

Flathead County Road and Bridge Advisory Committee  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
October 8, 2009 – **7:00 PM**  
Solid Waste District Road Room-County Landfill

1. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Charles Lapp-Chairman, Dave Hilde, Karl Schrade, Tom Sands

Committee Members Absent: Mike Schlegel- Vice Chairman

Staff Present: Public Works Director Dave Prunty, Operations Manager Guy Foy, Recording Secretaries Karen Rogers, Patti Vernarsky

Public Present: None

2. Introductory Remarks: None

3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes-Action Required

**Karl Schrade moves to approve the minutes from September 17, 2009 meeting, Dave Hilde seconds the motion. All in favor; motion passed, minutes approved.**

4. Action Agenda – **No Items Requiring Action**

5. Directors Report

a. Continuation of Criteria for Dead End Roads

Dave Prunty explained the redrafted page on the criteria for the dead end roads including the comments provided from everyone. He explained the list of dead end roads with the footages and approximate costs, showing two years worth of cost. He explained the vast majority of cost shown was due to snowplowing. He explained the committee needs to approve the criteria in order for it to be sent up to the commissioners. Discussion was held about the minimum 18 foot width, the safety issues possibly requiring guardrail, and obstructions. Questions were asked if Rest Haven would have to be a recommendation from the committee to be added to the list.

**Dave Hilde moves to eliminate all roads on the attached list and to include Rest Haven Drive past mailboxes and to include Plaza Road, Tom Sands seconds the motion. All in favor; motion passed, elimination of dead end roads list including Rest Haven and Plaza Roads approved.**

Dave Prunty stated the recommendation will be forwarded to the Commissioners next week and a meeting will be set up with the county attorney.

b. Final Draft of Road Standards for Commissioner Review

Dave Prunty explained the commissioners received notice on Monday to set the public hearings for the final draft of the road standards book. Dave Hilde noted the encroachment permit saw cut requirement says 24 inches where the road standards book states 12 inches. He stated the permit requirements need to be changed to reflect the new standards.

c. Chipping and Overlay 2009 Summary

Dave Prunty explained the chipping list is still the same as previously distributed and staff is continuing to pull costs together. Questions were asked about the Health Departments 30 feet of pavement. Dave stated the footage is incorrect and the new parking lot is to be constructed which the Health Department and Maintenance wanted to get done this year. Tom Sands stated the parking lot should go out to contract and he recommends the road department not to do the parking lot.

d. Transportation Plan

Tom Sands stated he has some concerns about the transportation plan;

1. Recommending unfundable projects, not meeting current economy.
2. Making unnecessary improvements with traffic lights.
3. Current plan putting restrictions on land owners because of incorporated in growth policy restricting use of their land.

Dave Prunty stated Ryan talked with April about some concerns such as number of lanes and costs which are being revised.

Tom Sands stated the plan needs to come back to the committee to be approved.

Dave Prunty stated the next meeting is on November 12, at 7:00 pm with the planning board and this committee at the Earl Bennett building. He stated this is just a work session and should have the new draft by then. Questions were asked to see if the meeting could be started at 6:00 pm.

6. Comments from Committee Members

Karl Schrade asked why the roads have not been graded all summer and wondered what the road department had been doing. Dave Prunty stated the crews have been out grading

even working on Saturday. He stated the staff can pull reports to show the grading after the rains.

Dave Prunty stated he would like to expand the dust cost share program, as he felt it was successful for the first year.

7. Comments from Public (15 Minutes Maximum)

8. Adjournment

**Karl Schrade made the motion to adjourn, Dave Hilde seconded, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**