Report for Flathead County Landfill Final Draft prepared for the Solid Waste District by SWT Engineering.

Flathead Lakers is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting clean water in Flathead Lake and its watershed. Our organization was founded in 1958 and currently has 1,500 members.

Through the TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) process required by the Clean Water Act, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality determined that at least a 15 percent reduction in nutrient pollution (phosphorus and nitrogen, nutrients that contribute to algae growth) is needed to safeguard clean water in Flathead Lake. As efforts to reduce pollution from nonpoint sources throughout the watershed increase, it is important to make sure new projects, such as the proposed changes in waste disposal, do not add to this problem through increased polluted runoff or contamination of groundwater.

In order to ensure that the proposed changes will not affect water quality, it is important to evaluate the impacts on both surface water and groundwater and to evaluate the risk of increased illegal dumping on public or private property as local disposal sites are closed and any resulting potential water quality impacts.

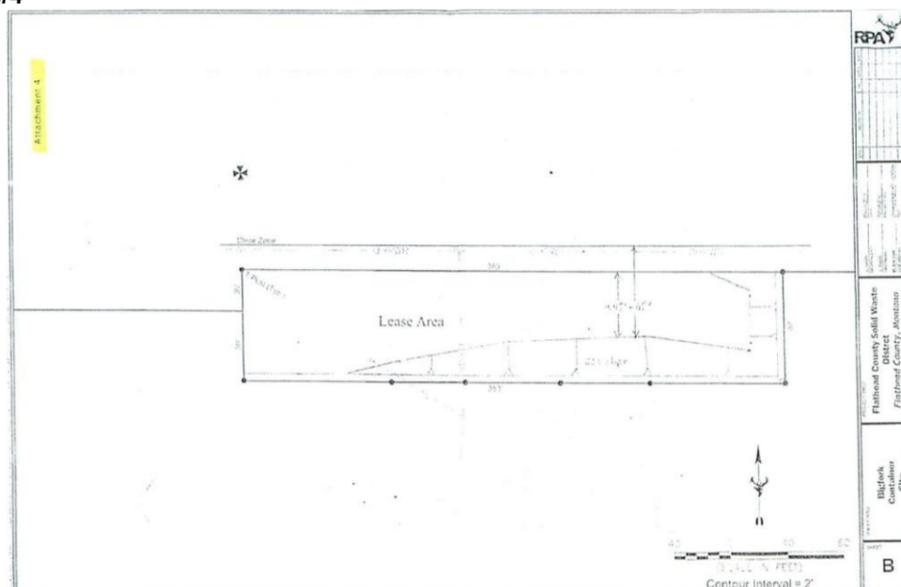
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Greg McCormick
President

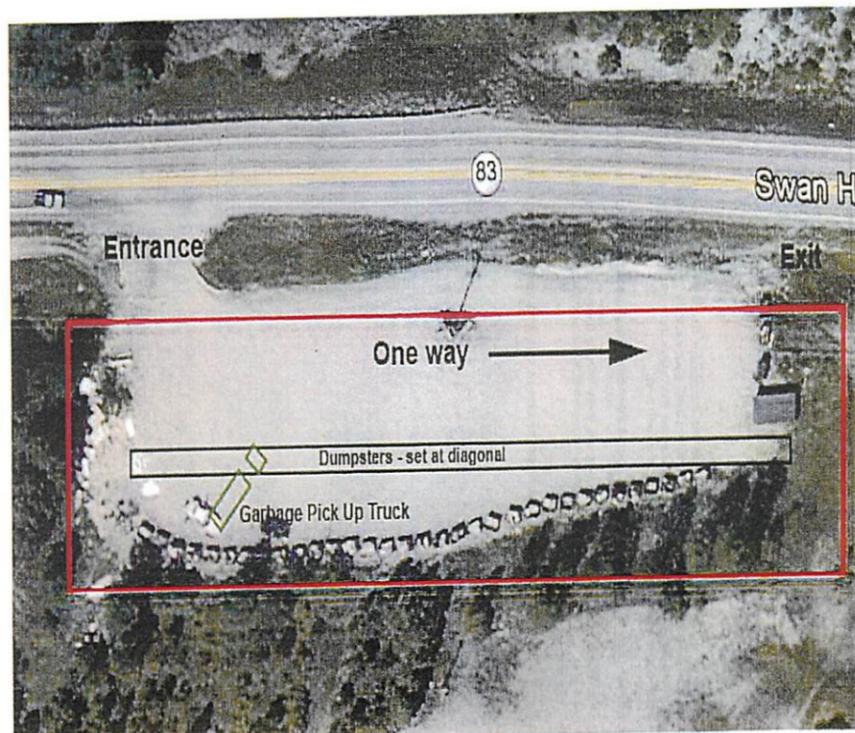
Robin Steinkraus
Executive Director

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ATTACHMENT #5



ATTACHMENT #6

<griecke@aboutmontana.net>
Friday, March 15, 2013 8:15 AM
'Paul Mutascio'
DUMPSTER TRUCKS

A few days ago, I was driving by the dumpster site and the dumpster trucks were working, so I pulled in and watched them. It was raining so it was easy to see their tire tracks and see exactly how far the truck backed up while working. I came back, with my 100 ft tape and measured the distance from the dumpsters to the end of the tire tracks. It was right around 60 feet. I even added on a few feet for the truck overhang.

This is much less, than the 85 to 100 feet I seem to recall they said they needed to pick up trash. If we angle the dumpsters at 30 degrees the math shows they would need 52 feet, backing up at 30 degrees to the perpendicular, to do their job. This is assuming they would back straight up. They could easily back up on a curve and use even less space.

One thing I've learned in this whole process is we need to check out and verify everything these people tell us.

Hope this helps.
Gary

No one else rising to speak, Chairman Holmquist closed the public comment period.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: CITY OF KALISPELL TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT/ THE WILLOWS STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS

8:45:10 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Jeff Cicon, Keith Haskins, Clerk Kile

Pence noted the easement pertains to a project the City of Kalispell is working on near the Flathead County Road Departments shop.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve the easement document for signature/ construction easement. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: MONTANA RANCH HAND CONTRACT (FOR MACHINE SHED) SHERIFF'S OFFICE

8:45:59 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Sheriff Chuck Curry, Undersheriff Dave Leib, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Scott made a **motion** to approve the document for signature/ Montana ranch hand contract for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Krueger **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

PRELIMINARY PLAT: CANYON VIEW SUBDIVISION, FPP 13-02

9:00:00 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Planning & Zoning Director B. J. Grieve, Planner Eric Mack, Planner Alex Hogle, Marc Liechti, Bob Stauffer, Augusta Kickbusch, Clerk Kile

Mack entered into record FPP 13-02, Canyon View Subdivision; a request for a two lot subsequent minor subdivision on approximately 7.4 acres located at 100, 112 and 114 Pheasant Road in Columbia Falls off Highway 2. Both lots would be served by four existing individual on-site wells and by individual on-site sewage disposal systems.

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Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to adopt findings of fact for Canyon View Subdivision, FPP 13-02. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve preliminary plat, FPP 13-02 with conditions struck as per requested by the Planning Board. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

1. The applicant shall receive a physical address in accordance with Flathead County Resolution #1626B, as applicable. All road names shall appear on the final plat. Street addressing shall be approved by Flathead County. [Section 4.7.16(g)(iv), 4.7.26(c) Flathead County Subdivision Regulations (FCSR)]
2. The applicant shall comply with reasonable fire suppression and access requirements of the Columbia Falls Rural Fire Department. A letter from the fire chief stating that the plat meets the requirements of the fire District (or Department) shall be submitted with the application for Final Plat. [Section 4.7.26(b), FCSR]
3. The proposed water, wastewater treatment, and stormwater drainage systems for the subdivision shall be reviewed by the Flathead City-County Health Department and approved by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. [Section 4.7.13, 4.7.20, 4.7.21 FCSR]
4. In order to assure the provisions for collection and disposal of solid waste, the developer shall submit a letter from the applicable solid waste contract hauler stating that the hauler is able to provide service to the facility. [Section 4.7.22, FCSR]
5. The following statements shall be placed on the face of the final plat applicable to all lots:
 - a. All road names shall be assigned by the Flathead County Address Coordinator and clearly identified and house numbers will be clearly visible from the road, either at the driveway entrance or on the house. House numbers shall be at least four inches in length per number. [Section 4.7.26(c), FCSR]
 - b. All utilities shall be placed underground. [Section 4.7.23, FCSR]
 - c. The owners shall abide by the guidelines set forth in the approved Dust and Air Pollution Control and Mitigation Plan during and after site construction and development activities. [Section 4.7.14, FCSR]
 - d. Solid Waste removal for all lots shall be provided by a contracted solid waste hauler. [Section 4.7.22, FCSR]
 - e. Lot owners are bound by the Weed Control Plan to which the developer and the Flathead County Weed Department agreed. [4.7.25, FCSR]
6. The final plat shall comply with state surveying requirements. [Section 76-3-608(b)(i), M.C.A.]
7. All utilities shall be placed underground. [Section 4.7.23, FCSR]
8. All road names shall be approved by Flathead County and clearly identified and house numbers will be clearly visible from the road, either at the driveway entrance or on the house. House numbers shall be at least four inches in length per number. [Section 4.7.26(c), FCSR]
9. The owners shall abide by the guidelines set forth in the approved Dust and Air Pollution Control and Mitigation Plan during and after site construction and development activities. [Section 4.7.14, FCSR]
10. Where the aggregate total disturbed area of any infrastructure construction in the proposed subdivision as defined in A.R.M. 17.30.1102(28) is equal to, or greater than one acre; or where when combined with subsequent construction of structures such disturbed area will be equal to, or greater than one acre, a Montana State Department of Environmental Quality General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity (General Permit) shall be obtained and provided to the Flathead County Planning & Zoning office prior to any site disturbance or construction. [17.30.1115 Administrative Rules of Montana (A.R.M.)]
11. All required improvements shall be completed in place or a Subdivision Improvement Agreement shall be provided by the subdivider prior to final approval by the County Commissioners. [Section 4.0.16 FCSR]
12. The final plat shall be in substantial compliance with the plat and plans submitted for preliminary plat review, except as modified by these conditions. [Section 4.1.13, FCSR]
13. Preliminary plat approval is valid for three years. The final plat shall be filed prior to the expiration of the three years. Extension requests to the preliminary plat approval shall be made in accordance with the applicable regulations and following associated timeline(s). [Section 4.1.11 FCSR]
14. The applicant shall provide DNRC with the correct Geocodes for the four water rights on the subject property prior to final plat approval to enable the ownership of these water rights to be updated.
15. A bike/pedestrian path easement of compliant width (15-feet) shall be shown on the face of the final plat. [Sections 4.7.19 FCSR]

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: CTEP APPLICATION/ GATEWAY TO GLACIER PATH

9:06:37 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Planning & Zoning Director B. J. Grieve, Planner Alex Hogle, Clerk Kile

Hogle reviewed the following key points regarding CTEP Gateway to Glacier Path.

- On December 11, 2012, you accepted the project concept for the Gateway to Glacier Path, and you approved the remaining available balance of unencumbered Flathead County CTEP allocation (\$918,318.00) to be used for developing the trail facility.
- The Gateway to Glacier group (local sponsor) has garnered substantial public support for the project and has been very successful with fundraising to meet critical financial checkpoints as outlined in the *Flathead County CTEP Administrative Policies*, effective May 15, 2012.
- In May of 2013, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) personnel indicated that MDT would provide the local match for this particular project, which prompted preparation of the application for your review and submittal to MDT CTEP for their approval and subsequent programming of federal funds to the project.

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The project would design and construct a separated 8-foot wide paved trail for approximately 6.8 miles between the unincorporated towns of Coram and West Glacier, providing safe pedestrian connectivity between residences, businesses, area RV Park/campgrounds, motels, and Glacier National Park.

Commissioner Scott made a **motion** to approve the CTEP application/ Gateway to Glacier Path. Commissioner Krueger **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY MEETING W/ MARK CAMPBELL, FAIRGROUNDS

9:15:11 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Fairgrounds Director Mark Campbell, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Butch Woolard, Michael Moffitt, Clerk Kile

Campbell reviewed the following monthly report with the commission.

Current Projects

Evaluating power distribution options to the Fair camping areas. These areas are underserved and demand for space during the annual event remains very strong.

Extensive post-fair clean up continues.

Finalizing RFQ for engineering/construction management services on Grandstand roof.

NW Montana Fair & Rodeo

Continuing providing refund and refund information about the Chris Young concert cancellation. 1,007 orders for 2,690 tickets to be returned. Finance Department staff has been of great help.

Finalizing food sale revenue reports. In general, vendors are showing signs of slightly better sales.

Putting final information into Show Works regarding entries and judging results. 8,121 entries by 7,166 exhibitors. Numbers remain constant in most categories except growing photography and arts.

Posse and Search & Rescue had relatively smooth fair. Over 2,000 hours of volunteer time between these two groups alone.

Rodeo was up 8.4% in sales and Demolition Derby was up 30%. Good responses to both events.

Oldies concert enjoyed by 1,000+ attending but we did not cover direct costs. Will evaluate format and genre again.

Fairgrounds

Have turned key buildings back into a rental format for fall/winter operations.

Upcoming Events and Activities

Bead Stampede – September 7-8th

NW Arms Collector Show – September 6-8th

Treasure Market – September 7-8th

4H End of Year awards banquet – September 7th

Fair Commission meeting – September 12th

Flathead Co. Sheriff benefit concert – September 14th

Taste of Home – September 17th

Commissioner Krueger said he felt this would be a good time to hold a workshop with the Fair Board and commissioners to set goals for the coming year. The commission unanimously agreed to hold a workshop.

MONTHLY MEETING W/ DAVE PRUNTY, SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

9:30:13 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Public Works Director Dave Prunty, Solid Waste Operations Manager Jim Chilton, Paul Mutascho, Clerk Kile

Prunty met with the commission and reviewed progress with the improvements made to the Olney container site and reported their operation hours starting September 16, 2013 will be from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. seven days a week. He then spoke about a proposed container site operation policy under consideration; summarized pending work on the north storm water detention basin; reviewed recommendations from the study group's findings pertaining to the closure of the Bigfork container site.

Commissioner Krueger pointed out he probably would not be in favor of expanding the lease site the county currently has as we would then have two landlords, and the site does not appear to be adequate in size. He said he would like to see a purchase site that can be built out and would be adequate for years to come.

Prunty stated he concurred and noted he would continue working on a solution.

In other business, he reported it appears the single RFP received regarding recycling would be rejected. He spoke about possibly extending the existing contract they are working under on a month-to-month basis, and exploring other alternatives to the recycling program. He spoke about odor complaints received this year, and reported landfill tonnage was up in July and hauling out of the container sites was down around 3.4 percent.

Chilton reported approximately \$6,000 was received from KENESA to assist with costs related to an electrical fence around the perimeter of the Essex container site.

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DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: HIGHMARK TRAFFIC SERVICES CONTRACT/ PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM, ROAD DEPT.

9:58:18 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Public Works Director Dave Prunty, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve for signature the pavement marking program contract. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: FY13-14 PERMISSIVE MEDICAL LEVY

10:00:00 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Finance Director Sandy Carlson, Finance Technicians Amy Dexter and Tamara Helmstetler, I.T. Director Vicki Saxby, Fairgrounds Director Mark Campbell, Health Dept. Director Joe Russell, Superintendent of Schools Marcia Sheffels, County Attorney Ed Corrigan, County Attorney Office Administrator Vicki Eggum, Planning & Zoning Director B. J. Grieve, Planner Bailey Minnich, Public Works Director Dave Prunty, Solid Waste Operations Manager Jim Chilton, Michael Moffitt, Butch Woolard, Clerk Kile

Pence stated per state law the county is allowed to levy up to five mills to cover medical costs in the budget. The proposal is to levy the five mills with the dollar amount of \$1,209,035.

Chairman Holmquist opened the public hearing to anyone wishing to speak regarding the permissive medical levy for FY13-14. No one rising to speak Chairman Holmquist closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to adopt the permissive medical levy FY 13-14. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: FY13-14 PROPOSED BUDGET

10:02:00 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Finance Director Sandy Carlson, Finance Technicians Amy Dexter and Tamara Helmstetler, I.T. Director Vicki Saxby, Fairgrounds Director Mark Campbell, Health Dept. Director Joe Russell, Superintendent of Schools Marcia Sheffels, County Attorney Ed Corrigan, County Attorney Office Administrator Vicki Eggum, Planning & Zoning Director B. J. Grieve, Planner Bailey Minnich, Public Works Director Dave Prunty, Solid Waste Operations Manager Jim Chilton, Clerk & Recorder Paula Robinson, Michael Moffitt, Butch Woolard, Clerk Kile

Pence read the following budget message for FY13-14.

Commissioner Pam Holmquist, Chairperson
Commissioner Cal Scott
Commissioner Gary Krueger

Re: FY 2014 Flathead County (County) Budget Message and Recommendation

Dear Commissioners:

The Fiscal Year 2014 Flathead County Budget has been compiled for final consideration and approval. I would like to express appreciation to Finance Director Sandy Carlson, Amy Dexter and Tamara Helmstetler for their hard work and effort in facilitating the budget process. I would also like to thank each of our department heads, elected officials and support staff for their good work in preparing the individual budgets and meeting with us over the past several months to provide the information requested. Across the board our management team has made a concerted effort to comply with the budget guidelines provided by the Flathead County Board of Commissioners to keep our budgets as close to a two percent bottom line increase over our expenditure appropriations from FY 2013 levels.

In regard to total revenues and expenditures for the proposed budget, the big picture look has us starting the year with a projected combined (tax and non-tax funds) beginning balance of \$37.0 million, a total revenue (tax and non-tax) projection of \$79.9 million, a total expenditure projection of \$81.2 million and a projected ending balance of \$35.7 million.

The County has a good cash balance situation presently because of our ongoing efforts over the past eight and a half years. The County cash reserve funds supported by property tax dollars are projected to be \$11.8 million at the end of FY 2014 or at about a 24% level (33% cash reserves are allowed by law). Our largest source of revenue comes from property taxes that are collected two months out of the year, so we need adequate balances for our operations.

The expenditure budget includes significant funding for our capital improvement program (CIP) totaling \$7,514,749 compared to \$5,089,191 last year. Some of the larger CIP budgets include Culture and Recreation (\$986,258), General Government (\$1,411,916), Public Health (\$60,000), Public Safety (\$889,775), Public Works (\$394,000), Social and Economic Services (\$248,000) and Solid Waste (\$3,524,800). In addition to the CIP expenditures authorized for FY 2014 above, we have also provided funding by transfers in the total amount of \$3,149,387 for CIP needs in future years. We appreciate the efforts of our Finance Department and members of the management team in the creation of a new five-year CIP. We will use this tool consistently since it provides the mechanism to fund our capital needs.

The County has 525 full-time employees (FTE) compared to 522 in the previous year. We added 1 FTE at the IT Department and 0.5 FTE at Records. The Health Clinic is adding 1.5 new FTE with 0.5 for a doctor, 0.5 for a dentist and 0.5 for an administrative support specialist.

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Our personnel costs represent a major portion of the total County budget. There is a 3.0% COLA adjustment for county elected officials/deputies and a 3.5% COLA for all other county personnel included in the budget this year. The budget will also fund longevity (either 1.0% for public safety employees as per state law or 0.5% for all other county employees after 5 years employment as per county policy) and step increases provided by county policies and union contracts. For all county employees with the exception of sheriff's office deputies, there is an additional 1% budgeted for the state retirement program that is required due to legislation and the new law. This also requires county employees to contribute a matching amount of 1% that is withheld from their pay. We were able to provide the varied wage/salary and benefit increases outlined above with healthy cash reserve balances that have grown due to good management and conservative spending at department and office levels. We continue our efforts to hold the line on adding new FTE as much as possible.

Our partially self-insured medical benefit program has done well again this year. Since we have achieved a healthy and adequate fund balance we were able to freeze our health plan premium rates for both the county and the covered employees. We are now in the second year of our Healthy Incentives Wellness Program. We believe this program has contributed significantly to our lower medical costs that allowed us to forego any medical premium increases this year.

Each department and office has presented their line item budget to the commissioners at prior budget presentation sessions. The estimated expenditure appropriation amount in the tax levy funds for FY 2014 totals \$48.4 million compared to \$47.5 million in FY 2013 for a 1.9% increase.

The FY 2014 budget does include a couple of significant items of note. We moved a significant number of past budget expenditure items from the PILT Fund to the General Fund that are mostly ongoing expenditures like the AOA rental, financial/payroll software maintenance, debt service for HAVC system project, and other smaller items. The \$500,000 annual transfer from the PILT Fund to the Road Fund is the only remaining regularly funded line item. Most of our PILT Funds are planned to be used for one time capital improvement needs and some are earmarked in our five year Capital Improvement Plan. We are also continuing with our goal to maintain healthy cash reserves at about 25% of appropriation levels.

The total market value for the County increased from \$9.32 billion to \$9.93 billion with the certification of the new valuation numbers by the Department of Revenue. The new taxable value was certified at \$251.3 million compared to \$244.1 million or a 2.9% increase. State law also limits tax levy increases to half of the average cost-of-living numbers for the previous three years.

The impact to taxpayers is probably the most important part of this budget message. The proposed tax levy is 147.98 mills compared to 149.16 mills last year or a 1.18 mill decrease. This represents a 0.8% decrease in the county's total mill levy. The actual total property tax for FY 2014 is \$34,076,216 compared to \$33,366,622 in FY 2013 or a 2.1% increase in actual dollars. The value of a county-wide mill is now \$241,807 compared to \$234,977 last year or a 2.9% increase.

I believe we have honored the direction of the Board of Commissioners to end at approximately a 2% increase over last year's budget total. I recommend approval of the FY 2014 Flathead County Budget as presented. Again, I appreciate the work of all those involved in the budget process and wish you the best in these final FY 2014 budget deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Pence, Flathead County Administrator

Cc: Flathead County Elected Officials and Department Heads

Chairman Holmquist opened the public hearing to anyone wishing to speak regarding the FY13-14 proposed budget for Flathead County. No one rising to speak Chairman Holmquist closed the public hearing.

The commission unanimously expressed appreciation to staff for the exceptional job done in preparing the budget.

Commissioner Scott made a **motion** to adopt Resolution 2367. Commissioner Krueger **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2367
A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FLATHEAD
COUNTY BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014

WHEREAS, Section 7-6-4030(2) M.C.A. requires that the Board of County Commissioners, by resolution, approve and adopt the budget for each fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Section 7-6-4030(3)(a), MCA, may establish the legal spending limit at a level of detail which will allow more flexibility and has determined that that level of budget control should remain at the Fund/Department level; and

WHEREAS, the proper public hearings have been held in regard to the setting of such budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners for Flathead County does hereby approve and adopt the final budget for Flathead County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, as set out in the budget document attached and incorporated herein as a part of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the level of budget control shall be at the Fund/Department level, that any unused budget appropriations for the Personal Services object codes (100's) or Capital Outlay object codes (900's) or Capital Outlay Funding object code (828) shall not be used to increase spending in other budget areas without specific Board approval, and that budget authority within the remaining object codes, 200 - 827, may be transferred at the fund/department level without line item transfer approval by the Board of Commissioners, provided that total expenditures may not exceed the total fund/department budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners for Flathead County does hereby approve and adopt the levies required to fund the final budget for Flathead County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, as set out in the budget document attached and incorporated herein as part of this resolution.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners for Flathead County does hereby order the Clerk and Recorder to enter the budget document and tax levy schedule in the official minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and to send copies of the budget as approved and adopted to all necessary offices of the county and the State of Montana.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of August, 2013, and effective as of July 1, 2013.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Flathead County, Montana

By/s/Pamela J. Holmquist
Pamela J. Holmquist, Chairman

By/s/Calvin L. Scott
Calvin L. Scott, Member

By/s/Gary D. Krueger
Gary Krueger, Member

ATTEST:
Paula Robinson, Clerk

By/s/Diana Kile
Diana Kile, Deputy

FLATHEAD COUNTY
TAX LEVY REQUIREMENTS SCHEDULE
ADOPTED FY2014

APPROPRIATION	CASH RESERVES	TOTAL REQUIRED	RESOURCES AVAILABLE	NON-TAX REVENUES	TOTAL NON-TAX RESOURCES	PROPERTY TAX REVENUES	TOTAL RESOURCES	CASH RESERVE %	FY14 MILL LEVY	FY13 MILL LEVY		
1000 General	9,860,423	2,290,571	12,150,994	3,156,257	3,539,571	6,695,828	5,455,166	23.23%	22.56	25.66		
2120 Poor	340,900	86,937	427,837	76,117	1,100	77,217	350,620	427,837	25.50%	1.45	1.50	
2130 Bridge	923,215	243,928	1,167,143	1,167,143	240,147	85,508	325,655	841,488	1,167,143	26.42%	3.48	3.58
2140 Weed	618,932	164,714	783,646	178,417	208,287	384,684	384,682	783,668	26.61%	1.65	1.85	
2160 Fair	1,338,656	155,959	1,494,615	148,420	1,063,281	1,211,701	282,914	1,494,615	11.65%	1.17	1.17	
2180 District Court	793,101	213,056	1,006,157	1,006,157	81,971	230,200	312,171	693,986	1,006,157	26.86%	2.87	2.37
2190 Comp Insurance	950,720	294,087	1,244,807	431,754	25,869	457,623	747,164	1,244,807	26.73%	3.09	3.89	
2210 Park	635,896	190,470	826,366	168,618	256,569	424,187	452,179	876,366	27.77%	1.87	1.97	
2220 Library	1,506,522	318,965	1,825,487	288,873	174,511	463,384	1,362,103	1,825,487	21.17%	6.20	6.20	
2260 Area on Aging	227,043	62,549	289,592	33,090	29,203	62,293	227,299	289,592	27.55%	0.94	0.94	
2290 Extension	129,112	31,479	156,591	29,032	9,074	38,106	118,485	156,591	25.16%	0.49	0.37	
2300 Sheriff	9,684,004	2,586,569	12,270,573	2,579,735	947,425	3,527,160	8,753,413	12,280,573	26.81%	36.20	36.70	
2310 Retirement	2,873,429	761,028	3,634,457	720,281	184,175	904,456	2,730,001	3,634,457	26.49%	11.29	11.69	
2360 Group Insurance	2,886,804	818,791	3,705,595	712,157	1,334,642	2,046,799	1,658,796	3,705,595	28.36%	6.66	2.26	
2366 Juv. Detention	698,987	201,686	900,673	251,133	103,056	354,189	546,484	900,673	28.65%	2.26	2.76	
TOTAL COUNTYWIDE NON VOTED	33,513,764	8,390,789	41,904,553	9,096,002	8,189,451	17,285,453	24,619,100	41,904,553	25.04%	102.38	102.91	
ADD: Special Districts												
7853 Airport Authority	483,614	-	483,614	-	-	-	483,614	483,614	0.00%	2.00	2.00	
7855 Port Authority	483,614	-	483,614	-	-	-	483,614	483,614	0.00%	2.00	2.00	
TOTAL SPECIAL DISTRICTS	967,228	-	967,228	-	-	-	967,228	967,228	0.00%	4.00	4.00	
2200 Mosquito	182,621	51,296	233,917	52,562	-	52,562	181,355	233,917	28.09%	0.75	1.00	
2272 EMS Program	243,016	83,917	326,933	79,151	5,975	85,126	241,807	326,933	34.53%	1.00	1.00	
2273 Special EMS	470,655	31,717	502,372	18,058	700	18,758	483,614	502,372	6.74%	2.00	2.00	
2372 Perm. Med Levy	1,209,035	-	1,209,035	1,000	1,000	1,209,035	1,210,035	0.00%	5.00	5.00		
2382 Search & Rescue	276,465	67,529	343,994	61,235	40,952	102,187	241,807	343,994	24.43%	1.00	1.00	
2390 Transportation	1,156,843	4,758	1,161,602	919,795	919,795	919,795	241,807	1,161,602	0.41%	1.00	1.00	
3001 911 GO Bond Debt Service (\$6.1M)	424,838	109,856	534,694	41,971	4,273	46,244	488,450	534,694	25.86%	2.02	1.57	
3002 911 GO Bond Debt Service(\$800K)	58,960	13,294	72,254	60,164	-	60,164	12,090	72,254	22.55%	0.05	0.73	
TOTAL COUNTYWIDE VOTED EXEMPT	4,022,435	362,367	4,384,802	313,141	972,695	1,285,836	3,099,966	4,384,802	9.01%	12.82	13.30	
TOTAL COUNTYWIDE	38,503,427	8,753,156	47,256,583	9,409,143	9,162,146	18,571,289	28,686,294	47,256,583	22.73%	119.20	120.21	
OUTSIDE CITIES												
2110 Road	7,283,363	1,856,423	9,139,786	2,264,095	3,168,018	5,432,113	3,706,673	9,139,786	25.47%	21.34	21.20	
2291 Planning	398,934	103,768	502,702	158,319	49,100	207,419	295,283	502,702	26.01%	1.70	2.00	
TOTAL OUTSIDE CITIES	7,682,297	1,959,191	9,641,488	2,422,414	3,217,118	5,639,532	4,001,956	9,641,488	25.50%	23.04	23.20	
OUTSIDE CITIES VOTED/EXEMPT												
2260 Emergency/Disaster	-	374,700	374,700	374,700	-	374,700	-	374,700	-	-		
TOTAL OUTSIDE CITIES	7,682,297	2,333,891	10,016,188	2,797,114	3,217,118	6,014,232	4,001,956	10,016,188	30.38%	23.04	23.20	
2270 Health	2,229,315	676,425	2,905,740	664,594	853,180	1,517,774	1,387,966	2,905,740	30.34%	5.74	5.75	
FY14 LEVIED TOTALS	48,415,039	11,763,473	60,178,511	12,870,851	13,232,444	26,103,295	34,076,216	60,178,511	24.30%	147.98	149.16	
FY13 LEVIED TOTALS	47,547,499	11,657,533	59,205,032	11,999,950	13,838,460	25,838,410	33,366,622	59,205,032	24.52%	149.16	149.16	
FY12 LEVIED TOTALS	47,622,828	11,445,867	59,068,695	12,053,880	14,363,052	26,416,932	32,651,763	59,068,695	24.03%	150.54	150.54	
DIFFERENCE (FY13-14)	(875,530)	(101,666)	(937,537)	(870,901)	608,016	(264,885)	(709,591)	(937,537)	0.22%			
MILL VALUE FOR FY14 =	241,807.00											
MILL VALUE FOR FY13 =	234,977.00											

Flathead County
Resources Available Non-levied Funds FY14

APPROPRIATION	CASH RESERVES	TOTAL REQUIRED	RESOURCES AVAILABLE	NON-TAX REVENUES	TOTAL NON-TAX RESOURCES	PROPERTY TAX REVENUES	TOTAL RESOURCES	MILL LEVY
2150 PREDATORY ANIMAL	120	569	689	689	-	689	689	-
2211 PARKS/CASH IN LIEU	119,000	167,822	286,822	286,822	-	286,822	286,822	-
2281 MEDICAID WAIVER	17,500	-	17,500	-	17,500	17,500	17,500	-
2283 BUCKLE UP FLATHEAD	35,441	-	35,441	111	35,330	35,441	35,441	-
2291 EXTENSION GRANTS	19,376	-	19,376	12,584	6,792	19,376	19,376	-
2320 CHILDRENS ADVOCACY CENTER	14,500	63,486	77,986	25,536	52,450	77,986	77,986	-
2340 SCHOOL COOP	48,894	41,199	90,093	41,793	48,300	90,093	90,093	-
2350 BIG MT	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
2360 MUSEUM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2374 HOME HEALTH	1,673,219	436,154	2,109,373	458,536	1,650,837	2,109,373	2,109,373	-
2390 DRUG FORFEITURES	-	6,895	6,895	6,895	-	6,895	6,895	-
2391 FC FIRE SERVICE AREA	176,742	64,913	241,655	61,235	180,420	241,655	241,655	-
2393 HALO PROJECT	11,000	64,057	75,057	75,057	-	75,057	75,057	-
2394 DUI REINSTATEMENT	80,158	31,265	111,423	71,423	40,000	111,423	111,423	-
2395 RECORDS PRESERVATION	137,598	181,735	319,333	190,333	129,000	319,333	319,333	-
2820 GAS TAX	751,170	104,527	855,697	373,525	482,172	855,697	855,697	-
2830 JUNK VEHICLE	129,465	-	129,465	288	129,177	129,465	129,465	-
2836 MT MEDICAID HEALTH IMPROVEM	586,364	578,096	1,164,460	662,204	502,256	1,164,460	1,164,460	-
2840 WEED TRUCK GRANT	-	15,515	15,515	15,515	-	15,515	15,515	-
2846 TALLY LK TANSY RAGW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2859 GIS-MLIA	14,000	38,340	52,340	24,340	28,000	52,340	52,340	-
2888 I&R COMM SERVICE	213,381	3,204	216,585	153,491	212,713	216,585	216,585	-
2901 P I L T	1,530,000	3,295,861	4,825,861	2,567,116	2,258,745	4,825,861	4,825,861	-
2902 FOREST RESERVE TITLE	-	30,433	30,433	30,433	-	30,433	30,433	-
2912 ACCOUNTABILITY ENFOR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2916 BCC/DRUG INVESTIGATION	600,963	-	600,963	698	600,265	600,963	600,963	-
2919 COPS HIRING GRANT	39,900	94	39,994	-	39,994	39,994	39,994	-
2920 CHILDRENS ADVOCACY CENTER	-	19	19	-	19	19	19	-
2921 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANTS	-	115	115	115	-	115	115	-
2922 HIDTA	123,236	-	123,236	-	123,236	123,236	123,236	-
2923 SHERIFFS DRUG TRUST FUND	46,175	306,668	352,843	328,057	24,786	352,843	352,843	-
2924 DRUG FORFEITURE/FED SHARED	45,000	234,834	279,834	218,725	61,109	279,834	279,834	-
2925 BORDER INTEROPERABILITY	382,400	-	382,400	-	382,400	382,400	382,400	-
2928 WAR SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT	145,905	-	145,905	-	145,905	145,905	145,905	-
2930 BULLET PROOF VEST	15,000	26,758	41,758	26,758	15,000	41,758	41,758	-
2932 ALCOHOL ENFORCEMNTN	-	201	201	163	38	201	201	-
2933 STEP DUI	15,000	-	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
2934 JAG CIVIL GRANT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2936 NATIONAL CHILDRENS ALLIANCE	6,440	3,292	9,732	3,292	6,440	9,732	9,732	-
2939 BIGFORK STORMWATER	18,487	-	18,487	-	18,487	18,487	18,487	-
2940 CDBG	480,000	-	480,000	-	480,000	480,000	480,000	-
2953 VFA PROGRAM	7,500	-	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	7,500	-

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APPROPRIATION	CASH RESERVES	TOTAL REQUIRED	RESOURCES AVAILABLE	NON-TAX REVENUES	TOTAL NON-TAX RESOURCES	PROPERTY TAX REVENUES	TOTAL RESOURCES	MILL LEVY
2978 TB GRANT	-	616	616	616	-	616	-	616
2979 AIR QUALITY GRANT	58,479	-	58,479	2,488	56,011	-	58,479	-
2980 OBESITY PREVENTION	-	16,675	16,675	16,675	-	16,675	-	16,675
2981 DRUG FREE COMM	-	89	89	89	-	89	-	89
2982 INDEPENDENT LIVING	159,550	74,897	234,447	65,718	168,729	234,447	-	234,447
2983 NUTRITION	550,555	402,612	953,167	527,461	425,706	953,167	-	953,167
2985 R S V P	69,958	-	69,958	122	69,836	-	69,958	-
2986 SENIOR CENTERS	30,667	7,766	38,433	7,766	30,667	-	38,433	-
2987 TRAINING GRANT	3,150	13,610	16,760	13,610	3,150	-	16,760	-
2988 SR HOME REPAIR	20,000	12,162	32,162	12,162	20,000	-	32,162	-
2992 PARKS GRANT FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2994 CTEP/KILA BILE PATH	-	26	26	26	-	-	26	-
2995 CTEP PROJECTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2996 GLACIER NATIONAL PARK	725,213	-	725,213	-	725,000	-	725,000	-
3201 HEALTH DEBT SERVICE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3400 SID REVOLVING	-	445,012	445,012	445,012	-	-	445,012	-
3530 EVERGREEN SRT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3531 RESTHAVEN SEWER	-	193	193	193	-	-	193	-
3532 EVERGREEN SEWER SID	163,242	141,788	305,000	-	305,000	-	305,000	-
3536 BIGFORK NORTH SEWER	8,211	17,982	26,193	14,143	12,050	-	26,193	-
3538 BIG MTN WATER PAVING	42,561	7,442	50,003	11,588	38,415	-	50,003	-
3539 SANDY HILL SID	15,891	7,871	23,762	12,562	11,200	-	23,762	-
3540 SHADY LANE SID	9,357	42,003	51,360	39,815	11,545	-	51,360	-
3541 WILLIAM LANE SID	16,451	43,797	60,248	44,648	15,600	-	60,248	-
3542 SOUTHSIDE TOWNHOMES SID	20,053	85,938	105,991	75,991	30,000	-	105,991	-
3543 RESTHAVEN RSID	35,649	-	35,649	5,649	30,000	-	35,649	-
3544 LODGEPOLE RSID	43,608	-	43,608	4,608	40,000	-	43,608	-
3545 SNOWGHOST RSID	24,706	-	24,706	1,706	23,000	-	24,706	-
3546 BADROCK RSID	16,525	5,516	22,041	3,641	18,400	-	22,041	-
3547 MENNONITE RSID	18,838	16,925	35,763	18,763	19,000	-	35,763	-
3549 SWAN HORSESHOE RSID	35,666	-	35,666	10,666	25,000	-	35,666	-
3550 BERNE ROAD RSID #152	6,247	-	6,247	247	6,000	-	6,247	-
3551 MONEGAN ROAD RSID #153	24,258	31,184	55,442	10,442	45,000	-	55,442	-
4001 CAP IMPROV JUNK VEHICLE	-	72,170	72,170	52,255	19,915	-	72,170	-
4002 HEALTH DEPT CA	90,000	281,831	371,831	171,423	200,408	-	371,831	-
4003 AREA ON AGING CIP	-	71,217	71,217	53,649	17,568	-	71,217	-
4004 MOSQUITO CIP	30,000	49,167	79,167	69,037	10,130	-	79,167	-
4005 ANIMAL CONTROL CIP	25,000	45,294	70,294	21,889	48,405	-	70,294	-
4006 SEARCH & RESCUE CIP	-	222,837	222,837	160,806	62,031	-	222,837	-
4007 SENIOR SERVICES CIP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4008 FC FAIR BLDG REP	648,508	214,835	863,343	298,977	564,366	-	863,343	-
4009 SHERIFF PATROL CAR	55,500	327,882	383,382	341,137	42,245	-	383,382	-
4010 FC DETENTION CTR	300,000	26,861	326,861	223,856	103,005	-	326,861	-
4011 FC LAND	-	98,241	98,241	97,715	526	-	98,241	-
4012 COUNTY BLDG CIP	120,000	124,306	244,306	243,972	334	-	244,306	-
4013 FAIR LAND ACQ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4014 PLANNING CAR/COPIER	-	81,475	81,475	81,039	436	-	81,475	-
4015 MAINTENANCE CIP	26,594	358,125	384,719	83,845	300,874	-	384,719	-
4016 JUVENILE DETENTION CIP	51,800	6,500	58,300	6,500	51,800	-	58,300	-
4017 MICRO COMPUTER	98,030	80,553	178,583	97,365	81,218	-	178,583	-
4018 FC FIRE SERVICE AREA	112,625	56,185	168,810	141,559	27,251	-	168,810	-
4019 EMS CIP FUND	31,050	28,410	59,460	49,793	9,667	-	59,460	-
4020 LIBRARY DEPRECIATION	115,000	83,986	198,986	155,153	43,833	-	198,986	-
4021 EXTENSION CIP	-	22,153	22,153	17,088	5,065	-	22,153	-
4022 DISTRICT COURT CIP	-	30,029	30,029	29,889	140	-	30,029	-
4027 ROAD CIP	302,000	1,618,448	1,920,448	800,712	1,119,736	-	1,920,448	-
4028 BRIDGE CIP	45,000	97,500	142,500	20,000	122,500	-	142,500	-
4030 COUNTYWIDE CAPITAL	294,194	785,167	1,079,361	708,142	371,219	-	1,079,361	-

8/30/2013

Flathead County Resources Available Non-levied Funds FY14								
APPROPRIATION	CASH RESERVES	TOTAL REQUIRED	RESOURCES AVAILABLE	NON-TAX REVENUES	TOTAL NON-TAX RESOURCES	PROPERTY TAX REVENUES	TOTAL RESOURCES	MILL LEVY
4031 PARK CIP	-	43,849	43,849	43,614	235	-	43,849	-
4032 WEED CIP	-	61,725	61,725	61,395	330	-	61,725	-
4249 SWAN HORSESHOE RSID	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4250 MONEGAN ROAD RSID #153	-	1,282	1,282	1,282	-	-	1,282	-
4251 BERNE ROAD RSID #152	-	1,751	1,751	1,751	-	-	1,751	-
4254 LITTLE MOUNTAIN RSID #154	-	190,954	190,954	190,954	-	-	190,954	-
5020 SO COMMISSARY	31,000	42,134	73,134	39,917	33,217	-	73,134	-
5410 SOLID WASTE	8,935,498	3,115,592	12,051,090	3,730,127	8,320,963	-	12,051,090	-
5420 REFUSE/CLOSURE	51,800	1,279,673	1,279,673	649,673	630,000	-	1,279,673	-
5430 LINED CELL TRUST	320,000	405,956	725,956	565,956	140,000	-	725,956	-
5440 SOLID WASTE LAND PURCHASE A	2,100,000	230,670	2,330,670	1,623,670	707,000	-	2,330,670	-
5450 FEC IMPROVEMENT FUND	-	306,533	306,533	306,533	61,000	-	306,533	-
7015 ANIMAL CNTRL FEED	456	84,103	84,559	84,103	456	-	84,559	-
7016 SUBDIVISION TRUST	-	1,494	1,494	1,494	-	-	1,494	-
7040 EVERGREEN MEDIAN	2,500	8,031	10,531	5,493	5,038	-	10,531	-
7051 FOSTER CARE	-	3,970	3,970	3,970	-	-	3,970	-
7054 ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENDABLE T	14,000	43,683	57,683	34,683	23,000	-	57,683	-
7055 LIBRARY GIFTS	52,200	15,980	68,180	47,780	20,400	-	68,180	-
7057 SHERIFFS DRUG TRUST-see 2923	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7058 COA ADVISORY	-	5	5	5	-	-	5	-
7059 SOMERS ENDOWMENT	-	1,033	1,033	1,027	6	-	1,033	-
7061 RACE PURSE EXP TRUST	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7062 DRUG FORFEITURE-see 2924	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7063 BAD CHECK RESTITUTION TRUST	-	28,408	28,408	28,408	-	-	28,408	-
7064 CRIMINAL RESTITUTION TRUST	-	34,883	34,883	34,883	-	-	34,883	-
7069 AET DONATIONS	-	7,047	7,047	7,047	-	-	7,047	-
7070 ABANDONED PROPERTY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7071 CO ATTYN VICTIMS	-	72,062	72,062	71,676	386	-	72,062	-
7072 CAC TRUST FUND	-	3,539	3,539	3,539	-	-	3,539	-
7081 LAKESHORE PROTECTION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7087 JUV PRISONER DEPOSITS	-	451	451	451	-	-	451	-
7090 FORECLOSURE FUND	-	229,916	229,916	229,916	-	-	229,916	-
8050 GROUP INSURANCE TRUST	5,479,113	4,651,219	10,130,331	4,135,943	5,994,388	-	10,130,331	-
NON LEVIED TOTALS	32,788,459	23,923,165	56,711,624	24,123,729	32,587,882	56,711,411	56,711,411	-
FY14 NON LEVIED TOTALS	32,788,459	23,923,165	56,711,624	24,123,729	32,587,882	56,711,411	56,711,411	-
FY14 LEVIED TOTALS	48,415,039	11,763,473	60,178,511	12,870,851	13,232,444	26,103,295	60,178,511	147.98
FY14 GRAND TOTAL	81,203,498	35,686,638	116,890,135	36,994,580	45,820,326	82,814,706	116,890,922	147.98
FY13 NON LEVIED TOTALS	27,624,465	25,148,244	52,772,709	22,723,707	30,049,002	52,772,709	52,772,709	-
FY13 LEVIED TOTALS	47,547,499	11,657,533	59,205,032	11,999,950	13,838,460	25,838,410	59,205,032	149.16
FY13 GRAND TOTAL	75,171,964	36,805,777	111,977,741	34,723,657	43,887,462	78,611,119	111,977,741	149.16
FY12 NON LEVIED TOTALS	30,496,326	25,339,719	55,836,045	23,862,652	31,973,393	55,836,045	55,836,045	-
FY12 LEVIED TOTALS	47,622,828	11,445,868	59,068,696	12,053,880	14,363,052	26,416,932	59,068,696	150.54
FY12 GRAND TOTAL	78,119,154	36,785,587	114,904,741	35,916,532	46,336,445	82,252,977	114,904,740	150.54

CONSIDERATION OF H.R. TRANSMITTALS: CLASSIFICATION OF POSITION & ADDITION OF 1/2 TIME POSITION/ OMBUDSMAN, AOA

10:12:50 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, H. R. Director Tammy Skramovsky, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve the job description classification. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve the half time position/ Ombudsman, AOA. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: EXCESS LOSS INSURANCE, HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN

10:15:55 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, H. R. Director Tammy Skramovsky, Clerk Kile

Skramovsky reported the county chose to go with a new stop loss carrier for the health insurance plan that resulted in a premium savings of over \$34,000.

Commissioner Scott made a **motion** to approve the excess loss insurance/ health benefit plan stop loss carrier as stated. Commissioner Krueger **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2013
(Continued)

CONSIDERATION OF PRINT BID: ELECTION DEPT., SOLID WASTE DISTRICT AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE

10:17:18 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Clerk Kile

Chairman Holmquist read into record the lowest bid was from North Star Printing for 6,200 yellow address verification cards and 6,200 green address verification cards for \$725.00.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve the print bid from North Star Printing for the Election Department. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Holmquist read into record the lowest bid was from Great Northern Printing for 5,000 #10 regular envelopes for \$759.68 and 10,000 #10 window envelopes for \$787.82 for Solid Waste.

Commissioner Scott made a **motion** to approve the print bid from Great Northern Printing as stated. Commissioner Krueger **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Holmquist read into record the lowest bid for 10 sets of business cards was from Great Northern Printing for \$358.68.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to award the print bid to Great Northern Printing. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH PUBLIC NOTICE: GATEWAY COMMUNITY CENTER CDBG FUNDING

10:19:30 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to authorize publication of the public notice. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Flathead County has received notice of the award of Community Development Block Grant funds from the Montana Department of Commerce. Flathead County and the Gateway Community Center with support from Northwest Montana United Way will soon commence implementation of a planning project to develop a Preliminary Architectural Report to evaluate sites for a one-stop human service campus.

CDBG regulations governing the grant require that to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for training and employment arising in connection with this CDBG-assisted project will be extended to local lower-income residents. Further, to the greatest extent feasible, business concerns located in or substantially owned by residents of the project area will be utilized.

For more information, please contact Debbie Pierson at the Flathead County Commissioners Office: 800 South Main Street, Room 302, Kalispell, MT 59901; (406) 758-2467; dpierson@flathead.mt.gov.

Flathead County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Dated August 28, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Flathead County, Montana

By/s/Pamela J. Holmquist
Pamela J. Holmquist, Chairman

ATTEST:
Paula Robinson, Clerk

By/s/Diana Kile
Diana Kile, Deputy

Publish on September 1 and September 8, 2013.

AWARD RFP: HISTORIC JAIL RENOVATION

10:20:26 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Clerk Kile

Pence reported five responses to the request for proposals (RFP) were received. They were from Architects Design Group, Montana Creative Architecture & Design, Phillips Architecture, CTA, and J. Constenius Architects, Inc. He noted a selection panel consisting of five rated the submittals received, and stated their recommendation is to award the RFP to CTA, and to move forward with a contract to bring back to the commission from CTA for the project.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to award the historical jail renovation to CTA. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2013
(Continued)**

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT LOCAL NO. 400

10:22:05 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, H. R. Director Tammy Skramovsky, Public Works Director Dave Prunty, Clerk Kile

Skramovsky reported the negotiation process with the road operators has been completed and they have voted to ratify the contract.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve for signature the collective bargaining agreement/ Local No. 400. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD RFP: SALARY SURVEY

10:23:42 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, H. R. Director Tammy Skramovsky, Clerk Kile

Skramovsky reported a single proposal from Associated Employers was received from the RFP sent out. She asked that we move forward with negotiations for a contract.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to award the RFP for a salary survey to Associated Employers. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF LAKESHORE PERMIT: SPIERMAN, FLP 13-57

10:25:42 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Planner Bailey Minnich, Clerk Kile

Minnich entered into record Lake and Lakeshore Construction Permit FLP 13-57; a standard permit application submitted by Chad Speierman to construct a pre-cast concrete retaining wall along the lakeshore landward of high water. The proposal includes adding an extension on to their existing dock at 135 Old Highway 93 on Flathead Lake.

Commissioner Scott made a **motion** to approve FLP 13-57. Commissioner Krueger **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF EMERGENCY LAKESHORE PERMIT: BRINGHURST, FLEW 13-01

10:26:54 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Planner Bailey Minnich, Clerk Kile

Minnich reported FLEW 13-01 is a request for an emergency lakeshore permit to remove two dead and dying trees at 978 Echo Lake Road in Bigfork.

Commissioner Scott made a **motion** to approve the emergency Lake and Lakeshore Permit for Bringhurst on Echo Lake. Commissioner Krueger **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

11:00 a.m. County Attorney meeting @ Co. Atty's Office

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on August 29, 2013.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2013

The Board of County Commissioners met in continued session at 8:00 o'clock A.M. Chairman Holmquist, Commissioner Scott and Krueger, and Clerk Robinson were present.

4:00 p.m. BLUAC meeting @ Bethany Lutheran

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on August 30, 2013.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2013

The Board of County Commissioners met in continued session at 8:00 o'clock A.M. Chairman Holmquist, Commissioner Scott and Krueger, and Clerk Robinson were present.

NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on September 2, 2013.
