

## MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2003

The Board of County Commissioners met in continued session at 8:00 o'clock A.M. Chairman Watne, Commissioners Gipe and Hall, and Clerk Robinson were present.

### Commissioner Hall is to attend the RC&D Meeting in Thompson Falls

#### MONTHLY MEETING W/JOE RUSSELL, HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Present at the January 27, 2003 9:00 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioners Hall and Gipe, Health Director Joe Russell, and Clerk Eggum.

**This meeting did not take place.**

#### CONSIDERATION OF POSITION REPLACEMENT/AOA

Present at the January 27, 2003 9:30 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Gipe, Assistant Avery, AOA Director Jim Atkinson, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Chairman Watne reviewed a letter from Jim Atkinson requesting the opening of the Dietary Aide position as Jim Jellesed resigned.

Commissioner Gipe made a **motion** to approve the opening of a Dietary Aide position on behalf of AOA. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Gipe. Motion carried by quorum.

#### CONSIDERATION OF MONTANA MEDICAID PROVIDER APPLICATION

Present at the January 27, 2003 9:30 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Gipe, Assistant Avery, AOA Director Jim Atkinson, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Commissioner Gipe made a **motion** to approve the Montana Medicaid Provider Enrollment Application and authorize the Chairman to sign. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Gipe. Motion carried by quorum.

#### OPEN BIDS: CRUSHING; GAS/DIESEL/HEAVY EQUIPMENT; PROPANE; PG&SS/ROAD DEPARTMENT

Present at the January 27, 2003 9:30 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Gipe, Brad Newcomb, Dell McManus, Kevin G. Goertzen, Gerry Schmidt, John Bauer, Shelly Ragland, Road and Bridge Superintendent Charlie Johnson, Guy Foy, Ted Gilbertson, Jeff Claridge, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

The following bids were received for emulsified asphalt CRS 2:

Montana Refining Company - \$165.00/ton  
Idaho Asphalt Supply, Inc. - \$209.00/ton  
Cenex Harvest States - \$179.98/ton

Commissioner Gipe made a **motion** to take the bids under advisement and forward to the Road Department for a recommendation. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Gipe. Motion carried by quorum.

The following bids were received for asphalt PG64-22; PG58-22; SS 1 Tack Oil:

Montana Refining Company – PG64 – 22 - \$152.50; PG58-22 - \$152.50; SS 1 Tack Oil - \$152.50  
Cenex Harvest States - PG64 – 22 - \$177.98; PG58-22 - \$177.98; SS 1 Tack Oil - \$179.98  
Idaho Asphalt Supply, Inc. - PG64 – 22 - \$239.00; PG58-22 - \$239.00; SS 1 Tack Oil - \$209.00

Commissioner Gipe made a **motion** to take the bids under advisement and forward to the Road Department for a recommendation. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Gipe. Motion carried by quorum.

The following bids were received for heavy equipment:

LHC, Inc.:

	Make	Model	Size of Bucket, Box, Tank, etc.	Hourly Rate	Mobilization Costs
Trucks:	KW Dump	W900	13 Ton	\$60.00/hr	\$90.00
	KW Dump/Pup	W900	24 Ton	\$70.00/hr	\$90.00
	KW Belly	W900	24 Ton	\$70.00/hr	\$90.00
	KW Belly/Pup	W900	35 Ton	\$80.00/hr	\$90.00
Excavators:	Komatsu	PC220	30" – 48"	\$130.00/hr	\$250.00
	CAT	325	30" – 54"	\$130.00/hr	\$250.00
	CAT	330	30" – 72"	\$130.00/hr	\$250.00
	Komatsu	PC400	30" – 72"	\$135.00/hr	\$250.00
Bulldozers:	CAT	D-8-L	380 HP	\$125.00/hr	\$250.00
	CAT	D-7-G	200 HP	\$ 95.00/hr	\$250.00
	CAT	D-4-H	80HP	\$ 65.00/hr	\$250.00
Compactors:	IR	SP54	Smooth 8' Drum	\$ 60.00/hr	\$100.00
	IR	SP100	Sheepsfoot 8' Drum	\$ 60.00/hr	\$100.00
	IR	SD115D	Smooth or Sheeps Foot 8' Drum	\$ 65.00/hr	\$100.00
Scrapers:	CAT	627	18 cy	\$120.00/hr	\$275.00

Water Truck:	KW	W900	4000 gal	\$ 65.00/hr	\$ 90.00
	Peterbilt		4000 gal	\$ 65.00/hr	\$ 90.00
	IH	Water Wagon	6000 gal	\$ 65.00/hr	\$275.00

**REB LLC:**

	Make	Model	Size of Bucket, Box, Tank, etc.	Hourly Rate	Mobilization Costs
Water Truck:	1977	Kenworth	4,000 (Front and Read Side Sprays)	\$74.00	\$150.00

**S/J Trucking:**

	Make	Model	Size of Bucket, Box, Tank, etc.	Hourly Rate	Mobilization Costs
Trucks:	GMC	Bridadier	12/14 yard	\$58.00	N/A
	W/Williamson	Pup Trailer	12 yard	+ 15 (73.00)	N/A
	Mack Truck	w/low boy	35 ton	\$55.00	
	Mack Truck	w/Road King Belly Dump	22 yard	\$60.00	
Bulldozers:	CAT	D-5	Angle Blade	\$55.00/hr	\$55.00
Water Truck:	Mack	R-600	4000 gal	\$ 45.00/hr	
		w/PTO Front/Rear Spray and Side Reel Hose 400 gal	w/pump		

Commissioner Gipe made a **motion** to take the bids under advisement and forward to the Road Department for a recommendation. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Gipe. Motion carried by quorum.

The following bids were received for propane:

Shell/Conoco HD5 - \$.0700

Commissioner Gipe made a **motion** to take the bids under advisement and forward to the Road Department for a recommendation. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Gipe. Motion carried by quorum.

The following bids were received for tires:

Tire Rama -

Les Schwab -

Commissioner Gipe made a **motion** to take the bids under advisement and forward to the Road Department for a recommendation. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Gipe. Motion carried by quorum.

A bid was received for gasoline and diesel from Valcon but was considered a non-responsive bid as no bid bond was enclosed.

The following bids were received for gravel crushing

Schellinger Construction - \$3.03/ton - \$212,100.00  
LHC - \$4.20/ton - \$294,000.00

Commissioner Gipe made a **motion** to take the bids under advisement and forward to the Road Department for a recommendation. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Gipe. Motion carried by quorum.

**PRELIMINARY PLAT: WEST VALLEY SCHOOL ACRES, LOT 3**

Present at the January 27, 2003 9:45 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Gipe, Planner Melinda Riley, Rick Breckinridge and Peggy Mathiason of Montana Mapping, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Riley reported that this was an application by Lane and Leanne Hersey for preliminary plat approval of the Re-Subdivision of Lot 3 West Valley School Acres. The applicant proposes to create one new single-family residential lot. The site is five acres in size and is located within the West Valley Zoning District. The lot will be served by individual onsite water and sewage disposal systems. The property is located in the West Valley area on Farm to Market Road just south of the intersection of Farm to Market Road and McMannamy Draw. Riley stated Staff is recommending approval of this preliminary plat subject to eight conditions.

Commissioner Gipe made a **motion** to adopt Staff Report #FPP-02-21 as findings of fact. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Gipe. Motion carried by quorum.

Commissioner Gipe made a **motion** for approval of Preliminary Plat of Re-Subdivision of Lot 3 West Valley School Acres Subdivision subject to eight conditions. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Gipe. Motion carried by quorum.

**MEETING W/MARK CARLSON RE: HENRY GOOD GRAVEL PIT**

Present at the January 27, 2003 10:00 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Gipe, Les Keller, Mark Carlson, Duane Carlson, Kathleen Carlson, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

The Carlson stated that the property was not worth \$30,000.00 and that it should be reappraised. Lots with a view in that area go for \$5,000 to \$6,000 an acre. They have built up a berm between their property and the pit. They suggested that perhaps they could add some fill to the property which might be beneficial to all concerned. The Commissioners advised that they were governed by state law as to the procedure for selling county property. They could only accept a bid at auction of 90% of appraised value and after that a negotiated sale no lower than 70% of the appraised value could be accepted.

### **INTRODUCTION MEETING W/MARTHA SMITH/MT DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Present at the January 27, 2003 10:30 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Gipe, Martha Smith, OES Director Alan Marble, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Smith advised that she was there to meet Commissioner Hall and to introduce him to emergency management as far as what his role as a commissioner is but also to advise the entire commission as to what is coming down the pike for the department and the steps Alan is going to have to take as far as plans and grants.

The Local Emergency Planning Committee is going to be very very important in the next several years as far as getting grants from the state. Alan is fortunate that he has a very active LEPC. They will only be giving grants to local jurisdictions that are active and doing preplanning and assessments. The other thing that is coming down for Alan that is going to be very time consuming is something called a pre-disaster mitigation claim. They want communities to identify their hazards ahead of time and set some plans for doing mitigation. The funds will not come to a community without this plan in place. This is going to be a time intensive community intensive plan to do because it is going to require buy-in from all of the different incorporated cities as well as the county itself. One of the reasons for doing that is money comes to the state for mitigation projects at the last minute. We don't know what we are going to get and if these plans are pre-designated and you have projects set aside, the money comes out and Alan will have submitted this plan with these projects in it and the state can say well Flathead County has a project that this \$10,000.00 will fit perfectly into. It is up on the upper level because it is a population protection type plan. Those are the reasons they are not just doling out money into communities anymore without these hazard assessments. The thing about this plan is it is going to take buy-in from your Planning Department; the work that they are doing as far as flood plain situations and actually just housing developments. Those things will come into play especially with the urban interface issues with the fire. It is going to take a fairly large committee. It is a very involved plan. It is going to take a lot of time. I don't know whether you can help coerce your Planning Department to work with Alan on this. It is really important that they become involved. Marble advised that he has already spoken to Forrest at the Planning Office.

Smith continued that there is grant money available to write this plan. It is a 75-25% match but it can be matched with in-kind time. Not Alan's time because he is already federally matched with his salary but the Planning Department costs for holding the meetings and those type of things if they are all documented that can be held in-kind. It is another grant that will have to come out of Alan's department to pay for the whole planning procedure on that. A lot of people are including also the printing of this plan because this one will have to be disbursed even wider than the regular emergency operations plan. In order to do some of this planning process and do the terrorism annexes that are required to the plan Alan needs to use a select group of people that will be involved in terrorism, law enforcement is one really large aspect of that, city police, county police, and those people are not always the same people that are involved in LEPC and I know that Alan and Missoula County have concerns about that and they are actually having separate LEPCs and emergency planning committees just for that reason. You are probably aware Alan is in the process of updating your plan. It is in that timeframe that he needs to revise it. With all the homeland security that is pending up here federally we don't know how that is going to come down locally. It is a good thing that Alan is working on this now and he is doing it by committee and it is not just a one person act which is really beneficial to the county.

At the state level there is a lot of money coming down to the Health Departments with bio-terrorism a large issue. One of the requirements of the State Health Department is health work directly with the local emergency managers because in a jurisdiction you don't want a health department plan and a county emergency operations plan over here because in a bio-terrorism incident or even an animal hazard incident, you don't want two groups working separately, you want them working together. It is probably more important now that all the agencies in Flathead start working together closely.

One of the requirements that are attached to the \$130,000.00 that Joe got is that they must have a bio-terrorism exercise with the county. In other words, they may not work directly with Alan but they have to include them in the actual exercise itself. We have talked to the Health Departments and told them it is really beneficial to use the expertise that their local emergency managers have in planning and exercise design. I think you are working pretty closely with the Health Department on that. Alan is also working with a citizen core group to develop his logistic section for Flathead County which is kind of unique but that is really where you would get your logistic elements from, the citizen core group. Marble advised that that group is going to get around \$12,000.00 to get it up and running when the writing is finished.

Smith state there is funding out there available. The problem is the requirements that are attached to all the funds. You have to come up with some concrete hazard assessments and some concrete plans to access that money. That is going to take a lot of Lynn and Alan's time. If you can support them by having planning and work with them, that will take a lot of pressure off of them because the templates for the plans are there but it still involves community plans, community meetings and community buy-in and you know how difficult that can be sometimes.

Smith described a hazmat incident she was involved with where the players didn't even know who each other were. She commended the atmosphere in this area and the relationship with the schools. It is really important to plan with them.

Smith referred to the Local Government Disaster Information Manual and advised that Alan keeps his in his emergency operations center. This is really your guide book for emergencies. Smith encouraged the Commissioners to review manual and educate themselves. She noted the manual also contained resolution forms which may be useful should an emergency situation arise. Alan's EOC is going to be state of the art. It is very very impressive and it is important to have that facility so that you know where you need to go in an emergency. Alan needs access to you for declarations. The buck stops with you. One of the reasons you need to have family plans and know that your family is going to be taken care of in an emergency because your job really will be to come here and support Alan in what he is doing for those things. It is your signatures that count. What Alan is doing is great. It is going to very helpful and people will know what their job is and where they need to be. I know that Alan is going to use that for every incident he has just because it is good training for the personnel whether it is just Tina and Lynn in there or whether you have a full blown incident command system in there. You need to use it. You need to train and practice in there. His plans are pretty impressive.

I have been working with the Bureau of RAC and the damns and specifically Hungry Horse. Several years ago they did an exercise and cooperation between those involved was not good and we are working to change that. I have been pushing it really hard. Unfortunately you have to push that with Grand Cooley to get over here to Hungry Horse. We are working on that.

Alan is going to be doing some training up at the damn that is going to be pretty important to them as well as for this jurisdiction. That is going to be the way of the world for I don't know how long. We are all going to have to work together because we don't know what is going to happen.

Smith then handed out CEO disaster survival kit.

We had a state wide earth quake disaster drill and each county participated in the way that they thought would be the most feasible for their jurisdiction. The scenario was that a 7.2 earthquake happened just outside of Ronan which would cause a whole lot of damage up here. Alan operated mobile and communicated with the state through his ham people and he worked real well. Communication is usually the first thing to go. He tested and it worked really well.

There are some on line courses through FEMA and one of them is just an orientation to emergency management. Our training budget at the state has been totally done away with because of the lack of matching funds that we did not get in the legislature. We are trying to seek trainers that will come into Montana because they want to see Montana and vacation here. I have books that are available for your use as well.

One of the main concerns without an active LEPC and without this pre-disaster mitigation plan, there will be no access to funds in the future. That is why these are so important to get done. They need to be done by October, if not the access to those funds will be gone forever. Smith concluded that she could be a conduit for whatever information was needed.

#### **DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: CENTURYTEL LONG DISTANCE CONTRACT**

Present at the January 27, 2003 10:45 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Gipe, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Avery advised the current long distance provider is eliminating their current long distance service. Reid handles the telephones for the county and has put together a six-month agreement with CenturyTel to provide long distance service. Some of the department heads had heart burn. All of the pins will stay in effect. The rates for long distance are \$.08 but the charge for directory assistance is \$1.40 a request. Department Heads have been advised to control those expenditures. There is a \$4.00 monthly charge for Canadian calls. Avery will review the bill and determine who is making calls to Canada. Avery agreed to pay the \$10.00 monthly charge out of the Commissioners' Office.

Commissioner Gipe made a **motion** to approve the CenturyTel Long Distance Order form for a six-month contract and authorize the Chairman to sign. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Watne and Gipe. Motion carried by quorum.

#### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS: MISCELLANEOUS**

Present at the January 27, 2003 10:45 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Gipe, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Commissioner Gipe made a **motion** to appoint Rodney Dresbach to the West Valley Land Use Advisory Committee. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Watne and Gipe. Motion carried by quorum.

Commissioner Gipe made a **motion** to appoint Ed Gilliland and Rick Riley to the Flathead County Museum Board. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Watne and Gipe. Motion carried by quorum.

Commissioner Gipe made a **motion** to appoint Carlos Abreu to the Blacktail TV District Board. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Watne and Gipe. Motion carried by quorum.

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SALE: 1020 SOUTH MAIN HOUSE**

Present at the January 27, 2003 10:45 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Gipe, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Commissioner Gipe made a **motion** to approve the authorization of the Notice of Sale and authorize the Chairman to sign. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Watne and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

#### **NOTICE OF SALE**

The Board of Commissioners of Flathead County hereby gives notice that it will sell at public auction (pursuant to Section 7-8-2212, M.C.A.) the following surplus property:

The house located on Lots 7 and 8, Block 132, according to the map or plat thereof on file at the Office of the Clerk and Recorder, Flathead County, Montana, which is to be moved off of the property of the County. The property has a street address of 1020 South Main, Kalispell, MT.

The successful bidder at auction must execute a contract requiring the buyer to remove the purchased building from County property by May 30, 2003. If the building is not removed by that date, the buyer will forfeit the building to the County, without return of the purchase price, and it will be razed and removed from County property. Trees may not be removed in order to remove the buildings without prior specific, written approval from the Board of Commissioners.

The auction of the described property will be held at the front door of the Flathead County Justice Center, 920 South Main, Kalispell, Montana, on the **Monday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2003, at 2:00 o'clock, p.m.** Bidding will start at 90% of the appraised value of the house, which is \$2,200.00, or \$1,980.00.

Interested parties may inspect the house to be sold prior to sale, by attending an open house on **Wednesday, February 26, 2003 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** The contract form to be signed at the sale will be available at the open house and is available from the Clerk of the Board, Flathead County Clerk and Recorder, 800 South Main, Kalispell, MT 59901; Telephone: (406) 758-5537.

Terms of the sale will be cash at time of sale. The County is selling the property "as is", without any warranty or guarantee of any kind whatsoever.

DATED this 27<sup>TH</sup> day of January, 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Flathead County, Montana

ATTEST:  
Paula Robinson, Clerk

By: /s/Robert W. Watne  
Robert W. Watne, Chairman

By: /s/ Vickie M. Eggum  
Deputy

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**MEETING W/DAN VINCENT/FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS RE: UPDATE**

Present at the January 27, 2003 11:00 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Gipe, Dan Vincent, Brian Marotz, Jim Williams, John Fraley, Marty Watkins, Jim Vashro, C. J. Kelley, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Dan Vincent the regional supervisor of the Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks stated they were all there to get reacquainted with the Commissioners, to meet Commissioner Hall and to go through some of the issues they are working on jointly with the county.

Jim Williams advised he is the regional wildlife manager in Kalispell. We typically work with private property owners and federal entities and not so much county. Williams distributed a map that showed where they do provide a service in Flathead County relative to urban wildlife. The map shows the distribution of where folks are moving to and right on that urban wild land interface. The purple diamonds are black bear incidents, the red diamonds are grizzly bears and the orange ones are mountain lions. The orange ones are typically in west valley. That is the big winter range for whitetail deer. Cats tend to follow their meat around and so they typically are in the west valley area but not exclusively. We do have them on Foothills Road too. We respond personally, our wardens and our biologists, to every potential human health and safety threat like a bear or a lion. Those are our two biggies. These are actual incidences. These aren't just phone calls. These are ones where we actually showed up. The county has changed in the last 20 years. You can imagine the calls that we receive. This map is just to illustrate a pattern. If you were to update it to 2003 the pattern wouldn't change, it would just be more dots on the map. We field countless calls for skunks and all sorts of bats in the attic that we refer to private entities in the valley that do those sorts of things. Our philosophy has been particularly with lions and bears to some extent, is not tolerating the presence of cats in the urban area because of the threat to human health and safety. We have always strived to maintain tolerance where they should be in the back country. We have had general support. We virtually remove 95% of the cats we encounter in the valley. We do that by a variety of means. We utilize a lot of local houndsman especially in the summer when you have to dry ground them it is a pretty difficult. Bears, is a whole different ball game. The whole valley is bear habitat where there are trees and Eric Windham and Tim Manley respond to upward of 20 calls a week in peak time. Williams noted he gets a letter about once a week relative to a subdivision from the County Planning Office that he kicks onto the biologists. Manley concluded that if the County needed his services in the terms of a tool to help in planning in the county, they were there to help whether in a blanket planning type format or individual letters.

Jim Vashro stated he was with fisheries. I think the biggest change I have seen is access is getting a little tougher. We have been pretty lucky. We have a lot of state and federal sites. Through the years we have a lot of really good fishing spots that are on private ground. As our populations increase, ownership is changed, conflicts have increased. We are starting to see some of those closed down. That is really going to effect fishing opportunity. We are trying to deal with it in a couple of ways. I was very pleased that the last legislature passed a bill that actually gave the department some funding to assist private landowners. We are trying to put that together right now where we will actually do site visits or pay for some of the minor repairs and things that come along with public us. The county has a number of sites that are well used by the public. Much like the department, you have struggled to keep up with maintenance and so forth of those sites. I have been working with Jed Fisher over the last year and half. Particularly we were looking at the Many Lakes area. We think there are a number of those sites that still have some county access that have some fisheries value too. Jed and I have identified sites where we think there is mutual interest. The Park Board actually wants to go out and look at those sites and determine where we can provide some assistance to the county in terms of signing and fencing and whatever development we need for safe parking to facilitate public use on through those sites and the flip side is once we have done that then the county can also determine if there is some sites that are surplus to what you can use or need and you can move on to other uses for those. A couple of other sites I am looking at that I think have neat potential in which I need to talk to both Jed and the County Road Department are at the north end of Whitefish Lake where Lazy Creek comes in there is a real neat county site. Boat access is real limited on Whitefish and I think if we can provide a little bit of assistance we might get it to where at least small boats have access to that north end of the lake. The other one that has been a struggle is Lake Blaine. With the sale of the old resort site, the only place people can get on is Yoeman Hall Road at the north end but there are lots of conflicts with the neighbors and we are aware of that. I will talk to the Road Department and see if he can provide some assistance. It has been kind of a moot point with the drought. You can hardly see water from that road but someday we are going to have water back there and there are things we can do to help get boaters in and out of there without causing problems with litter and blocking traffic and so forth. Another area we are looking at providing some assistance is DNRC or state lands and likewise they have a number of sites where they are struggling to keep up with. One item that came before the commissioners about year ago was the Beaver Lakes Complex where State Lands were looking at changing the road system. The Commissioners expressed some concern and actually we had some concern too about changing those long term access patterns so DNRC and the department went back and did a questionnaire to the public to find out their priorities for keeping drive-in back-in type access available versus a more of a walk-in basis. I briefed the Commissioners on that questionnaire and we now have the results back and just last week signed a decision with State Lands and I will be getting that out this week and you will be seeing it. State Lands will probably be in to talk to you in the near future on that. There are a couple of highway sites the public uses quite a bit. We are looking at trying to partner up with them and again things like improved parking, public safety and sanitation are always the biggies. We are still looking around at what might be a site or two in the future but it is getting tough for us to buy. Land is expensive and that is probably a limited option in the future but there are a couple of areas in the future we hope we can still provide access or we think the public is going to lose out. These kids' ponds or family fishing ponds we have had some real success and we are always looking for new opportunities. We are basically taking pretty marginal areas. There is a gravel pit behind the roller rink. If it isn't already signed, we hope that in a week or two we will have an agreement signed where that will be refurbished, made safe actually roll into the Old Steele Bridge fishing access site and control over the departments could be a neat addition. I have to go over Dry Bridge Slough, the sliding

gully on Woodland Park and see how much of a mess we have there. We finally got some more money. Les Schlegel Enterprises has been great and they are dredging that out to make a little better fishing pond for the kids. He has buried his machine twice.

Commissioner Gipe questioned whether the gravel pit behind the roller rink had been planted? Vashro responded that he acted very optimistically and assumed the land deals would be all sewn up two years ago. She he has actually been planting fish there for two years. The good news is they are growing big and actually the kids have been sneaking in there and fishing. It is a good kid enterprise, sneaking in and getting run out. That is the way I started fishing. That is going to be a neat site. Flathead Wildlife partnered up we are going to do some trails and some other things and that could be a nice addition to the community when we get it under way.

Commissioner Gipe noted that on the South Fork it appears keeping those larger fish has been paying off. The cut throat population appears to be really strong but questioned the bull trout's population. Vashro responded that actually the biggest complaint they receive in that area is they can't catch enough small ones to make a meal. Everything is 12 inches and the regulation is you can keep three fish under 12 inches. It is a neat fishery. It has been dropping off a little bit the last couple of years.

Commissioner Gipe expressed concern for the drought throughout the state. Vashro stated that use in the South Fork has about quadrupled in 15 years. Bull trout is a big issue. We think we have some real health populations that they are doing quite well. Fish and Wildlife Service has as critical habitat and bull trout recovery out for comment and we are preparing our comments right now and encourage the public to weigh in too. On the South Fork, Flathead particularly Hungry Horse, we think it is in good enough shape that we should reinstate fishing. We actually went through an EA and Dan signed a decision notice that we think it is ready. We have given that to the Fish and Wildlife Service in hope that they are actually going to need to change their ESA rules to allow it. They have indicated that they are interested but it will literally take an act of Congress. But we are starting to reinstate bull trout fishing where it is appropriate.

Marty Watkins stated she was the regional park manager. The park program actually consists of several different elements. One is running the state parks which are normally of state wide significance for recreational, cultural and historical value. The second part is running the fishing access sites. After Jim buys all these nice sites at Shady Lane, I have to clean the toilets. The third one we do is trail systems. We have grants for snowmobile trail systems and for hiking and walking trail systems. You guys are familiar with that because of the grants the local community has got. Some of issues we have been dealing with here are the population growth and the development not only in the Flathead but state wide. There are changes. Our population is getting older which means they need a little more infrastructure then they used to need to get to some of these places. The impacts of tourism on the economy are something we try to promote and assist as long as it is sustainable. There have also been some sociocultural changes and some economic changes in the area. We do have several projects we work on cooperatively with the counties. We are currently working on a boat access that belongs to Lincoln County on Savage Lake. We were in here just the other day on the Somers access site. We were able to put money into the Foys Lake and Bitterroot Lake access sites that are owned by the counties to be able to improve the structures and the facilities because they were actually better accesses then we had. We also run grants for boat in lieu which people can apply for boating facilities. That comes out about every two years and it is something the county can look at for getting money to fix some of their boat ramps and some other things. And we have trails and LWCF grants. We also have some expertise in Helena with our Design and Construction Bureau that if you need some help designing facilities sometimes they can help. The bigger projects that are going right now: re-licensing the Bigfork Dam has been completed and in that there was a settlement agreement. As part of that they have signed an option to purchase actually their option to sell to the BDC about 420 acres which includes the Swan River corridor and Sliter Park if the county ever gives up the lease on that. At the Thompson chain of lakes we are doing an updated management plan. Thompson chain of lakes is about 27 lakes between Kalispell and Libby. McGregor Lake is in Flathead County. A lot of the other lakes are in Lincoln County. One of the issues that we will be dealing with in the management plan is whether we will be charging camping fees out there. I anticipate that is going to happen so the next question is how we do it on 3,000 dispersed acres with 8,000 roads into them. We are not quite sure. On Wild Horse Island we are dealing with updating that management plan. The two big issues there are timber management and forest health issues and the other one is commercial use of the island and whether it should be allowed and at what level and how we manage. Finally, we just finished a management plan for Lone Pine State Park on the edge of Kalispell and that dealt with everything from the walking trails to the archery range to what we want up there and how we interpret the urban rural interface and what we can do best to aid the community up there.

Chairman Watne questioned whether there was another site on Foys Lake and if there were any plans. Watkins responded that they have a little bit of access. Basically there are two sides and in the middle there is a piece of private property. It is right along the county right-of-way so there is not much opportunity to develop very much there. We did look at trying to develop the far end which is a little more slope. That has been about seven or eight years ago and the community got very active trying to oppose that so instead of fighting that battle we put the money we were going to use for that into the Foys Lake access that you have to improve that boat ramp. We did contact Highways about the parking situation because the parking is actually going out on the highway right-of-way. We wanted to do some barrier work so people would quit driving off there down along the shore line and the highways was uncomfortable with us doing that so we pus barriers right along our property boundary but we try to stay off the highway right-of-way. Chairman Watne noted that they are causing problems with the O'Neal property that is right next door by cutting the fences and getting in there all the time. Watkins acknowledged that they were on both sides of the O'Neal property and it is an interesting situation.

Vincent re-emphasized what Marty and Jim mentioned, they all would like to continue whenever there is an opportunity to work cooperatively. We are working real closely with Lincoln and Lake County. From our perspective, ownership should be invisible. The public doesn't really care if it is county ownership or Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. If we can help either through some grants that may be available, we would be happy to continue working with you and Jed and the County Park Board or other collaborative efforts.

John Fraley stated the last time he was here they were trying to reestablished Kokanee in Flathead Lake; the Flathead Lake co-management plan. Since that time, we have teamed up with the tribes and we have a really good management plan in place for Flathead. I think we are really utilizing the lake trout and the lake whitefish and letting anglers keep those populations down. I think we may be seeing the bull trout come back because of it. At the end of the month there is going to be the annual report for that plan that will take place in Polson with the Flathead Reservation Fish Wildlife board. There are still folks that think we should be reducing lake trout more than we are in Flathead Lake but we think we have reached a really good balance. Some people want to back to the salmon days and we can't. We poured a lot money into that effort and were unsuccessful.

Commissioner Gipe questioned how much problem Fraley saw the Northernns as. Vashro responded that they are in the third year of looking at that lower 20 miles of the river just up stream from Flathead Lake and the sloughs. There are a lot of

northerns in the sloughs and of course all the cuts and bulls move up and down that corridor. I think within the next year or so we will have the information pulled together enough and you will see some reports at that point. They are a factor. I don't think they are the primary factor we are dealing with out there. Things like lake levels and spawning habitat and the upper drainage and actually the lake trout.

Fraley advised of a news release just put out asking for comments on three different fishing contests on Flathead Lake. That is part of this management plan to let the anglers keep the lake trout crop down, still enjoy them and yet give the bull trout a break. You have probably heard about the DNA bear study. The NCED is going to be divided into nine sections and then there will be study coordinator on each of those sections. Jim's folks will be coordinating one. For example park will be in charge of one, Fish and Wildlife Service and within that there will be these grids that are set up and some lure set up in a site within those grids and then the bears will leave hair snagged on a piece of barb wire fence when they crawl under it to get at the lure. Those hairs being analyzed then we will be able to count how many individual bears are in the system based on this grid. This is dependent on an appropriation from Congress that Burns has in the appropriations bill that will be signed this spring. A million dollars is needed to get it going. I know Burns' office would like to see the bears counted because they think we can have better management if we know how many bears there are. That is the big argument. How many bears are there? A lot of people think there are more grizzlies than other people think there are. The point of the study is nothing more than to get a good number on grizzly bear population at one point in time in the NCDE. Some people see that as the first step toward delisting. We can't delist the bear unless we know how many there are because of the qualifications of Fish and Wildlife Service and to know whether you have reached that benchmark. You are going to hear a lot about it. There is going to be controversy but that is the basic design.

Chairman Gipe sought information relative to private property owners restricting access to their property for hunting purposes because of the wolf problem. Williams responded that the wolf discussion is a huge issue. From the state's point of view and frankly from the Federal Government's point of view they have met their recovery criteria and surpassed. I think the last estimate I heard from the service was over 600 wolfs in the tri-state area. In order to delist, you need a state plan in all three states. Montana has led the way to get that done. It has yet to be determined how they will now handle the wolf, whether they end up being an animal to trap or a big game animal that you can be hunted or some new classification where you can do both in some form. We are just about to come out with the draft management plan and then they are going to collect the public comment to see where people want to go with it. There will be some management provision in there to manage these wolves. With wolves and agricultural interests, a lot of times they won't even call us. ADC which is Wildlife Services where there is a federal damage tracker. So if are an agricultural interest and you having cattle and a black bear kills your cattle, they don't typically call us. They can call the federal trapper in to catch them and the federal trapper just shares what he killed and took off. I guess with wolves down the road. I kind of see it working the same. If it is a health and safety interest, the people in the county will probably respond just like black bear and lions. If it is an agricultural interest, they will call the federal trapper. They do the coyote trapping. Here it is Ted North out of Arlee. I think wolves in terms of depredation on livestock down the road in the plan the way it is written so far, most of the alternatives would be handled, that being said we do both too. As soon as a guy calls on a ranch we go out and help him when the service allows us to. I can see the stock killing wolves being managed by the federal trapper versus the urban wolves we tend to get involved with or on public land. In terms of hunting access, we are fortunate up here with the large tracts of corporate timber lands and public land. That hasn't come up in this part of the state that I am aware of. The draft is coming out. There are going to be four or five alternative. Our preferred alternative is going to be what the Governor's Wolf Advisory Council came out with that basically scoped Montana for a whole year and came out with this proposed alternative. We couldn't call it an EIS we had to go out and develop alternatives to that. Our preferred alternative it is going to be the council's alternative essentially compared to others, kill them all, save them all and a few in the middle and people can weigh in and that is coming out in March and then I would imagine as controversial as this is it is a high profile issue, it will go for at least two months for comments I'm guessing. Maybe 30 days. They haven't made that decision yet. By this summer, our plan should be in place one way or another. Then we wait for Idaho and Wyoming and if their plans are place, they can initiate delisting.

C. J. Kelly advised that he has a very close relationship with the county. He meets with the sheriff and they make sure they are saying the same things to make sure they are giving the same message. We have been very successful at it in the past. Relative to snowmobiles, we check for decals, harassment of game, shooting from but mostly just out there making sure everybody has their decal. If they don't have their decal, they have to come down and buy right here at the county.

Commissioner Gipe questioned the number of wardens. Kelly responded that he has given up trying to get more law enforcement. He noted he would be remiss if I didn't say we need more biologist, more fisheries guys and parks people as well. The management book says work smarter, not harder. What it boils down to is it is going to be loss of services. There are only so many of us. It is getting to the place where we are cutting services. There are things that we did before. Porcupine in your yard, I can't send a game warden down. Road kill in the middle of the road, I don't have the manpower for that. There is no money. They are talking about cutbacks. We are going to have to do the best we can. I do think we have come a long way with that enforcement division. We cooperate really well with the other division and with the sheriff. If we didn't have that we would really be in trouble. I think those days of not doing that are over. You have to cooperate to get the job done.

Brian Marots advised that he works in special projects inside fisheries under Jim Vashro. If there are questions about the drought management plan on Flathead Lake or reservoir operation or Columbia Basin issues, he is the one to call.

Commissioner Gipe expressed appreciation for all their work and advised to keep in contact.

Vincent encouraged the Commissioners to stay involved in GANESA: Great Northern Environmental Stewardship Guardian. It is a cooperative arrangement between the parks, the Forest Service, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Burlington Northern and several private entities, Glacier County and Flathead County to insure that we have good communication and cooperation where the railroad and highway system goes through the corridor. The noted the relationship has really improved.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR EXPENDITURE REIMBURSEMENT: LIBRARY**

Present at the January 27, 2003 11:45 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Gipe, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Chairman Watne reviewed a letter from Dorothy Laird relative to budgeting for a 30% increase (\$8,298.00) of insurance costs. However, the allocations of insurance costs were distributed by percentage of budget as opposed to square footage resulting in a 70% increase.

Avery advised that the issue came up a long time ago but was discussed when Mr. Jackson was here last week. Basically it is an insurance increase cost that was allocated differently. This was allocated on the percentage of the budget where apparently



the prior insurance company went by square footage. So instead of paying 11 Laird is paying 14. Avery stated he would find a way to pay for it and allocate. It is resolvable. We will take care of that. Avery stated he did not know what fund that would come out of but possibly PILT but the Commissioners will cover the cost of the increase.

Commissioner Gipe made a **motion** to reimburse the Library for the amount over the 30% increase (\$3,242.00). Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Gipe. Motion carried by quorum.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS: AOA COUNCIL**

Present at the January 27, 2003 11:45 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Gipe, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Commissioner Gipe made a **motion** appoint Jack Pfrimmer as the NARFE representative and Bev Sorensen as the Member at Large representative to the Agency on Aging Advisory Council. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Gipe. Motion carried by quorum.

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS/COMPUTER SERVICES**

Present at the January 27, 2003 11:45 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Gipe, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Commissioner Gipe made a **motion** to approve the disposal of surplus property on behalf of Computer Services. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

**1:00 P.M. TAC Meeting at Earl Bennett Building**

**7:00 p.m. Commissioner Hall is to attend Kalispell City Council Work Session @ City Hall Council Chambers**

At 5:00 P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on January 28, 2003.

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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2003**

The Board of County Commissioners met in continued session at 8:00 o'clock A.M. Chairman Watne, Commissioners Gipe and Hall, and Clerk Robinson were present.

**Commissioner Gipe is to attend the Legislature in Helena**

**PUBLIC HEARING: TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST/PLUM CREEK (GRECON CHOP LINE)**

Present at the duly advertised January 28, 2003 9:00 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Hall, Teresa Thompson, Scott Janni, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Chairman Watne opened the public hearing to anyone wishing to speak in favor of the tax incentive requests submitted by Plum Creek.

Janni stated he is the plant manager in Evergreen for Plum Creek Timber. It is an optimizing chop line. It cuts low grade lumber out and throws away the waste portions and saves the good portions and glues it back together. They have started on a process of retooling the plant over the past few years and this is one of the components. The two projects were nearly a million dollars completed in the past year. The remanufacturing plant is the "grecon line" and it is an optimized system. It was actually purchased from Germany and Luxemburg to process. It provides a higher yield and also at the same time more productivity. The line is world class technology. It not only makes the existing business more viable but it also ultimately will allow the addition of jobs by adding a fourth shift. The plant currently runs 120 hours a week and with this addition will take that to 160 hours a week out of a possible 168. It will almost be how a paper mill would operate. There are currently 50 people employed there roughly and that would increase by another 10 to 12 people.

No one else rising to speak, Chairman Watne asked anyone wishing to speak in opposition to the request. No one rising to speak, Chairman Watne closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to adopt Resolution No. 1600. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1600**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, passed Resolution No. 475 on April 8, 1983, and Resolution No. 475A on February 21, 1984, allowing tax benefits to remodeling, reconstruction or expansion of existing structures in Flathead County;

WHEREAS, Plum Creek Northwest Lumber, Inc., of Kalispell, Montana, has applied for the tax benefits with regard to the expansion of its Remanufacturing Plant at Kalispell, Montana, by replacement of the Optimized Grecon Chop Line;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, held a public hearing under the provisions of section 15-24-1501, M.C.A., on the 28th day of January, 2003, concerning the request for tax benefits filed by Plum Creek Northwest Lumber, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, having reviewed the application of Plum Creek Northwest Lumber, Inc., and the testimony presented at the public hearing, has concluded that the application for tax reduction benefits meets the requirements of the applicable statutes and resolutions.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the expansion of the Remanufacturing Plant at Kalispell, Montana, by replacement of the Optimized Grecon Chop Line, by Plum Creek Northwest Lumber, Inc., shall be granted the tax benefits set forth in Resolution Nos. 475 and 475A and Section 15-24-1501, M.C.A.

DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Flathead County, Montana

By: /s/Robert W. Watne  
Robert W. Watne, Chairman

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Howard W. Gipe, Member

By: /s/ Gary D. Hall  
Gary D. Hall, Member

ATTEST:  
Paula Robinson, Clerk

By /s/ Vickie M. Eggum  
Vickie M. Eggum, Deputy

**PUBLIC HEARING: TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST/PLUM CREEK (TWIN SHARP CHAIN LINE)**

Present at the duly advertised January 28, 2003 9:15 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Hall, Teresa Thompson, Scott Janni, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Chairman Watne opened the public hearing to anyone wishing to speak in favor of the tax incentive request.

We actually did two projects, both of which were nearly a million dollars in the past year.

Janni advised that the other project completed this past year was phase one of an optimization package. The new system is called a real shape system so it sees a point about an inch around the log so if there is an oval shaped log or a log with some kind of other surface defect, the machine will make a different decision. It is much faster. Just like the computers on your desk become a little more powerful and quicker this will allow the sawmill itself to go faster. More recovery out of the solid wood as well as more productivity at the same time will result. It is no secret that the lumber business is not the best business to be in the world right now. There is a world wide glut of timber on the market frankly and so we felt like we needed to retool Evergreen in order to be competitive in the long term. This particular project wasn't so much about adding jobs as it was preserving the jobs that are currently functioning.

Commissioner Hall confirmed that Plum Creek spent \$890,000.00 on this project.

No one else rising to speak, Chairman Watne asked anyone wishing to speak in opposition to the request. No one rising to speak, Chairman Watne closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to adopt Resolution No. 1601. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1601**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, passed Resolution No. 475 on April 8, 1983, and Resolution No. 475A on February 21, 1984, allowing tax benefits to remodeling, reconstruction or expansion of existing structures in Flathead County;

WHEREAS, Plum Creek Northwest Lumber, Inc., of Kalispell, Montana, has applied for the tax benefits with regard to the expansion of its Remanufacturing Plant at Kalispell, Montana, by modernizing the twin sharp chain line;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, held a public hearing under the provisions of section 15-24-1501, M.C.A., on the 28th day of January, 2003, concerning the request for tax benefits filed by Plum Creek Northwest Lumber, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, having reviewed the application of Plum Creek Northwest Lumber, Inc., and the testimony presented at the public hearing, has concluded that the application for tax reduction benefits meets the requirements of the applicable statutes and resolutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the expansion of the Remanufacturing Plant at Kalispell, Montana, by modernizing the twin sharp chain line, by Plum Creek Northwest Lumber, Inc., shall be granted the tax benefits set forth in Resolution Nos. 475 and 475A and Section 15-24-1501, M.C.A.

DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Flathead County, Montana

By: /s/Robert W. Watne  
Robert W. Watne, Chairman

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Howard W. Gipe, Member

By: /s/Gary D. Hall

Gary D. Hall, Member

ATTEST:  
Paula Robinson, Clerk

By: /s/ Vickie M. Eggum  
Vickie M. Eggum, Deputy

**GIS MEETING W/PAULA ROBINSON AND TOM REYNOLDS**

Present at the January 28, 2003 9:30 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Hall, Clerk & Recorder Paula Robinson, GIS Coordinator Tom Reynolds, Lesli Schreiner, Ken Cox, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

General discussion was held relative to steps Reynolds has made to familiarize himself with the local area needs relative to GIS; efforts to be more consistent with the state; software utilized; who is utilizing the system; moving towards interconnecting with state and cities; GPS information by driving roads; camera data; 911 system; request from Environmental Health and the City of Kalispell relative to septic system data; requests for street maps; fire districts; funding grants for GIS.

Cox from the Evergreen Fire Department requested how this program is appropriately used to distribute money. Reynolds explained he does not deal with the money end. It is on the mainframe to be used by the Montana Department Revenue and the Sheriff's Office.

**MONTHLY MEETING W/CHERYL WEATHERELL, 4-H OFFICE**

Present at the January 28, 2003 10:00 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Hall, Extension Agent Cheryl Weatherell, and Clerk Eggum.

General discussion was held relative to various clubs around the county, flyers of clubs and leaders; 4-H calendar; *What is MSU Extension*; research summary; use of camp; board members; beef, hog and sheep program; leader training; legislative issues.

**CONSIDERATION OF PRINTING BIDS: HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Present at the January 28, 2003 10:15 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Hall, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to award the bid to American Printing for 3,000 Immunization Post Cards, 1,000 Be Wise Get Immunized Post Cards and 1,000 Immunization Reminder Post Cards in the amount of \$75.92; \$45.64 and \$53.07 respectively. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR PERO WATER SYSTEM/SCHWARZ ENGINEERING**

Present at the January 28, 2003 10:15 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Hall, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Chairman Watne reviewed a letter from Marc Liechti requesting a decision relative to a request to install a water supply well to serve water for a multi-user water system serving eight lots in the Happy Valley area. Mr. Liechti has met with the Commissioners two times and has fulfilled all of their requirements.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to permit the installation of a water supply well on county park land in exchange for the subirrigation needs of the county's parkland at such time as the parkland is developed. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

**AWARD BIDS: DRUG DETECTION UNIT/SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Present at the January 28, 2003 10:15 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Hall, and Clerk Eggum.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to award the bid to Smith Detection in the amount of \$89,261.00. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

**MEETING W/ KELI McQUISTON OF CONGRESSMAN DENNY REHBERG'S OFFICE**

Present at the January 28, 2003 11:00 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Hall, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

General discussion was held relative to the forest issues and the ability to log; maintain; and create a healthy forest; closing of roads; cooperation with the Forest Service and the county; Glacier Mall; growth policy; FVCC; election.

**CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY RESOLUTION**

Present at the January 28, 2003 11:00 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Hall, and Clerk Eggum.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to adopt Budget Authority Resolution No. 1598. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

BUDGET AUTHORITY RESOLUTION  
RESOLUTION NO. 1598

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners anticipated funds for Fiscal Year 2003;

WHEREAS, Flathead County has received grant monies for which no provision was made in the Fiscal 2003 budget; and

WHEREAS, Counties may appropriate federal or state money received during the fiscal year by formal resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby appropriates the additional funds and directs the County Clerk and Recorder to make the following revisions to the budget for fiscal year 2003:

SEE ATTACHED GENERAL JOURNAL VOUCHERS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above appropriation shall become effective on the date of this resolution.

DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Flathead County, Montana

By: /s/Robert W. Watne  
Robert W. Watne, Chairman

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Howard W. Gipe, Member

By: /s/ Gary D. Hall  
Gary D. Hall, Member

ATTEST:  
Paula Robinson,  
Clerk and Recorder

By: /s/ Vickie M. Eggum  
Vickie M. Eggum, Deputy

Account Number	Description	"B" Entry Line	Debit General Ledger	Credit General Ledger
MCA 7-6-4006 (3) (f)				
1000-0221-365000	Donation/FEC Roundup for Safety		\$5,900.00	
1000-172000	Revenue Control Account			\$5,900.00
1000-0221-420600-900	Capital Outlay			\$5,900.00
1000-242000	Expenditure Control Account		\$5,900.00	

To increase the OES budget per MCA 7-6-4006 (3)(f) which states: Appropriations may be adjusted according to procedures authorized by the governing body for: (f) any fund for gifts or donations  
This is a donation from Flathead Electric Company's Roundup for Safety Program for the purchase of a portable x-ray machine.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION**

Present at the January 28, 2003 11:00 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Hall, and Clerk Eggum.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to adopt Budget Amendment Resolution No. 1599. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

#### **BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION RESOLUTION NO. 1599**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined, and various department heads have requested and verified, that budget revisions between line items for Fiscal Year 2002-2003, are required, and;

WHEREAS, Section 7-6-4031, M.C.A. and Budget Resolution No. 1599, allow budget transfers to be made between items in the same fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached list of transfers and revisions shall be made in the budget for Flathead County for Fiscal Year 2002-2003; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and the attached list of transfers and revisions shall be entered into the minutes of the Board of Commissioners.

DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Flathead County, Montana

By: /s/ Vickie M. Eggum

Robert W. Watne, Chairman

By: /s/Gary D. Hall  
Gary D. Hall, Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Howard W. Gipe, Member

ATTEST:  
Paula Robinson, Clerk

By: /s/ Vickie M. Eggum  
Vickie M. Eggum, Deputy

Account Number	Description	"B" Entry Line	Debit General Ledger	Credit General Ledger
MCA 7-6-4006				
2251-0231-411010-110	Salaries		\$3,000.00	
2251-0231-521001-821	Transfer out to 2270			\$3,000.00
Line item transfer to increase the amount in the transfer out to Health to cover utility costs that are higher than anticipated. Per e-mail from Michelle Anderson.				
5410-0220-430832-365	Grnd Wtr Grounds/Imp		\$60,000.00	
5410-0220-430831-350	LFG Professional Services			\$60,000.00
Line item transfer of money budgeted for a new well to the gas professional services acct. The FCSWD Board voted at Nov 26 meeting to authorize transferring the money to pay for engineering scope of work for the landfill gas system. This item was not included in the budget. Per David Prunty Approved by comm 12/10/02				
2901-0201-411230-900	Capital Outlay			\$25,000.00
2901-0201-420600-301	Budget Amendment Holding		\$25,000.00	
Line item transfer of PILT budget from budget amendment holding to facilities maintenance capital outlay to use for the purchase of a new snowblower, rotary broom tractor. This is to keep the expenditures in the proper activity for the annual financial statements. Per Deb Deist				

**11:30 a.m. Chairman Watne is to meet with Tom Sands**

**12:00 p.m. Commissioner Gipe is to attend the CDC Board of Directors Meeting at CDC Office**

**1:00 p.m. Chairman Watne, Commissioners Gipe and Hall are to attend a Flathead County Library Tour**

At 5:00 P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on January 29, 2003.

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2003**

The Board of County Commissioners met in continued session at 8:00 o'clock A.M. Chairman Watne, Commissioners Gipe and Hall, and Clerk Robinson were present.

**Commissioner Gipe is to attend the Legislature in Helena**

**MEETING WITH JOHN STOKES RE: PRIVATE COUNCIL RE: FVCC ELECTION BOND**

Present at the January 29, 2003 9:00 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Hall, Poul Houlberg, Cesar Hernandez, Kate Hunt, Chuck Mercord, Terry N. Anderson, Richard D. Gunlikson, Diane Yarus, Joe Unterreiner, Leslie Mercord, Tip Clark, Newal Brown, A. Thompson, Shirley Egger, Darol Egger, Jim Hollensteiner, Clarence S. Frisbee, Dan Short, Susie Burch, Art Burch, Marge Hoene, Bob Hoene, Diana Sneddon, Theodore A. Vacura, Helena M. Vacura, Donna Harding, Roy R.

Harding, Bill Fratt, Skip Beach, Jack Paulson, Wayne Winters, Richard Stevens, Paul T. Williams, Marjorie A. Hanson, J. W. Hanson, Robert J. Lopp, John Hellyer, Cage B. Capps, Juli A. Gloschat, Pamela Gauer, Mehl, Lee Rost, D'Anna Houseman, Doug Wray, Jeff Button, Jean Agather, Ed Krone, Carol Nelson, Del Phillips, Marty Michelsen, Paul Wiley, Pete Pederson, Tad Peterson, Fred Hammel, Chris V. Holdin, John Bowdish, Pamela Rae Longtin, Keith G. Longtin, Francis E. Egan, Donald Wedel, Clarice Ryan, Joe Ellen Ziegler, Don Ziegler, Paul Shelt, Joseph Baker, Carolyn M. Robinson, Scott D. Cloninger, Rod Strunk, Bill Morton, Ted Matelich, Dick Holmes, Lee Berger, Paul Crawford, J. Rob Harper, Kathleen Sudan, Ellie Allen, Norm DeForrest, Ken Rowen, Diane Taylor, Josh Blake, Carol Daul, John Kloeckl, Walter Flanigan, Fred Timlick, Ben Timlick, Ellie Stimpson, Leo Gallis, Bill Obermayer, Dianna Bierbaun, R. J. Shupert, Joe E. Shupert, Richard Lee Carter, Paul Profe, Gary Cuthbertson, Diana Monroe, Kay Lynn, John Stokes, J. Nelson, Carroll W. LaVanway, Paul Stelter, Assistant Avery and Clerk Eggum.

**John Stokes** stated he was here for three reasons today. I would like to get an answer. We have an impending crisis coming up this summer called a catastrophic fire season. High fuel loads. We have seen what the forest service has done with their let burn policy and we are in dire straights. With a compelling public interest, Stokes requested that the Commissioners scheduled an evening meeting with county voters and residents to come up with a cohesive fire plan for this summer.

Commissioner Hall acknowledged that quite a few people around the state are starting to make a fire plan and the Commissioners were also very interested in such a plan.

Stokes continued that the County Commissioners unanimously submitted a letter to the Attorney General alleging about 10 violations of the statutes that happened in the last election at the mail-in ballot of the Flathead Valley Community College. They have made admissions they violated the law. Election laws were not adhered to. There was a misappropriation of public funds. The county attorney is usually the person who steps in and represents the county and the voters on this issue and you file your complaints with them. In this particular instance the county attorney was involved so he has a conflict of interest and also one of the named parties. There has been an official misconduct complaint filed with the sheriff naming the Flathead Valley Board of Trustees, the Flathead Valley President, and the Secretary of State for official misconduct that has been transferred to the county attorney who is currently Ed Corrigan. He has refused to do anything about that. Your letter was submitted to the attorney general to step in and have supervisory control over this. He has refused to do so. He has not said there is no issue. He said you need judicial determination. You have his letter. I have his letter. The Governor was also asked as the chief law enforcement officer of the state to jump in and to enforce the laws of the state. She basically took a pass on it also and she states in a form letter. Stokes then read Governor Judy Martz's letter into the record.

Stokes continued, everybody has taken a pass. They have dumped it back to you and you guys are the executive branch here and there is more than a compelling interest to get to the bottom this. Laws were violated. Statutes were violated. People were disenfranchised with their votes. There has been a gross misappropriation of public funds. The next step is judicial determination. The citizens have the authority within 60 days to file a complaint to overturn the bond election. The meter is running. They can't issue the bond until the 60 days expires. We are about at the 30<sup>th</sup> day. It depends on which is really the true election date but the only date we have ever seen is December 12<sup>th</sup>. We have no later than February 12<sup>th</sup> to file the complaint. There is more than a compelling interest. You can see by the people in this room and there are pros and cons and we are not anticollage we are not antibond. We are pro good government and pro good elections. As election elected officials, you guys all know about the integrity of the election process and how important it is. That is all we are trying to get to the bottom of. Get a fair election and an honest election. This was not a fair election or an honest election. Therefore, since the county attorney can't get involved, we are asking you as County Commissioners to appropriate enough money to retain an independent county prosecutor under the authority of the law that is vested in you and also an independent attorney if need be for criminal and civil prosecution to overturn the bond election and to prosecute if wrongdoing has been found. You have the authority to do so. Money is appropriated. The taxpayers of this county pay \$77,000,000.00 in taxes every year and going up usually for these types of things. You are all well within your authority to do so. There is definitely a conflict of interest. It is in the public interest to have fair and honest elections. I am requesting you guys to appropriate funds to retain private counsel for the purpose of getting to the bottom of this. I have a complaint and anybody can sign this that wants to. This is to the County Commissioners of Flathead County. Stokes read a Complaint for Removal of Flathead County Community College Trustees and Presidents into the record:

Stokes concluded, by submitting the document to the Commissioners for their action and then made the complaint available to anyone in attendance who wanted to sign the document.

Fred Hammel stated that our legislators are in Helena passing new laws. If this election is allowed to go through, the rule of law means nothing. We will just toss the rule of law right out. We better do something about this thing. I believe in the rule of law. As it is going right now we don't have one.

Chris Holding advised that in case the County Commissioners are unsure of Bob Brown's position and his responsibility. I am here this morning to urge you folks to go to Bob Brown's web page it tells about what Bob Brown's responsibility is as Secretary of State. The Secretary State is the chief elector office of this state and is responsible to obtain and maintain information in the application, operation, and interpretation of the election laws and so forth. It is full of information that you folks need to understand that if Bob Brown feels that it is not his responsibility to go further with this then you have to remind him to read his own web page and then you will see what his responsibility is. Our grievance here today is simply we feel that this election bond was compromised and we as Americans who follow the American system as an elector we have complaints and we urge you to support us the elector, the taxpayers to have Bob Brown follow his responsibility and to go to any length to get him to follow and look into these grievances and then make his decision based on that if it needs to be brought to the courts and so be it. But the buck does stop here. We are a nation of laws and if we don't follow these laws we are destroying the confidence of individuals in this country in this community and in the process of law. I would urge you to do this. It is on the web page for everybody to read. There is nothing hidden here. This is an awesome responsibility he has and he should step up to the plate and you should urge him to do that.

Bill Fratt stated he witnessed for himself the questionable act at the college. Mr. Fratt reiterated his statements given at the December 30, 2002 meeting. I wouldn't be here trying to override the election if I didn't have first hand knowledge about what went on at the college. I hope the education I received here is the reason I am standing up. We need to protect the laws, the constitution of the state and the country. If you loose your election and elections are compromised, you have lost everything that this country stands for. If you don't like a situation you are suppose to go out and vote,

change it, get involved. That is what we are doing here. If we can't depend on our vote, every time we vote someplace, what is it good for? Nothing. Even if there is no wrongdoing it should be looked into. For someone to say we have looked at all the statutes, we have looked at all the procedures of the college administrators that have been involved in this. There was no wrongdoing. It has to be aired and viewed. I am asking you to hire independent counsel. Bob Brown should have stepped up to the plate. Mike McGrath should have stepped up to the plate. They passed. If you touch education, you are labeled an anti education anti school anti whatever they want to call you. I have yet to see any media here even print some of the laws that were speculated to be violated. Not one statute has been printed that I saw. I talked to a news media and he called me an anti bond anti education person and hung up on me. If he is a representative of the media and a reporter, aren't they suppose to report the truth or are they just suppose to go ask did you do this. And print it. This has to be looked into. This has to be done proper. Unfortunately, it is dumped in your laps. You are the last. Please have a back bone and stand up and hire an independent counsel to look into this.

Scott Cloninger reiterated his statements from the last meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup>. I am anti stupidity in the process in all that we are doing. I home school my children. I am not going to send my kids to these public schools and get them brainwashed. We have to stop this and have to stop this now. Please get outside counsel and get this done and taken over with before it gets clear out of hand and the rest of the community does other things to vote everybody out of office because there is so much stuff going on and we need to get it taken care of.

Jack Paulson urged the Commissioners to hire outside legal counsel to investigate this whole procedure. I don't think the county attorney that we have can be trusted and his past experience and performance will bear that out. Two years ago this commission unanimously granted me a permit. That permit was granted under state laws and consequently the county attorney would not follow your rules and you sent him a letter you and asked him to follow the rules and do something about it. He has done nothing. To this date, he has not done anything. He has denied me of my constitutional rights. He has denied me a jury trial; forced me into arbitration. Both are unconstitutional to the State of Montana. As a result, I am stuck in the Supreme Court trying to make this county attorney follow the law on constitutional issues, the same thing that we are discussing here. If we look at the track record of our county attorney over the years on how he has prosecuted cases, he frankly is a dismal failure in my opinion. Consequently, I don't think he can be trusted. We need to hire outside counsel to investigate this mess and find exactly what is right and what is wrong.

Paul Shelt stated he is a taxpayer and did vote with no hitches. I want to reemphasize the Secretary of State's Office. His very first duty is interpreting state laws and overseeing elections, plain and simple. I have two years of college but I learned to read in High School. This is plain and simple to me. Interpret state election laws and overseeing election. I believe we just had a bond election out in this school district. Where was he? I urge you to hire independent counsel because our elections are of utter importance to us.

Don Zeigler he has a daughter who attends the college. We are very grateful the college is here. I too voted. I had no problems with the voting process. No glitches whatsoever. But with the accusations I heard, I want to get to the bottom of this. If these accusations are right they will come through. If they are false, that too will come too. I as a taxpayer do urge the Commissioners to look into it. Hire the independent counsel and let the truth be known.

Clarice Ryan stated she was very sad about what happened. It is sad to see the representatives of our education system, follow the same tactics that we question so much in our political world in our country. We have here, a group of educators who obviously or apparently had broken the rules, had played the tactics, played the game to get the vote to go the way they wanted. They spent extra dollars to have a special election. We have educators who are responsible for teaching civics, political science, good government. Is this the way to teach it? Also we have educators every day give assignments to the class rooms. Students that are suppose to follow the rules and the lesson assignments. These people did an election that is going to be costing taxpayers a great deal of money and not following the instructions of the law. They should be setting the example on how to do things properly. I am very disappointed.

Frank Egan stated what this all boils down to is if we lose our right the ability or if the voting process is thrown out of our government we have lost everything. We just want to throw up our hands and walk away. The voting process is what keeps this nation bonded together, not only amongst ourselves but a nation as a whole.

Gary Barge state he didn't get to vote because he was out of town and how many of these snow birds went south and didn't get to have a chance to vote on their own property.

JoEllen Zeigler stated she has been an election judge in the past. I was not on this. After seeing what has been happening and what happened at the election I do request that you hire an outside counsel to investigate this because there is a lot of things that have been done wrong. I did attend the last meeting and I do strongly urge you to hire outside counsel.

Keith Longtin stated there seems to be some obvious violations of the election laws and urged the commission to hire independent counsel to check into this. I think that would be very wise.

Kathy Roberts state there is the spirit of the law and the letter of the law and when either one of those is abrogated then it calls into question the thing for which has been done in this case an election. If any portion of people think they can violate either the spirit or the letter of the law, then our entire constitutional system is called into question. Just for that small reason alone I think that this bears looking into and that independent counsel should be hired.

Ann James state it is a matter of personal integrity. Personal meaning not by committee. If everyone had the personal integrity to do the right thing creates a committee of right things. It takes a personal person a person to stand out for what is right individually. If the constitution was there to protect all but it was started with personal integrity. When you lose that you lose it all. It is in your hands. Please do the right thing. Have the independent counsel come in here and investigate. I guarantee if you do the right thing, you will have everyone behind you applauding you even if you have to stand alone. Don't let the peer group run you over. Do the right thing.

Richard Stevens state he supports the private counsel. I have been fighting official misconduct for a great number of years. I have been to Bob Watne, Howard Gipe, Mr. Williams, they all know this and it is time that our County Commissioners take a stand and put a stop to official misconduct.

Bill Morton stated there are public officials in other counties and other states that are waiting and watching to see what direction we take. I urge you guys to be stand up and do the right thing and follow the law. You are going to have a lot

support behind you. This room is full. How many people that are working could not be here, maybe 10,000.00. It is not just a Flathead County thing. Be stand up guys and do the right thing.

John Stokes then referred to the complaint circulating for signatures and noted that you guys are mandated by law to act on that. It is not an if, might or consensus or get approval. The statutes are clear. If any person signs a complaint, you are requested to suspend the Flathead Valley Trustees and send the complaint to the district court and then they will have their day in court to defend their charges. I hope you act swiftly on this.

Chairman Watne asked for a show of hands for people in favor and opposed to the proposition. Chairman Watne then asked for those opposed to speak now.

Kate Hunt state she was a Flathead County resident and voter. People who live by the law are protected by the constitution. The college conducted themselves in good faith and without malice. They read the law and consulted people all the way to the Supreme Court in their quest to have a fair election. The people of Flathead County were given their constitutional right to vote. The actions of the college are not the issue. The issue is the malice and viciousness John Stokes has taken on the crusade to undermine the Flathead Community College election. I believe after listening to his radio talk show for several days, he has no interest in seeing a proper election. Rather he wants damage to the college, its president, trustees and the citizens of Flathead County. This is his real intention. I have enclosed an edited tape from the January 6, 2003 KGEZ talk show which I submitted to you last night. John Stokes and his wife Pam are the hosts. This kind of rhetoric on the tape has gone on for days, weeks and now months. How can the county have a sincere look at the process under these kinds of conditions? Stokes has spent hours throwing up smoke screens in one groundless complaint after another. Occasionally he finds a kernel of something like the college sent out ballots in two different days. Remember this was done with the Secretary of State's blessing. Does this mean we prosecute the Secretary of State too? Where will this end. This could go on for years. John Stokes has been involved in more lawsuits since coming to Flathead then most people are involved in their lifetime. To push the point further, what about my rights as a voter? Would it be not fitting that we as voters ask for money to prosecute Stokes for denying us our right to have this election go through. Do we ask for money to sue Stokes for denying what we have voted for? I feel very violated as a voter by John and Pam Stokes. It is not appropriate for the county to pay the expense of prosecuting this case. The college went to the people of authority for advice throughout the whole process. The courts will consider that. What damage did the college election process cause the county? The courts will look at that. I believe this case is not winnable. Since Stokes was the one so upset, he should be the one to pay the legal fees. He already has raised money from this microphone. Let him finish what he has started. It is time to put this thing to rest. Stokes has a history of sabotaging good people's efforts. I have included copies of newspaper articles on an action he took toward Snohomish County in the 1990s before moving here. Also included are letters written by citizens to the canyon here in Flathead County expressing their fear of John Stokes when he decided to have an impact on their planning process. He didn't live in the canyon then and now as with this election, he doesn't live in Flathead County. He says over and over this is the peoples' election. Their voice, their complaint, but make no mistake, without him this insensible harassment would not be going on. I think it would be a travesty for the county to jump on board this ship. We have no business spending the taxpayers monies on a case that is unwinnable brought forth by a man with questionable motives. Please deny the request.

Neal Brown I don't think this is an appropriate use of county monies. I think some would say you could turn your attorney's fees into your insurance company but when I start filing insurance claims my insurance goes up. It isn't free. It is going to have monetary costs. I don't believe our money should go for this fight. If people want to have this fight, they can raise the money themselves. It doesn't need to be the county doing it. I think this is a slippery slope for our bond rating for this county. When the county starts fighting on bonds, there is the risk that your bond rating could diminish. It has been a tactic of John Stokes before to try to risk other counties' bond ratings so take that into consideration.

Cesar Hernandez stated you are intelligent and reasonable elected officials and that according to this complaint that when you receive it appears there is probable cause. You don't have to make any decisions on this. It is basically asking you to conduct make a determination even if there is probable cause. You don't have to be pressured by everybody in this room. No decision is incumbent at this meeting with this document.

Chuck Mercord read a few experts from the letter to editor out of *The Daily Inter Lake*. Well everyone knows that there were procedural problems with the election, but there is something else everyone knows. A majority of the voters approved the bond issue. If a private citizen wants to file suit to overturn the election results. That is fine. That is their privilege. But it is ridiculous to ask the county commissioners to assist in overturning the will of the people on the basis of what is essentially a technicality. There are several issues at stake. First of all, what is the proper use of taxpayers' money? We don't think it should be squandered on what is plainly a sour grapes campaign by people on the losing side of the bond election. Secondly, what is the proper role of the county commissioners? So far as we know they are county commissioners. Not commissioners of political practice. An improved Flathead Valley Community College is plainly something to be desired. The voters have given their permission and time is now perfect to obtain low interest loans to proceed with the work. In my opinion, the voters of Flathead County had an opportunity to vote. The majority voted in favor and in my opinion, democracy has been well served. I urge you not to go to the county taxpayers' expense in this particular issue. It was clearly identified by the attorney general that it was not a state issue. You have advice from your legal counsel in the county that it is not a county issue. It is an issue of private citizens to file suit if they so deem fit.

Robert Lopp stated he has lived in Flathead County pretty much all of his life. I have been active in the community and Flathead Valley Community College from the very beginning. The attempt to attack this election is rather strange to me because having followed the whole procedure I know the intent of the FVCC Board, the administration, was to hold as careful and accurate an election as possible. This is the first time for this type of election which our legislature made possible. Anytime you start something for the first time, it is a learning process. But in that learning process they discovered that an entire different area, not the college's issue that names had been left out by the Election Department but in an attempt to again meet as equitable an election as possible, they went ahead, sent out new ballots to everyone who had been identified who had not received one in the first part. Postponed the final date. This is an attempt to meet all of the needs of all of the people of Flathead County as far as they could go. The election was held, the election results we know. The majority said yes we support the college, we are willing to pay our taxes. I served back in the 70s on the board of trustees. I chaired it. I know the intensity that goes into bringing an institution like that to the Flathead and what it means to the students of Flathead County. They have a wonderful campus to go to, quality teachers. They can save money by staying here, staying at home or getting their own apartment. It is a lot cheaper and it is a great institution for the valley. Every attempt was made to do it as equitably as possible. Relative to this petition that is just coming in this morning, again, I think it is significant that the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the Governor all



said hey this is something if you have a problem it needs to be adjudicated in court. I think it is important that if Mr. Stokes wants to see this adjudicated in court that he then as a private citizen and all of those who support him then contribute to that and take it to court to ask the question that they want to ask. But they should pay for it. I would really recent having my tax money go to something which I do not support and I do not feel it is your responsibility as Commissioners to support.

Jean Agather stated she was representing the Flathead Business and Industry Association (FBIA). The FBIA's mission statement is to apply business metrics to community, school and government affairs. In November our board made a business decision to invest in FVCC's efforts to improve its ability to serve the business industry in our community. Business is continually challenged to work with government regulations that are often difficult to interpret and are so complex that we can always be and often are, held captive to extreme interpretations by any side of an issue. FVCC finds itself in this position in spite of its diligent efforts and guided efforts to adhere to the laws governing their bond election. In a democracy, contestations are allowed, but we urge the County Commissioners to not become a party to what is a private sector's prerogative to bring legal action.

Joe Unterriener speaking on behalf of the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce read into the record a letter.

Clarence Frisbie stated he was a trustee of Flathead Valley Community College, however, he was not here as a trustee or on behalf of the board. Just because Mr. Stokes says it is so does not mean it is so. He alleges that you have to take action this morning on his complaint. I believe if you read it and what he said was that the county attorney has to take action and recommend it to you. There is a lot of emotion going on in here and I am very emotional about this. We need to address the motives and motivation of the people in this room. No county employee, college employee or trustee benefits financially by virtue of this bond passage nor would any of these people be hurt financially if the bond issue had failed. As a matter of fact, the trustees are elected but not paid. The only motivation for wanting the bond issue passed is so that we can educate and train more Montana people for Montana jobs. Second, I would maintain the only party in this controversy which stands to benefit financially from its continuation is Mr. Stokes. His obvious hope is that by pitting us against one another his radio station will gain listeners and advertisers. If Mr. Stokes wants to sue, he can but don't allow yourselves to set a precedent by suing yourselves with taxpayer money. Frisbie submitted an e-mail Mr. Stokes sent to Frisbie and others January 8, 2003.

In referring to the first sentence of the e-mail, Frisbie stated: If he intends to sue, he certainly can. He probably will but he certainly doesn't need my help, he certainly doesn't need your help.

In referring to the second sentence of the e-mail, Frisbie stated. Mr. Stokes says it is so but it has not been accepted by any legal authority that he or you can find. It wasn't accepted by the County Sheriff or County Attorney. He says it is so. Is it or isn't it?

Paul Williams stated he was a member of the board of the foundation for the college. I have orientation to be very supportive of the college and its purposes. I want to comment to you on the ramifications of what is going on here. We have an election that was conducted with all conscientiousness by what is evident to me by those charged with doing it. Local and state authorities charged with legal review and governance of such a process were consulted before, during and after the process. They declined to interfere. The precedent of what is playing here in my mind is very important to call to your attention. When you have a democratic process that is conducted in a proper fashion with review, whatever glitches and events may occur, the process of the voting and the counting of the votes brings to a conclusion. If under law, if there are individuals who feel there has been a breach in the process, they have the right as the Attorney General has pointed out and others to seek judicial review. But, if in fact, the County Commissioners conduct their activities to feel complaints on the individual citizen's part, and bring action on a governmental basis with governmental funds, I think you have the seeds of chaos in terms of orderly elections and process. There is a right in every citizen singularly and collectively to pursue a wrong on an individual basis but to have a back door way of having public monies and public authority intervene when it has not been found as appropriate by those charged with governments of a process I think if you honor that and give affect to that, you are encouraging malcontent forever to interfere with the outcome of votes they don't tend to favor. I think that is chaotic to project what that could do at the local basis or beyond that. I urge the County Commissioners to recognize that their action here has ramifications beyond the immediate point. This is not province of the Commissioners.

John Bowdish stated he supports the community college. I will be very much disappointed in the County Commissioners if they use public funds to pursue a lawsuit which benefits a private individual. Mr. Stokes I have this suggestion, the legislature is in session, why don't you lobby the political practice committee and the people in charge of the election laws to correct these inconsistencies. An error is made not by the people conducting the election but beyond their control. I think this is the proper place to make a correction. Do it for the future. The past is gone. The voters have voted. The bond issue has passed. Do something for the future so that problems do not occur in the future.

Kay Lynn stated she is a voter and resident of Kalispell. I have listened to Mr. Stokes on the radio and after having listened to him, I appreciate this arena of discussion because there is respect. There are people listening to one another. I haven't heard name calling. I haven't heard people calling people who oppose their opinions, communists or fascist or whackos. I have a question for all of the people who are here in favor of Mr. Stokes' proposal. If that bond issue had not past, if it had had the same procedural glitches, would you be here? Would you be complaining about the outcome? I ask that question because so many times I have heard Mr. Stokes malign school teachers in the Flathead. I have heard him call them communists, fascists, brain washers of their children; people who spend their life and their good efforts to do what they can for the children. Our education system is good. I come to this meeting with a feeling that maybe he has another kind of motivation. It makes me doubt it when I know he has called the same names of anybody who works in government. Of anybody who disagrees with him. This is a good arena for us to discuss. For instance, if we do have somebody brought up to be a special prosecutor or look into this and the decision goes against you, will you still believe in the democratic process? Will you want to take it on and on? It seems to me that that is the real motivation of Mr. Stokes; he needs something to be mad about. We are all citizens in this country. We need to respect one another and believe in the process. If it doesn't go our way not to continually harass verbally over the public radio stations that we have the people who oppose us.

Chairman Watne stated that they Commissioners are aware of the potential fire season and are responding appropriately. He believes that Commissioner Gipe should be given the opportunity to hear the tape of today's proceedings a make a decision on Monday when there is a full board. He also stated he wanted to read the statutes regarding board removal before addressing that issue.

Commissioner Hall advised that he hadn't had a chance to read the complaint and wanted to seek legal counsel. He added that he also appreciates this process and just hopes that we can continue to be civil to each other and work through this process.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to continue decision on the matter until Monday. Chairman Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

**FINAL PLAT: SPRING CREEK MEADOWS**

Present at the January 29, 2003 10:00 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Hall, Planner Johna Morrison, Dawn Marquardt of Marquardt and Marquardt Surveying and Clerk Eggum.

Morrison reviewed the Staff Report for Spring Creek Meadows Subdivision which will create nine residential lots off Aspen Court. Preliminary plat approval was granted on October 2, 2002 subject to 15 conditions. All conditions have been met or otherwise addressed by the applicants, Donald P. and Cheryl A. Nelson. Staff recommends approval of Final Plat of Spring Creek Meadows Subdivision. Morrison advised the developer desired to do a Certificate of Waiver of Parkland Dedication and Acceptance of Cash in Lieu Thereof

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve the Subdivision Improvement Agreement in the amount of \$17,505.00 to complete road paving and a mailbox site and authorize the Chairman to sign. Chairman Watne seconded the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve the Certificate of Waiver of Parkland Dedication and Acceptance of Cash in Lieu Thereof. Chairman Watne seconded the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve Final Plat for Spring Creek Meadows Subdivision. Chairman Watne seconded the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

**FINAL PLAT: SUBDIVISION NO. 169**

Present at the January 29, 2003 10:15 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioner Hall, Planner Melinda Riley, Ardis Larsen of Larsen Engineering and Surveying and Clerk Eggum.

Riley reviewed the Staff Report for Subdivision No. 169 which will create four commercial lots along U.S. Highway 2. Preliminary plat approval was granted on February 25, 2002 subject to eight conditions. All conditions have been met or otherwise addressed by the applicant, Melvin M. Grigg. Staff recommends approval of Final Plat of Subdivision No. 169.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve the Subdivision Improvement Agreement in the amount of \$1,500.00 to complete the road work and authorize the Chairman to sign. Chairman Watne seconded the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve Final Plat for Subdivision No. 169. Chairman Watne seconded the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

**11:00 A.M. County Attorney Meeting at County Attorney's Office**

**12:00 P.M. Chairman Watne is to attend the FBIA Luncheon at the Outlaw Inn**

At 5:00 P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on January 30, 2003.

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**Commissioner Gipe is to Travel from Helena**

**9:00 A.M. Chairman Watne and Commissioner Hall are to view county roads with Charlie Johnson, Road Department**

**4:00 P.M. Commissioner Hall is to attend the Port Authority Meeting at Flathead Electric Coop**

**7:00 P.M. Fair Board Special Meeting at Fair Office**

At 5:00 P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on January 31, 2003.

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The Board of County Commissioners met in continued session at 8:00 o'clock A.M. Chairman Watne, Commissioners Gipe and Hall, and Clerk Robinson were present.

**Chairman Watne is to attend the Legislature in Helena**

**DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: OPERATING FUND GRANT/EAGLE TRANSIT**

Present at the January 31, 2003 9:30 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Gipe and Hall, Deanna Theilman, AOA Director, Jim Atkinson, and Clerk Eggum.

Commissioner Hall reviewed the Section 5311 Formal Application for FY2004 which provides for the annual operation grant.

Commissioner Gipe made a **motion** to approve the Section 5311 Formal Application for FY2004 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Hall **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Gipe and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

**CONSIDERATION OF PAY LEVEL**

Present at the January 31, 2003 9:30 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Gipe and Hall, and Clerk Eggum.

Avery advised of the recent discussions and the agreements that had been reached relative to a pay scale for Lorraine Reid. The auditor's office was combined with the Clerk and Recorder's Office effective January 1, 2003. Reid had been the chief deputy for the auditor's office. Gipe advised that it has been the county's policy when a department head or an elected official was changed by an act of the County Commissioners that the county would continue to pay those employees of such departments at the wages in which they were making at the time of such change. It was noted that Reid would no longer receive longevity and the pay would never be increased except by the yearly COLA increase. Reid had stated that she would be retiring in two to three years. At such time as the Human Resources Assistant position comes open, the salary for such position would be set after a recommendation by the Personnel Committee.

Commissioner Gipe made a **motion** to approve the current pay level established for the Chief Deputy for the Auditor as the salary level for the current Human Resource Officer Assistant and at such time as the position comes open will revert back to the pay range set after recommendation by the Personnel Committee. Commissioner Hall **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Gipe and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

**10:15 A.M. Commissioner Hall and Assistant Avery are to attend a Meeting with Dorothy Laird and David Smith, Consultant, re: Library**

At 5:00 P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on February 3, 2003.

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VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
A-1 SANITATION	7 HRS CLEAN CULVERT/BATAV	\$700.00
ABC COPIERS	COPIER MAINTENANCE/DISPAT	\$800.60
ABC STORAGE	FEB 03 RENT/STORAGE #11	\$50.00
ACCURATE FIRE SYSTEMS LTD	5# FIRE EXTINGUISHER, BRA	\$4,216.20
ACTION LEVY FUND	GARNISH/KEMP, BETTY	\$176.13
ADAM, CONRAD W	JAN 2003 RENT/1108 S MAIN	\$2,200.00
ADVANCED REFRIGERATION & APPLIANCE	ELECTRICAL FITTINGS FOR W	\$375.50
AIR LAND & SEA TRAVEL	AIRFARE/LANDIS & NORMAN	\$1,203.00
AIRWORKS	INSTALL DISHWASHER	\$877.50
ALL CREATURES VETERINARY CLINIC	9 BOXES EXAM GLOVES	\$32.67
ALL-IN-ONE MICROFILM & IMAGING INC	REPAIR/MICROFILM PRINTER	\$897.96
ALLDATA	2 AUTO REPAIR MANUALS	\$226.00
ALLEGIANCE HEALTHCARE	CASE-SCOPETTES, ALCOHOL, ET	\$2,349.59
ALLISON, PEG L.	REIM/2 ROLLS-STAMPS	\$74.00
ALLISON, ROBERT B	CHIEF PUB DEF/DEC 2002	\$6,340.01
ALPINE ANIMAL HOSPITAL	NEUTER/ALM	\$10.00
ALPINE BUSINESS CENTER	FEB 2003 RENT/AOA-ALPINE	\$1,900.00
AM MUFFLER PLUS	MUFFLER, EXHAUST PIPE, TA	\$280.00
AMERICAN CARPET CENTER	GOLD TOP GAL, ETC	\$41.98
AMERICAN ELECTRIC	6HRS WIRE HOIST	\$463.65
AMERICAN PRINTING INC	2000 EAGLE TRANSIT DONATI	\$785.76
AMERIGAS PROPANE INC	75 GAL PROPANE	\$92.30
AMES, TODD	PERDIEM/DEC-8 TRANSPORTS	\$61.00
ANACOMP	DEC MICROFICHE	\$15.48
ANDERSONS MASONRY HEARTH & HOME	PERLITE	\$27.00
ANSELL-AMERICAS	CONDOMS	\$230.00
ANYTIME LOCK & SAFE	4 KEYS	\$793.85
ARMOR HOLDINGS FORENSICS INC	3M POLY TAPE	\$79.13
ASCD	MEMB DUES/MADDUX, DONNA	\$12.00
ASHLEY CREEK ANIMAL CLINIC	NEUTER/GUGLER	\$60.00
ASKEW, NANCY F	42 SW BRD MTG MILES 10/22	\$15.33
AT&T CABLE SERVICES	CABLE TV CHARGES/JUV DETE	\$46.22
ATKINSON, JIM	LODGING/GFALLS-HOME PROGR	\$121.79
ATKINSON, PAUL	315 MILES/9 FAIR BRD MTGS	\$114.98
AUSTIN FUNERAL HOME	BURIAL/NACCARATO, ALVIN G	\$500.00
AUSTIN, RICHARD	56 MILES/7 FAIR BRD MTGS	\$20.44
AUTO ELECTRIC REBUILDERS	PULLEYS	\$36.00
AVENTIS PASTEUR	1 IPOL 10 DOSE	\$1,510.80
B&F EXCAVATING COMPANY INC	REIM/24 T-SHIRTS HAZMAT T	\$246.00
BAGELGEORGE.COM	2 BAGEL TRAYS/EMS TRNG 1/	\$25.90
BALDING, THALE	135 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$36.45
BALLARD, SUSAN	BURIAL BENEFITS	\$250.00
BANGEMAN, DANIEL	58 GRWTH PLCY MTG MILES 1	\$54.72
BARNES, FLORENCE ANN	BURIAL BENEFITS	\$250.00
BASARABA, MARIE	135 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$36.45
BEACON BALLFIELDS	OPERRY BOOK III, ABC GRND	\$93.56
BEDFORD, DON	135 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$36.45
BEEDE, WILLIAM R	PLOW DENNY SITE 4 TIMES 1	\$80.00
BENJAMIN, BETH ANN	REIM/INDEX CARDS, SHARPIE	\$32.34
BENNETT, LANE K	32.6 HRS LGL SRVS/DEC 200	\$4,202.45
BERKE, BILL B	REDEMP R-973	\$6,895.94
BERNA PRODUCTS CORP	20 TYPHOID LIVE ORAL	\$560.00
BEST ACCESS SYSTEMS	14 KEYS	\$39.44
BETSON, BELLA	30 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 200	\$8.10
BFI WASTE SYSTEMS OF NORTH AMERICA	PU GARBAGE/BEN WMS PARK J	\$20.00
BIG JOHNS	SQUARE BAR, LINK REMOVE	\$661.71
BIG SKY BUSINESS FORMS	5000 #10 ENVELOPES	\$127.95

BIGFORK SENIOR CITIZENS	OPERATION FUND PYMT/JAN-M	\$1,035.12
BIGFORK WATER/SEWER DISTRICT	WATER/SEWAGE CHARGES	\$33.45
BIOS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION	CLEAN, RECERT, & TEST AIR	\$486.50
BIRKY, DR. PERRY	MD/HUTCHISON, L (LEEP) LI	\$856.00
BITNEYS FURNITURE & APPLIANCES INC	REFRIDGERATOR	\$1,058.00
BLACKFOOT COMMUNICATIONS	CELL PHONE CHARGES/JAN 03	\$301.69
BLACKTAIL REFRIGERATION	MATERIALS/PARTS	\$564.05
BLAIR, MARILYN	76 SW BRD MTG MILES 10/22	\$27.74
BLAKE, JOANNE R	115 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$31.05
BLANK CD MEDIA INC	CD SLEEVES	\$254.95
BLUMENTHAL UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	VARIOUS NIK DRUG TEST KIT	\$861.16
BOB BARKER CO INC	SOAP & RAZORS	\$428.60
BODICK, LINDA	19 OUTRCH MILES/NOV 7-DEC	\$8.74
BOEHM, MARTY	EMS COOR/JAN 19-25, 2003	\$4,450.39
BOLSTERS TOWING INC	93 FORD #7-964/12-30-02	\$67.00
BOLT, DAVID	BURIAL BENEFITS	\$250.00
BOOKS WEST	1 BOOK LESS DISCOUNT	\$261.41
BORN, CHARLES	CORAM SITE ATTENDANT/JAN	\$200.00
BOWEN, JEROME	REFUND/NON-DEG FEE	\$100.00
BRADFORD'S BALANCE & MACHINE	REPAIR 86 FORD PU	\$2,100.00
BRUCELLI ADVERTISING CO INC	4 JACKETS, 1 CAP, ETC-FUN	\$190.20
BRUNER, RITA	44 RSVP MILES/OCT-NOV 200	\$11.88
BRUNER, SCOTT A	48 FC S&R MILES/NOV 8-30,	\$17.52
BRUNINGA, JOHN	137 FC S&R MILES/NOV 8-DE	\$50.01
BRYAN A STIRRAT & ASSOCIATES INC	PROF SRVS/PHASE 19	\$10,289.07
BUCHANAN, HARRY	51.5 RSVP MILES/OCT-NOV 2	\$13.90
BUFFALO HILL FUNERAL HOME	BURIAL/HICKS, DONALD RILE	\$3,500.00
BUMPER TO BUMPER DETAILING	DETAIL 99 INTREPID	\$120.00
BURTON, JAMES H.	33.5 HRS SURVEYING/JAN 3-	\$770.50
BUSINESS COMPUTING	2003 TECH SUPPORT	\$1,050.00
CAIN, CHRISTINE	REFUND DBL PYMT	\$61.27
CARDINAL DISCOUNT SUPPLY INC	MISC SCREWS	\$580.66
CARLSON'S SAND & GRAVEL LLC	300 YDS 3/4" PRC SANDING	\$19,650.00
CARQUEST	REMGF STARTER	\$1,785.18
CARSON BROTHERS INC	CHECK BOILER, REPAIR	\$101.57
CDW COMPUTER CENTERS INC	2 TOUCH SCREEN MONITORS/K	\$4,252.81
CE CONRAD MEMORIAL CEMETERY ASSOC	STONE/BRADLEY, KELSEY W	\$1,750.00
CELLULAR ONE	CELL PHONE CHARGES	\$845.39
CELLULAR ONE	2 NEW CELLS, CHARGER (GIP	\$89.97
CELLULAR ONE	CELL CHRGS/LINCOLN	\$67.24
CELLULAR ONE	BATTERY	\$39.99
CELLULAR ONE	CELL CHRGS/LINCOLN	\$974.57
CELLULAR ONE	CELL PHONE & CASE	\$79.99
CELLULAR ONE	CELL CHARGES/#253-1085	\$264.63
CENEX HARVEST STATES COOP	DIRECTOR VALVES 3/4"	\$221.90
CENTURYTEL	PHONE CHARGES	\$18,551.31
CHAMBERLAIN, CLARENCE C	REIM/ELEC-FILTER SYS 1/1/	\$233.31
CHARTS INC	25 ROLLS PAPER SOLTEX 4MI	\$182.80
CHECK ALERT	GARNISH/KEMP, BETTY	\$528.16
CHECKER AUTO	FUEL TREATMENT	\$25.47
CHIEF SUPPLY CORPORATION	BARRICADE TAPE	\$102.38
CHILD SUPPORT DIVISION	CHLD SUP/NELSON, SHAYNE A	\$824.66
CHILI O'BRIENS	MEALCARD/LIBBY, CRAIG	\$225.00
CHILTON, JIM	PERDIEM/MSLA-HAZMAT TRNG	\$120.68
CHOICEPOINT SERVICES INC	DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING (HAL	\$349.00
CITY MOTOR INC	TRANSMISSION	\$33.55
CITY SERVICE CENTER	2115 GAL FUEL	\$22,393.34
COLDWELL BANKER WACHHOLZ & COMPANY	APPRAISE 1038 S MAIN (HOU	\$150.00
COLE, IVA	95 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 200	\$101.25
COLLINS, CAROL	REFUND OVERPYMT/WLH	\$5.00
COLONIAL LIFE AND ACCIDENT INS CO	PREMIUM/AFTERTAX	\$147.00
COLUMBIA CONTAINERS	RENT CONTAINER/DEC	\$75.00
COLUMBIA MORTUARY	CREMA/BUTTERS, MANLY G	\$1,500.00
COLUMBIA PAINT & COATINGS	LATEX SEMI-GLOSS	\$335.09
COMERFORD, DAN	135 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$36.45
COMSTOR	MICROFICHE/DEC	\$146.63
CONRAD, CHARLES	49 AOA MILES/DEC 2002	\$13.23
CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DIST	FLUOR LMP	\$121.33
CORAY-LUDDEN, ME LEE	128 DEC WORK MILES	\$46.72
CORPORATE EXPRESS	PENS	\$4,582.21
CORPRON, SHANE	56 FC S&R MILES/SEP 21-DE	\$20.44
COSNER COMTECH INC	REMOTE SPEAKER MIC	\$897.74
CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	GE CLEAR LAMPS	\$320.31
CRITICAL ILLNESS & TRAUMA FOUNDATIO	2 CD/ROM: A CHLID IN NEED	\$20.00
CROWLEY, HAUGHEY, HANSON, TOOLE &	LGL SRVS/GEBHART EMP 11/4	\$450.00
CULLIGAN WATER	DRINKING WATER SYSTEM/JAN	\$1,207.40
CURRIERS WELDING INC	JOY STICK PLOW CONTROLS	\$17,553.00
CURTISS, ROBERT	PERDIEM/DEC-4 TRANSPORTS	\$34.00
CUSTODIAL WESTERN CASCADE SUPPLY	NATURAL BLEND TAN PADS	\$3,098.14
D LINDNER CONSTRUCTION	INSTALL GRAB BARS, HANDRA	\$193.00
D&D EXPRESS INC	SHIP BRG KIT 12/9/02	\$27.25
DAILY INTERLAKE	12 WK RENEWAL DIL	\$1,761.49
DAVEY, AMANDA	SCOREKEEPER/2 M BBALL	\$100.00
DAY RIDER, MARTHA	NPRAC/BRWNG 1/17-25/03	\$2,125.60
DELL MARKETING LP	3 OPTIPLEX GX260T, 2.00GH	\$4,526.00
DENNING SHEET METAL INC	RESET HEATERS	\$207.25
DEPRATU FORD	SUPT ASY J #391	\$27,320.56
DEPT OF ADMINISTRATION	3 GOV PHONE DIRECTORIES	\$5.05
DEPT OF ADMINISTRATION	SUMMITNET WEB PAGE FEES	\$110.00
DEPT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY	BOILER LIC RENEW/MCDOWELL	\$20.00
DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERV	LEASE S&R LAND 2003	\$250.00
DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SRVS	3 TESTS	\$1,027.49
DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE INCOME TAX WITHHOLD	\$39,517.28

DEPT OF REVENUE	1% WITHHOLDING/NW FUEL SY	\$489.53
DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE WITHHOLDING TAX + A	\$18,089.98
DIAMOND PLUMBING & HEATING INC	FIX LEAKING TOILET/2ND FL	\$173.30
DION, JAMES	145.5 FC S&R MILES/NOV 30	\$53.11
DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS INC	ADD 2ND JACK, ETC	\$63.15
DIRECTORY DISTRIBUTING ASSOCIATES	MILES CITY DIRECTORY	\$21.02
DIVERSIFIED COLLECTION SERVICES INC	GARNISH/SMITH, RE' RICHA	\$253.75
DOELY, WENDY	PERDIEM/HELENA-HIPAA TRNG	\$182.60
DOLPHIN CAPITAL CORP	COPIER LEASE PYMT #43, IN	\$187.64
DROWNE, TIMOTHY P	REIM-VEH WASH 1/24/03	\$35.92
DRURY, NOEL MD	MH:DOORIS, DAN J (JAN 4-7	\$569.00
DUNCAN, AVA	63 AOA MILES/DEC 2002	\$42.39
DUPREE BUILDING SPECIALTIES	12 INTERIOR ROOM SIGNS	\$938.00
DUROS, LAURA LEE	CHILD SUPPORT	\$261.00
DUSING, PADY CNM	DR/LEE, JAIME 10/7/02	\$91.00
DUVAL, SHELLY	2002/IMP VALUE CORRECTION	\$316.35
EISINGER MOTORS	ACTUATOR	\$1,236.08
ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS INC	ELECTRICAL WORK/BLUE BLDG	\$1,555.75
ELECTRONIC DATA SOLUTIONS	1 EXTENDED SOFTWARE ENHAN	\$1,965.00
EMBLEM ENTERPRISES INC.	521 PATCHES/FLTHD SHERIFF	\$766.15
EMERGENCY WORLD LLC	3 INT/GEN STUDENT 12 MO S	\$209.85
ENERGY EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	DRAIN, SHIPPING	\$36.25
ENGRAVER LLC, THE	IDEAL STAMP	\$44.00
ENVIRO-TIRE INC	PU 37 USED TIRES	\$37.00
EQUIFAX	BACKGROUND CHECKS	\$22.90
EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY	EQUIVEST PREM #729435001	\$3,490.00
ERICKSON, CONNIE	62 HH MILES/DEC 2002	\$22.63
ESLICK, BETTY	100 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$27.00
ESLICK, REBEKAH	ROOM/HELENA-ARMA	\$288.32
ESRI INC	MAINT, PRIM, AI, FL WINDO	\$4,048.32
EVANS, MARIE	57 RSVP MILES/OCT-NOV 200	\$15.39
EVE, MIKE	30 SW BRD MTG MILES 10/22	\$21.90
EVERGREEN ANIMAL HOSPITAL	SPAY/POSTLETHWAITE	\$10.00
EVERGREEN DISPOSAL INC	PU GARBAGE/DEC 2002	\$364.86
EXPRESS SERVICES INC	2 TEMPS/JONES & LINDLEY 1	\$282.58
EYSTAD, AARON J	REFUND/OVRPYMT-FINE 1/2	\$25.00
FAMILIAN NORTHWEST INC	3 GASKETS	\$937.72
FAUSKE, PETE	40 AOA MILES/DEC 2002	\$47.25
FBI/LEEDA	MEMB DUES/DUPONT, JAMES	\$35.00
FERRON'S TOWING & RECOVERY	TOW #7-1448/DEPRATU	\$111.00
FICKLER OIL COMPANY INC	GAS/DEC-TRANSPORTS	\$79.57
FINANCIAL EQUIPMENT CO	SIGN PLATE/SPLIT TCP REG	\$121.00
FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS INC	INSPECT HALON SYSTEM	\$725.60
FIRST INTERSTATE BANK TRUSTEE	GRP INS/EMP DEDUC	\$235,849.30
FISHER, COURTNEY ELIZABETH	SCOREKEEPER/2 M BBALL	\$150.00
FISHER, JED S	RIEM/SPRAY GUN	\$379.40
FISHER, RON	REIM/IMPACT ADAPTERS	\$21.58
FISHER, SUSIE	SUPPORT/DR-02-79	\$1,592.28
FLANAGAN, MICHAEL	135 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$75.06
FLATHEAD AIDS COUNCIL	REIM EXPENSES/RAC 4TH QTR	\$422.03
FLATHEAD BUSINESS JOURNAL	1 YR RENEWAL/FLTHD BUS JR	\$24.00
FLATHEAD CO CLERK & RECORDER	DEC 2002 BANK CHARGES	\$75.55
FLATHEAD CO DEPUTY SHERIFF ASSOC	DEPUTY SHERIFF UNION DUES	\$380.00
FLATHEAD CO SEARCH & RESCUE	BUILDING DONATION	\$11,402.41
FLATHEAD CO SHERIFFS ASSN	UNION DUES	\$570.00
FLATHEAD CORRECTIONS	REFUND 3RD QTR WRKS COMP	\$107.64
FLATHEAD CREDIT UNION	FLATHEAD CREDIT UNION DED	\$39,606.89
FLATHEAD ELECTRIC CO-OP	ELEC/FFA STORAGE SHED	\$27,722.45
FLATHEAD JANITORIAL & RUG SERVICE	JANITORIAL/12-02	\$2,210.00
FLATHEAD VALLEY CHEMICAL DEP CLINIC	REIM/NOV WAGES-RAVICHER,	\$6,839.62
FOOD SERVICES OF AMERICA	FOOD	\$4,790.93
FORBIS, MARNIE	NOV-DEC 2002 LIBRARY CLEA	\$80.00
FORD, DEBORAH SUSAN	283 OTRCH MILES/DEC 3-30	\$103.30
FOSBERY, TERRY	264 MILES/11 FAIR BRD MTG	\$379.80
FOUR SEASONS MOTOR INN	ROOM/MAIOLA, CHERYL (WITN	\$99.84
GALL'S INC	12 RADIO NICAD BATTERIES	\$741.87
GASSER, DON	135 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$36.45
GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL	COPIER LEASE, INS	\$458.92
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION	30-1" NPSH FEMALE, 3/4" N	\$341.87
GERALDS, JIM	135 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$36.45
GERRYS TIRES & BATTERIES INC	4 SNOWTIRES	\$468.00
GIPE, HOWARD W	PERDIEM/HELENA-LEGISLATIV	\$178.20
GLACIER ANIMAL HOSPITAL	NEUTER/CONKLIN	\$60.00
GLACIER BANK FSB	DEC 02 INTEREST	\$3,768.00
GLACIER TOYOTA	LABOR/ADJUST VALVES, CHK	\$638.96
GLACIER WHOLESALERS INC	GRAHAM CRACKER CRUMBS	\$183.62
GLASS DOCTOR	LAMINATE TINT	\$373.00
GLAXOSMITHKLINE	ENGERIX, HAVRIX, TWINRIX	\$7,816.00
GLAZIER, TODD	14.1 HRS LGL SRVS/DEC 200	\$564.00
GOVERNING	SUBSCRIP/"GOVERNING"	\$16.00
GRAY, GLEN	REIM/1 MAP	\$19.99
GREAT FALLS PAPER & SUPPLY CO INC	PAPER TOWELS, TOILET PAPE	\$1,173.28
GRESS, ROCKY	PLOW OLNEY SITE 3 TIMES 1	\$300.00
GUTH LABORATORIES INC	1000 MOUTHPIECES	\$242.92
GUTIERREZ-FALLA, EDUARDO	PUB DEF SRVS/DEC-FULL & H	\$8,695.33
GWIN, BARBARA	38 AOA MILES/DEC 2002	\$34.56
H&H BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC	COPIER MAINT	\$50.57
HACK, RUTH E	130 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$94.50
HALL, BRENDA	PERDIEM/BUTTE-MWCA CONF 1	\$166.20
HALL, GARY D	ROOM & GAS/HELENA-LOSS CN	\$423.75
HAMILTON, TAMARA	180 CLINIC MILES/CFALLS 1	\$65.70
HANSEN, KATHRYN KAY	MD/HOLMES, M (7 YO)	\$62.00
HARTSOCH, DOROTHY	CRESTON SITE ATTENDANT/JA	\$300.00

HAUGAN, JUANITA A	PARAMEDIC INSTRC STIPEND	\$50.00
HAVRE-HILL COUNTY LIBRARY	ILL FEE/DAMAGED BOOK	\$5.00
HDA MANAGEMENT LLC	FEB-MAR 03 RENT/PRIV INDV	\$10.00
HELGESON, DELLA	33 AOA MILES/DEC 2002	\$8.91
HELGESON, JOE	135 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$36.45
HELMS, ROBERT	30 FC S&R MILES/SEP 21, 2	\$10.95
HENRY SCHEIN	MAXI PADS, SHIELDS, GLOVE	\$111.66
HINCHEY, JULIANNE B	2.4 HRS LGL 8/29-12/11 (P	\$96.00
HINCHEY, SEAN	PUB DEF SRVS/JAN 03-HALF	\$2,898.45
HINES, DON	40 GRWTH PLCY MTG MILES 1	\$14.40
HINES, THOMAS	17.5 AOA MILES/DEC 2002	\$4.73
HOGAN, JEANNE	68 CLINIC MILES/CFALLS 11	\$24.82
HOLLINGSWORTH, THELMA	135 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$36.45
HOME DEPOT	STAPLES/FAMILY COURT	\$979.37
HOOPERS NURSERY AND GREENHOUSES	2002/REMOT-IND	\$113.86
HOTSY CLEANING SYSTEMS	FLOAT VALVES, BALL FLOAT	\$37.00
HUGHES, REBECCA J	PARAMEDIC INSTRC STIPEND	\$75.00
HUNGRY HORSE PRINTING	16000 VOTER RE-ACTIVATION	\$268.00
IDEAL PRODUCTS INC	PAN DISTRUPTER KIT	\$2,960.00
IKON OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER MAINT/IMAGERUNNER	\$149.14
IMPERIAL DRY CLEANERS INC	CLEAN MANAGERS JACKETS	\$33.00
IN THE LINE OF DUTY INC	12 TAPES 'IN THE LINE OF	\$695.00
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	1 C @ 'SPONGEBOB' & 'WHER	\$2,743.74
INGRAM, ESTHER	135 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$36.45
INLAND TRUCK PARTS COMPANY	REBUILT FRONT DIFFERENTIA	\$1,542.51
INSTY PRINTS	LAMINATE 11X17 AND BANNER	\$268.00
INTEGRA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES	YRLY HARDWARE SRV AGREE/S	\$567.00
INTERMOUNTAIN ADMINISTRATORS INC	FLEX CHILD CARE DEDUC	\$26,493.30
INTERNATIONAL ASSN OF FAIRS & EXPOS	2003 MEMB DUES	\$175.00
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OP ENGINEERS	UNION DUES	\$2,200.25
INTERSTATE BRANDS CORPORATION	BREAD	\$269.63
INTERSTATE COMPANIES INC	22 GAL OIL	\$1,400.30
INTOUCH SOLUTIONS	INSTALL PHONE SYSTEM	\$546.00
IOS CAPITAL	JAN 2003 LEASE/COPIER-IMA	\$651.22
ISI, INC	POLYGRAPH/ARMSTRONG, ROBE	\$425.00
J&M TRANSPORATION SERVICE	2 BOXES 12/31/02	\$28.00
JANITORS WORLD	PAPER TOWELS, TISSUE	\$2,779.96
JEWETT, GORDON	PERDIEM/BUTTE-MWCA CONF 1	\$166.20
JOES RADIATOR SHOP	REPAIR NECK	\$25.00
JOHNSON CONTROLS INC	REPLACE TIME CLOCK	\$5,634.78
JOHNSON MORTUARY	BURIAL/RIVIERE, RUSSELL M	\$1,150.00
JOHNSON, CASH	REFEREE/3 M BBALL-CFALLS	\$240.00
JOHNSON, CATHERINE Q	33 HRS DATA ENTRY SRVS/DE	\$363.00
JOHNSON, JERE	REIM/2 SHOVELS (VEH), WIN	\$60.92
JOHNSON, PAUL	33 MILES 1/22-WEED BRD MT	\$11.88
JOHNSTONE SUPPLY	FME40-20X20X2, ETC	\$424.01
JOM PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES	1 ORTHO EVRA	\$460.99
JONES, CHRIS	REFEREE/3 M BBALL	\$60.00
JONES, LADD L	REFEREE/1 ADLT BBALL-CFAL	\$200.00
JUNKERMIER, CLARK, CAMPANELLA, &	W-8 ISSUES 11/22/02	\$210.00
K&J AUTO PARTS INC	TERMINALS, SOCKETS	\$17.56
KALISPELL AUTO PARTS	FUEL FILTER, OIL FILTER	\$4,309.84
KALISPELL CAT CLINIC	SPAY/SCHWARTZ	\$10.00
KALISPELL CITY	SEWER/WATER CHARGES 11/2/	\$628.66
KALISPELL CITY AMBULANCE SERVICE	AMB/DAMSCHEN, GARY 12/20/	\$666.50
KALISPELL COPY & BLUE INC	10 CANDLESTICKS/10 BASES,	\$201.90
KALISPELL DIAGNOSTIC SVC, PC	LAB CERT PHYS/COOK	\$591.00
KALISPELL MUFFLER SERVICE	REPLACE EXHAUST PIPE & HA	\$40.50
KALISPELL READY MIX	5.5 YDS CONCRETE	\$363.00
KALISPELL REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	ER/BIRKY, VANCE ALLEN 12/	\$1,494.83
KALISPELL SENIOR CENTER	1/4 HLTH PROMO GRANT (BAL	\$1,485.12
KALISPELL STAMP & SEAL WORKS	2-4 LINE BANK ENDORS STAM	\$80.60
KALISPELL TRANSMISSION CENTER	DETENT SPRING, VALVE CLIP	\$319.80
KALMONT DISTRIBUTORS INC	DEAD BOLT/BLUE BLDG	\$3,294.90
KAMAN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES	ROLLER CHAIN	\$260.08
KAR PRODUCTS	FITTINGS, BUSHINGS, PLUGS	\$241.14
KARI DODGE CHRYSLER PLYMOUTH HYUNDA	FLUSH COOL SYS, TUNE UP,	\$699.64
KEEDY, MICHAEL H	1.1 HRS LGL SRVS/HOLLIDAY	\$55.00
KELLER, JAMES	REIM/HVY DUTY STAPLER	\$29.99
KELLY'S HAULAWAY	RENT CONTAINER/DEC	\$3,909.23
KENWORTH SALES MISSOULA	SHIELD, WHEELS	\$52.14
KINDERPRINT CO INC	FINGERPRINT SUPPLIES	\$255.96
KING, RICHARD	135 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$36.45
KMART PHARMACY #7030	NOV RX/JUV DETENT	\$5,100.21
KMART 7030	20-\$30 GIFT CARDS (FAS IN	\$1,127.38
KNUTSON, ELLEN MAE	135 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$36.45
KOIS BROTHERS EQUIPMENT CO	MOTOR VALVES	\$848.30
KRAUS, RITA	3.8 WORK MILES 1/3/03	\$98.11
KRAUSE, HILDEGARD	115 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$31.05
KUNDA, SUSAN	REIM/HANGING FILE RACK, F	\$14.98
LABER, EVELYN	84.5 RSVP MILES/NOV-DEC 2	\$22.81
LABORERS' LOCAL NO. 1334	LABORERS UNION DUES	\$306.00
LAIRD, DOROTHY P	REIM/POSTAGE-NEEDS ASSESS	\$25.00
LAISY, WAYNE	308 AOA MILES/DEC 2002	\$83.16
LAKE CO SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT	2ND QTR WAGES/DURHAM	\$10,954.70
LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH	JAN SITE MANAGEMENT	\$300.00
LAMB, AGNES	56 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 200	\$15.12
LANCER LTD	100 2-PART HCFA 1500 FORM	\$43.92
LAND & WATER CONSULTING INC	GRNDWTR MONITORING	\$2,536.65
LANKTREE GLASS	WINDSHIELD	\$1,620.74
LARSEN, JEFF	40 FC PLAN BRD MTG MILES	\$14.40
LARSON, KEN	135 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$36.45
LASALLE AUTOMOTIVE	BATTERY	\$332.15

LASALLE TOOL	BOX OF CHARGES/NAIL GUN	\$145.36
LAVADURE, JOSEPH	BURIAL BENEFIT	\$250.00
LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC.	TY-RAP, CABLE TIE, ETC	\$8,101.54
LC STAFFING SERVICE	TEMP/LUCHT, PHYLLIS ELAIN	\$2,640.10
LEE, DOMINIC KEITH	HIV OUTFCH SRVS/DEC 15-28	\$1,091.24
LES SCHWAB TIRE CENTER	REPAIR FLAT TIRE #391	\$15.25
LIBBY DRUG	RX #7404099	\$40.00
LIFE-ASSIST INC	FORCEPS, TRNG VIDEOS	\$101.40
LINDSAY & ASSOCIATES	4 RADIO ADS/MOTOR CROSS R	\$566.00
LINNE', LARRY	34 GRWTH PLCY MTG MILES 1	\$27.36
LM'S DRYWALL	DRYWALL WORK/BLUE BLDG	\$1,096.50
LN CURTIS & SONS	2 BIOSYS GAS DETECTORS	\$3,119.24
LONG, MONTY	PERDIEM/LAS VEGAS-IAFE CO	\$178.40
LONNEVIK LAW FIRM PC	PUB DEF SRVS/DEC-HALF	\$2,898.45
LOOSE ENDS UPHOLSTERY	FABRICATE WINTERFRONT	\$97.00
LOREN'S AUTO REPAIR, INC	FIX FLASHERS, ETC	\$133.55
LOVEALL, ORLETTA	135 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$36.45
LOVERING, DORTHEA	128.4 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC	\$34.66
LUND, JEANNINE M	TRNG/REIM-WIC RETREAT	\$76.50
LYNCH, BESS	105 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$28.35
LYNN PEAVEY COMPANY	EVIDENCE BAGS, LABELS, TA	\$419.25
M&C TIRE	SRV CALL, REPAIR FLAT	\$70.00
M&M COMMUNICATIONS INC	COAX CABLE KIT/L BRACKET	\$19.85
MACO RISK MANAGEMENT	INS DEDUC/VOGEL, D 9/4/02	\$545.00
MAIL BOXES ETC.	SHIPPING	\$52.85
MAIOLA, CHERYL ANN	PERDIEM/KALISPELL 9/12-9/	\$96.10
MAISCH, ERIC	REFUND	\$25.00
MALKUCH, TINA LEE	3 PUB WTR INSPEC-NOV 11-1	\$905.00
MARION RURAL FIRE DISTRICT	NEWTON KWIK DUMP VALVE	\$2,156.76
MARK'S PLUMBING PARTS	6 SLOAN HANDLE KITS	\$18.86
MARTINEZ, BEVERLY A	PERDIEM/HELENA-RECERT PPC	\$24.00
MARTINSON, MARK	15 FC S&R MILES/DEC 28, 2	\$5.48
MARVIN, SHIRLEY	CLEANING SERVICES/JAN 16-	\$600.00
MAST, MYRON	36 WV GRWTH PLCY MTG MILE	\$36.00
MASTERCARD	LODGING/BOZEMAN	\$2,954.58
MATTHEISEN, EVELYN	135 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$36.45
MAXIMUS	1 YR NETWRK SRV PLN/FEB 2	\$795.00
MCCAIN, ALTA	129 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$34.83
MCCARVEL, KEVIN	ADV PERDIEM/BILLINGS-MNO	\$86.00
MCCOMB, ANNA	REIM/OC INSTR CLASS TRNG	\$120.00
MCELROY & WILKEN INC.	CONCRETE, ZIP STRIP, ETC	\$4,135.08
MCLAUGHLIN, HUGH	90 RSVP MILES/NOV-DEC 200	\$24.30
MCPS/REGION 5/CSPD	REGIST/WESTWOOD, B	\$85.00
MDM SUPPLY COMPANY	SLOA H-553 O-RING	\$3.51
MEADOW GOLD DAIRIES INC	DAIRY PRODUCTS	\$891.54
MEADOW MANOR INC	JAN LOT RENT/PRIV IND RYA	\$235.00
MEDTRONIC PHYSIO-CONTROL CORP	4 AED TRNG ELECTRODES, ET	\$144.00
MELVIN, SUSAN	REFUND DBLE PYMT	\$97.40
MICHAELS CONVENIENCE STORE	WASH VEH #1520	\$22.25
MICHELS, KAREN	12 FC S&R MILES/NOV 8-30,	\$10.22
MICROFILM SERVICE OF MONTANA INC	TIFF CONV-16MM ROLL FILM	\$899.86
MICROMEDIA	MICROFICHE	\$1,600.50
MID AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	GLASS CLEANER	\$944.89
MIDWAY RENTAL & POWER EQUIPMENT INC	RENT EXCAVATOR	\$128.90
MIDWEST CANCER SCREENING	133 PAP TESTS/DEC 02	\$1,191.60
MIELKE, JEFF	REIM/ELEC-DEC 2002	\$45.68
MILD FENCE COMPANY	LATCH	\$15.00
MISSION VALLEY SECURITY INC	MONITOR ALARM/JAN-MAR 200	\$70.50
MISSOULA FREIGHTLINER	3-22 SI ALT, 12V, 130A	\$476.76
MISSOULA TRUCK SALES INC	INSULATORS	\$562.42
MOBILE SATELLITE VENTURES LP	SATELLITE PHONE/DEC 2002	\$46.35
MOBILFONE	CELL PHONE CHARGES	\$75.44
MOGUL COMPANY LLC	METAL DETECTOR/JAIL	\$83.82
MONTANA ASSN OF CO SCHOOL SUPTS	MEMB DUES/MADDUX, DONNA	\$450.00
MONTANA ASSN OF COUNTIES	3RD QTR WKRS COMP/FLTHD C	\$79,020.18
MONTANA CSED	CHLD SUP/LEE, DOMINIC K	\$134.28
MONTANA DISASTER & EMERGENCY SRVS	REGIST/MARBLE, ALAN	\$105.00
MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL LAB LLC	1 COLIFORM TEST	\$475.00
MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	1 YR RENEWAL/MT MAG	\$29.00
MONTANA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	BASIC/LIBBY, CRAIG	\$25.00
MONTANA LAW WEEK	SUBSCRIP-MT LAW WEEK	\$325.00
MONTANA NARCOTICS OFFICERS ASSN	REGIST/WINGERT, PETE	\$300.00
MONTANA OE-CI TRUST FUND	CENTRAL PENSION DEDUC/JAN	\$11,084.64
MONTANA OFFICE SYSTEMS INC	TONER CARTRIDGE/MINOLTS M	\$183.00
MONTANA PEAKS INC	3 MO RENT/WIC	\$450.00
MONTANA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN	UNION DUES	\$498.50
MONTANA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	REGIST/JEWETT, GORDIE	\$465.00
MONTGOMERY, RICHARD T	ENVIRO HLTH SRVS-11/24-12	\$1,875.00
MORRISON MAIERLE/CSSA	ENGINEERING/HASKILL CREEK	\$406.00
MOUNTAIN PAGING NETWORK INC	PAGER ACCESS	\$630.16
MSU EXTENTION PUBLICATIONS	4-H MANUALS	\$265.00
MURPHYS CARPETECH	CLEAN CARPET/FOYER-FAIR 1	\$69.95
NACRC	MEMB DUES/ROBINSON, PAULA	\$100.00
NATIONAL ASSN OF LOCAL BOARDS/HLTH	MEMB DUES/ASKEW, NANCY (H	\$120.00
NATIONAL 4H COUNCIL-SUPPLY SERV	4-H LIVESTOCK MANUALS	\$252.05
NEAL SCHUMAN PUBLISHERS INC	INTERLIBRARY LOAN 7TH EDI	\$219.95
NEIER, GLEN MORGAN	PUB DEF SRVS/JAN 2003-HAL	\$2,898.45
NEIL CONSULTANTS INC	PROF SRVS/HELENA FLATS BI	\$3,689.69
NELSON, PETER B DMD	MD/MALAGA, M (5 YO) 2 VIS	\$470.36
NEWLON, ADRIENNE H	136 OUTFCH MILES/JAN 17,	\$66.85
NEWTON, EDNA	45 RSVP MILES/OCT 2002	\$12.15
NIKKI T'S CARPET & RUG SERVICE	DEC CARPET CLEANING	\$400.00
NORCO	WELDING WIRE, CUTOFF WHEE	\$2,989.06



NORTH VALLEY HOSPITAL	CATER OPEN HOUSE 12/19/02	\$58,473.50
NORTH VALLEY SENIOR CENTER	TOENAIL CLINIC/5, 9/10/02	\$1,445.12
NORTHERN ENERGY INC	1-3' HOSE	\$680.29
NORTHSHORE ANIMAL CLINIC	NEUTER/WITT	\$10.00
NORTHWEST BUSINESS EQUIPMENT INC	YRLY COPIER MAINT AGREE/K	\$1,487.18
NORTHWEST FUEL SYSTEMS	FILLRITE DROPTUBE	\$48,481.47
NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY INC	IMPACT SOCKET 6 PT 3/4 DR	\$926.55
NORTHWEST MACHINERY INC	O-RINGS	\$539.30
NORTHWEST MONTANA HUMAN RESOURCES	DRAW #3/TELMON, INC	\$19,218.16
NORTHWEST PARTS & RIGGING CO INC	GLOVES	\$1,003.70
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS INC	FITTINGS	\$131.26
NORTHWEST PORTABLES LLC	RENT CHEM TOILETS 12/8/02	\$325.00
NORTHWEST REGIONAL RC&D	2003 DUES	\$100.00
NORTHWEST TRUCK REPAIR INC	PURGE ASSY/HEATER, PIN, E	\$13,302.61
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	GAS POWER/1020 SOUTH MAIN	\$21,713.80
NORWOOD, CAROL	36 WORK MILES/DEC 2002	\$13.14
NUNNALLY, SAM	155 FC S&R MILES/NOV 20-2	\$56.58
NURTURING CENTER	2ND QTR FAIM/FY 02-02	\$7,856.61
NUTTING, ELLEN	90 RSVP MILES/OCT-NOV 200	\$24.30
NXGEN	CC APPL FEE, 6 MAG READER	\$1,265.00
OCEANA PUBLICATIONS INC	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$84.68
OFFICE EQUIPMENT SUPPLY	3 COLOR/2 BLACK CARTRIDGE	\$150.00
OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATION	ENFORCE PROG GRANT/WEHR,	\$7,668.55
OFFICE SOLUTIONS AND SERVICES	VARIOUS CLASP ENVELOPES	\$7,323.54
OFFICEMAX	POST-ITS, PENSS, CLIPS	\$108.79
OFFICEMAX CREDIT PLAN	RING BINDERS, STAPLER, ET	\$177.33
OGLE, LYNN	PERDIEM/HELENA-SERC/TERC	\$51.00
OHS, MELISSA	30 CLINIC MILES/CFALLS 12	\$103.15
OKAMOTO, KAREN	43 MILES/DELIVER CITY REP	\$14.19
OLE'S COUNTRY STORE	20-\$20 GAS CARDS (FAS INT	\$500.00
OLSEN, RUSSELL	30 GRWTH PLCY MTG MILES 1	\$10.80
OLSON, ALLAN	75 FC S&R MILES/NOV 30, 2	\$27.38
OLSON, FLORENCE	LAKESIDE SITE ATTENDANT/J	\$575.00
OLSON, HENRY HANS	32 SW BRD MTG MILES 10/22	\$11.68
ORKIN EXTERMINATING CO INC	EXTERMINATE SPIDERS/BLUE	\$112.61
OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	ELEVATOR MAINT JAN-MAR 20	\$1,106.19
OWENS, CHARLIE	PARAMEDIC INSTRUCTOR STIP	\$50.00
OZZIES DRAIN OIL	PU 240 GAL USED HEATING O	\$302.50
PACIFIC CLUTCH & BRAKE	CLUTCY PACK LESS CORE CHA	\$764.27
PACIFIC STEEL & RECYCLING	STEEL FOR SIGNS	\$1,181.45
PAGE NORTHWEST	PAGER BASE RATE	\$780.66
PANCOAST ELECTRIC INC	INSTALL TRANSFORMER @ DIE	\$3,262.40
PARKER TOYOTA	RHD/LT, LHD/LT	\$164.00
PARKER, MARY JANE	135 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$36.45
PARMENTER, ROBERT	2002/REMOT IND	\$1,092.55
PATEFIELD, ELIZABETH A	LODGING/BOZEMAN-MLGGC & I	\$162.40
PATHOLOGY ASSN MEDICAL LABORATORIE	MISC LAB TESTS/DEC 2002	\$1,066.87
PAUL, BONNIE	24 AOA MILES/DEC 2002	\$35.64
PAVLIK ELECTRIC CO INC	INSTALL GFI RECEPTACLE	\$10,099.75
PEARSON CONSTRUCTION	INIT PYMT/PREFAB STEEL BL	\$9,000.00
PELTIER, KATHY	5 DEC MILES	\$1.83
PENCO POWER PRODUCTS	DIAPHRAGM, SPRING PUMP	\$15.81
PEPSI COLA BOTTLING COMPANY	PEPSI	\$79.00
PERSONETT, BUNNY	135 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$36.45
PETERSON ALARM SERVICE	MOVE ALARM/FM CRT TO BLUE	\$575.00
PETERSON, VICKIE	HIV IDU SRVS/DEC 15-28, 8	\$5,064.00
PETTY CASH - HEALTH	CONTACT CEMENT	\$3.29
PETTY CASH - REFUSE DISPOSAL DIST.	9 CLAY POTS	\$32.43
PETTYJOHN'S THE WATER STORE INC	DEC WATER/COOLER JAN 2003	\$92.25
PFEIFFER, HEATHER	PARAMEDIC INSTRC STIPEND	\$25.00
PHARMACIA & UPJOHN	100 DEPOPROV 150MG	\$1,938.44
PHILLIPS, RANDALL G	30 FC S&R MILES/NOV 20-23	\$10.95
PHOTO VIDEO PLUS	PHOTO PROCESSING	\$540.72
PHYSICIANS DESK REFERENCE	1 C 'PHYSICIANS DESK REFE	\$69.95
PIERCE MFG. COMPANY INC	RND M/C IT, GROMMET KIT,	\$96.40
PIERSON PERFORMANCE EXHAUST LLP	REMAN CARB	\$80.00
PIERSON TRUCK PARTS	SHOCKS	\$101.88
PITNEY BOWES INC	POSTAGE METER RENTAL 2/1-	\$107.70
PLUM CREEK MDF INC	2002/REMOT-IND	\$180,668.62
PLUM CREEK NORTHWEST LUMBER INC	2002/REMOT-IND	\$2,302.11
PLUM CREEK NORTHWEST PLYWOOD INC	2002/REMOT-IND	\$617.94
POIEMA CARPETS & INTERIORS INC	RESTRETCH CARPET/SPRINKLE	\$125.00
POLK DIRECTORIES	KALISPELL, MT DIRECTORY	\$231.00
POTTER, DEAN	135 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$36.45
PRINTLINK	DIRECT DEPOSIT VOUCHES	\$181.50
PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	1 USR 56K V.90 PCI WINDOW	\$473.00
PROFESSIONAL RODEO COWBOYS ASSN	APPROVAL FEES/2003 RODEO	\$850.00
PRORIDER INC	51 BIKE HELMETS	\$354.45
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM	PERS DEDUC	\$193,552.83
QUANTUM ELECTRIC INC	CONNECT AG BLDG/NEW LOCAT	\$1,346.23
QUILL CORPORATION	INK CARTRIDGE	\$327.04
QWEST	DEC 02 RIVER GAUGE	\$496.89
RADIO SHACK ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	PHONE BATTERIES/SQUAD ROO	\$118.43
RANCH & HOME SUPPLY, INC	1000' CAUTION TAPE	\$506.56
RAND MCNALLY	1 2003 COMMERCIAL ATLAS	\$303.77
RANGER STORAGE	RENT STORAGE/JAN-JUN 2003	\$291.60
RAYMOND, KIM	80 RSVP MILES/NOV-DEC 200	\$21.60
REED, JEANNE	90 RSVP MILES/NOV-DEC 200	\$24.30
REGENT BOOK COMPANY, INC	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$11.54
REID, LORRAINE	REIM/COBRA MAILINGS 1/8/0	\$130.16
REYNOLDS, CLARK	20 FC S&R MILES/DEC 28, 2	\$7.30
REYNOLDS, DAVID C	28 WV GRWTH PLCY MTG MILE	\$23.04
REYNOLDS, THOMAS	LODGING/BOZEMAN-MLGGC & I	\$396.40

RHODES, CHARLES	65 FC S&R MILES/NOV 30-DE	\$23.73
RHODES, SCOTT	324 FC S&R MILES/NOV 8-DE	\$118.26
RHODES, STELLA	421.5 HH MILES/DEC 2002	\$153.85
RICH, JOSEPH D MD	PSYCH EVAL/BUCK, JOSEPH L	\$7,065.14
RIEBES MACHINE WORKS INC	KEY SPROCKET	\$805.00
RITCHIE RILEY SHOOK TIRE CO	TIRES, ETC	\$17,410.53
ROCKY MOUNTAIN RENTALS	RENT TRUCK/COMMODITIES	\$57.08
ROLL, ARLEN	90.6 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 2	\$33.40
RONS ALIGNMENT INC	ALIGN PICKUP	\$99.90
ROSAUERS	BAGS/COMMODITIES	\$176.31
ROTH, JAN	110 FC S&R MILES-NOV 8-DE	\$40.15
ROWELL, NANCY	NPRAC/BRWNG-JAN 12-25, 20	\$900.00
ROYAL FOOD DISTRIBUTING INC	FOOD	\$611.58
RSJM ENTERPRISES	PI FEES/ROOT, DARREN	\$704.90
SAFELITE GLASS CORP	REPAIR WINDSHIELD/SHERIFF	\$170.83
SAFETY-KLEEN CORP	SOLVENT, CLEANER	\$400.10
SANDERS, DELORES	42 RSVP MILES/AUG-SEP 200	\$28.62
SANDERS, RAY	14MILES 1/22-WEED BRD MTG	\$5.04
SANDON CONSTRUCTION CO	REMOVE SLABS, ETC	\$15,396.00
SAVERUD PAINT SHOP	ROLLER COVERS, TRAY LINER	\$59.60
SCARFF AUTO CENTER INC	REPAIR DIFFERENTIAL, ETC	\$501.55
SCHAEFFER, CHARLES	168 AOA MILES/DEC 2002	\$45.36
SCHLEGEL & SONS HEAVY HAULING	1.25 HRS/MOVE D8N-SHOP	\$114.75
SCHMITT, JACK	49 AOA MILES/DEC 2002	\$13.23
SCHMITT, M JACK	127.5 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC	\$34.43
SCHRITZ, MICHELLE	REFUND/DOG SPAYED	\$20.00
SCHULZ, LISA	18 WORK MILES/BFORK 12/20	\$6.57
SCOLATTI, MICHAEL J PHD	PSYCH EVAL/LAKES, GARARD	\$1,700.00
SCOTT, GERALD J	PERDIEM/LAS VEGAS-IAFE CO	\$490.25
SCRANTON GILLETTE COMMUNICATIONS	2 YRS RENEWAL	\$64.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	ANNUAL REPORT FEE	\$15.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	FILING FEE/KUNDA, SUSAN	\$25.00
SECURITY SOLUTIONS OF MONTANA INC	21 KEYS/BLUE BLDG	\$33.60
SELBYS	COLOR INK JET BOND	\$147.96
SELECT CLEANING	DEC 2002 CLEANING SERVICE	\$2,166.80
SEMITOOL	2002/REMOT-IND	\$4,078.03
SERVICEMASTER OF FLATHEAD COUNTY	DEC 2002 JANITORIAL SERVI	\$157.00
SEWARD, JANE J.	79 AOA MILES/DEC 2002	\$47.79
SHARE CORP	TRASH BAGS	\$477.95
SHELT, BRENDA LEE	7-5 TAB MULTI USE INDEXES	\$19.41
SHERIFF'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM	SHERIFF RETIRE DEDUC	\$37,986.13
SHIRTLIFF, MAE ROSE	84 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 200	\$22.68
SID OPERATIONS PETTY CASH	CI PAYMENT 10/23/02	\$78.00
SIENKNECHT, CAROL	240.80 HH MILES/DEC 2002	\$87.90
SILVERTIP ENGRAVING	19 BRASS PLATES FOR FLARE	\$114.00
SIMULAIDS	BLOOD POWDER, ETC (FOR ME	\$113.40
SJORDAL, PAULINE	97 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 200	\$26.19
SKAGGS, RUTH	1.5 HRS ASL INTERPRETOR 1	\$50.00
SKURVID, NANCY	TRANSCRIPTS/REDFERN, MART	\$12.75
SMITH, LYDIA	REFUND/CFALLS BOYS BB (SM	\$28.00
SMITH, PETER A MD	AUTOPSY/HOWARD, BARBARA	\$1,000.00
SMITHS CARPET CENTER	CARPET/BLUE BLDG	\$2,370.00
SODERFELT, MELANIE	REFUND/DOG SPAYED	\$20.00
SONJU, DICK	REFEREE/2 M BBALL	\$120.00
SORENSEN, MARK J MD	MD/WILKE, D (3 YO)	\$135.00
SPECIAL EFFECTS	1.5HRS PAINTING FENDER 1/	\$97.50
SPENCER INDUSTRIES INC	SEAL REPAIR KIT, FRT	\$1,013.89
SPENCER, HANNA	122 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$49.95
SSL AMERICAS INC	CONDOMS	\$119.00
ST MARIE GRAPHICS	5/16"X150' BLK PIN STRIPE	\$485.02
STANDARD BATTERIES OF SPOKANE INC	2 SEALED LEAD ACID BATTER	\$184.80
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	ENVELOPES, PAPER/SPECIALT	\$465.14
STATE REPORTER PUBLISHING CO	MT REPORTS V 310	\$226.26
STEWART, ARLENE	240 MILES/MSLA-AIMS CONF	\$229.80
STOICK DRUG	1" BODY WIRE TAPE	\$21.55
STOUT, BONITA L	REIM/SHIP-LAB	\$57.28
STUDIO CASCADE INC	QWEST & MSAG DEVELOPMENT	\$3,500.00
STUFFT, DAVID FRANKLIN	PUB DEF SRVS/JAN 03-FULL	\$5,796.85
STUFFT, TONI	16 FC S&R MILES/NOV 20-30	\$5.84
SUCCESSORIES INC	5 MOTIVATIONAL PICTURES	\$326.95
SULLENS, RON	PLOW ESSEX SITE (3X) 12/2	\$150.00
SULLIVAN, MARK R	APPEAL/THAUT, GARY	\$10,925.52
SUN RENTAL CENTER	DIESEL FUEL	\$485.00
SUNBURST CONSTRUCTION INC	INSTALL METAL DOOR, CAMER	\$1,791.80
SUNRISE ENVIROMENTAL SCIENTIFIC	SPUNK 55	\$1,302.61
SUPER WASH	BUS WASHES 11/4-12/24	\$96.50
SURE-WAY SYSTEMS OF MONTANA INC	HAZWASTE REMOVAL	\$85.42
SWISS CHALET EXCAVATING	CORAM GATE ATTENDANT/JAN	\$300.00
SWITZER, BILLIE	92 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 200	\$24.84
SYKES PHARMACY	RX #57852	\$193.80
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF MONTANA INC	NOV IMPAC	\$9,793.83
TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL #2	TEAMSTERS UNION DUES/AOA	\$176.00
TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL #2	TEAMSTERS UNION DUES/R&B	\$832.00
THIELMAN, DEANNA	REIM/FOOD-DRIVER'S MEETIN	\$23.00
THOENNES, MICHAEL E	REIM/ELEC-DEC 2002	\$52.80
THOMAS, DEAN & HOSKINS INC	SITE PLAN 5/26/02-8/24/02	\$601.00
THOMAS, RONALD	BFORK SITE ATTENDANT/JAN	\$1,150.00
TILLO, TOM	OFFICIATE/2 M LEAGUE-CFAL	\$120.00
TIMIS, JAMES DONALD	PLOW MARION SITE 12/27/02	\$140.00
TIRE-RAMA SERVICE CENTER	REPAIR TIRE	\$20.00
TJ LINEN COMPANY	CLEAN RUGS & COVERALLS	\$1,516.05
TJONES CONSTRUCTION	REPAIR/RAIN GUTTER, CARPE	\$1,665.00
TOMBARGE, BEVERLY J	129 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$34.83

TONERPORT INCORPORATED	5 CARTRIDGES	\$332.88
TOP COPY PRINTING INC	2000 SHEETS OF PROVIDED D	\$127.45
TOTAL ACCESS GROUP INC	CONDOMS	\$209.00
TOTAL SCREEN DESIGN	13 T-SHIRTS/CFALLS GIRLS	\$1,431.05
TOUCH AMERICA INC	LONG DISTANCE	\$1,053.74
TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT INC	WINDSHIELD SOLVENT	\$398.58
TRAVELERS PROPERTY CASUALTY	PREMIUM-AUTO/HSE	\$5,778.08
TRI-STATE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT INC	RETURN SHAFTS	\$894.71
TRIPLE W EQUIPMENT INC	FUEL PUMP, GASKET	\$26,582.29
TRIPP, NELLIE	108 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$29.16
TUMAN, ROBERT KENT	REIM/WRIST BANDS-LIL' HOO	\$118.24
TURNER, JO ANN	84 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 200	\$22.68
TYPEWRITER GUY, THE	CLEAN & INSTALL DATE WHEE	\$80.00
UNGERLEIDER, JIM	25 SW BRD MTG MILES 10/22	\$9.13
UNISOURCE CORPORATION	TOWELS, GRAB-A-RAG WIPER	\$809.63
UNISYS CORPORATION	DEP ADMIN TOOLS	\$3,685.00
UNITED TOOL RENTAL INC	RENT CHIPPER W/HELMET 12/	\$1,952.00
UNITED WAY OF FLATHEAD COUNTY	UNITED WAY DEDUC	\$842.01
UNIVERSAL ATHLETIC SERVICE INC	WHISTLES, SCORE BK BASKET	\$29.86
URECO, INC	64.26 T MAGNESIUM CHLORID	\$9,871.00
US GEN SERV ADMIN/GEN PRODUCTS	12 FIRE SHELTERS W/O CASE	\$2,060.47
VALCON DISTRIBUTING LTD INC	UNLEADED GAS/DEC 2002	\$15,965.50
VALIC	VALIC DEDUC	\$8,265.07
VALLEY BANK OF KALISPELL	TRUST ACCT CHECK ORDER	\$43.50
VALLEY GLASS INC	OUTBOARD LIGHT/TEMPERED O	\$331.08
VALLEY MOTOR SUPPLY, INC	HALOGEN LIGHT	\$8.50
VALLEY UPHOLSTERY	REBUILD CAR SEAT/FULTON	\$75.00
VAN ALSTINE, ROBERT	1 C 'WORDWORKER'	\$12.95
VAN SWEDEN, ROBERT P	93 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 200	\$63.99
VANN'S	AM/FM RADIO TUNER/WEATHER	\$199.99
VENTURA CO DCSS	CHLD SUP/JELLESED, JAMES	\$206.96
VERIZON WIRELESS	MOTOROLA CELL W/CHARGER	\$983.87
VIELLEUX, LARRY JOE	ESSEX SITE ATTENDANT/JAN	\$210.00
VIKING OFFICE PRODUCTS	SELF-ADHV CALENDARS	\$301.94
VINJE, HELEN	72 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 200	\$19.44
VIOLENCE FREE CRISIS LINE	REIM/HIV EXPENSES (JAN-DE	\$991.75
VISA	NORTON GHOST SOFTWARE/SO	\$2,722.90
VOERMANS, JOSEPH	135 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$36.45
VOLUNTEER SOFTWARE	TRAINING SOFTWARE	\$50.00
WALSTENS GARAGE DOORS INC	REPAIR DOORS	\$292.00
WECKWIRTH, NORMA J	REIM/HAMMER, PLIERS, TAPE	\$16.27
WELLS FARGO BANK	CREDIT CARD MEMBERSHIP	\$45.00
WEST CIRCLE BOOKS INC	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$444.53
WESTERN ACE HOME CENTER	FINISH NAILS, SCREWS, SHI	\$120.66
WESTERN BUILDING CENTER	LATEX BONDER	\$252.92
WESTERN ELECTRONICS	GUARD	\$1,900.50
WESTERN MONTANA MENTAL HEALTH CENTE	3RD QTR CNTY CONTRIB/FY 0	\$7,146.00
WESTERN MONTANA MENTAL HEALTH CTNR.	PSYCH SRVS/DEC 2002	\$600.00
WESTERN PLAINS MACHINERY	GEAR BOX, FREIGHT	\$961.26
WESTERN POLICE SUPPLY	STARS/HUTTON	\$10.75
WESTERN POWER & EQUIPMENT	KNIVES	\$1,231.96
WESTERN STATES EQUIPMENT COMPANY	FILTER	\$21,879.66
WESTERN STATES INSURANCE	NOTARY BOND/KUNDA, SUSAN	\$2,015.00
WESTERN STATES SHERIFFS' ASSN	MEMB DUES/DUPONT, JAMES	\$380.00
WESTWOOD, BRENDA JOANNE	PERDIEM/MSLA-'CAN WE TALK	\$150.80
WHEATLAND FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	50' HYD EXT HOSE W/COUPLI	\$1,830.50
WHITEFISH AUTO PARTS INC	HOSE, HOSE ENDS	\$55.82
WHITEFISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	2003 DUES/FLTHD CNTY	\$150.00
WHITEFISH CREDIT UNION	WHITEFISH CU DEDUC	\$39,091.76
WHITEFISH GOLDEN AGERS	DEC 2002/SWIM CLASSES (BA	\$1,297.12
WHITEFISH WESTERN BUILDING CENTER	BOLTS, SCREWS, WOOD	\$839.33
WILDER, DR WALLACE S	MED SRVS/2 HRS-OCT 2002	\$417.00
WILLSON, LINDA	REIM/QUILTING FABRIC	\$262.19
WILSON, DANIEL	4.7 HRS LGL SRVS/NOV 1-26	\$188.00
WIP SERVICES	GARNISH/ANDERSON, KRISTEN	\$96.07
WITTKE USA	BELT SCRAPER, FRT	\$259.35
WITTLAKE, REA	135 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 20	\$36.45
WOLL, PETE C	28MILES 1/22-WEED BRD MTG	\$10.08
WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL RODEO ASSOC.	APPROVAL FEES/2003 RODEO	\$100.00
WOOLARD, MARVIN	72 MILES/9 FAIR BRD MTGS	\$26.28
WORKPLACE INC	TEMP/BILLSBOROUGH, JERI L	\$2,643.59
WYETH AYERST LABORATORIES	MED SUP/2 ALLESSE,5 TRIPH	\$526.75
XEROX CORPORATION	COPIER MAINTENANCE	\$82.00
XEROX CORPORATION	COPIER MAINTENANCE	\$267.51
XEROX CORPORATION	COPIER MAINT/DEC 2002	\$354.80
YATCHAK, JANET A	202 FC S&R MILES/SEP 21-N	\$73.73
YERIAN, LARRY	REIM/ELEC-EC 2002	\$40.32
YOUNGS	1 SMOKERS; OUTPOST 42"HX1	\$110.54
ZALLER, GENEVIEVE	91 RSVP MILES/OCT-DEC 200	\$24.57
ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE	1ST AID SUPPLIES	\$536.42
ZELLMER, WYNNE	REIM/HOTEL-MSLA HAZMAT TR	\$107.80

TOTAL VENDOR ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH \$1,831,146.46

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Minutes for the month of January, 2003, approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY: /s/Robert W. Watne

Robert W. Watne, Chairman

BY: /s/ Paula Robinson  
Paula Robinson, Clerk and Recorder