

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 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.

No meeting scheduled.

At 5:00 P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on February 11, 2003.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 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.

MEETING W/DON BOTHWELL/WADDELL & REED RE: COUNTY 457 RETIREMENT PLAN

Present at the February 11, 2003 8:30 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Watne, Commissioners Gipe and Hall, Don Bothwell, and Clerk Eggum.

This meeting did not take place.

MONTHLY MEETING W/JAY SCOTT, FAIRGROUNDS

Present at the February 11, 2003 9:00 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Gipe and Hall, Fair Director Jay Scott, Road and Bridge Superintendent Charlie Johnson, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

General discussion was held relative to MDOT request for right-of-way; new building - fill required not budgeted for; sprinkler system; concert plans.

BUDGET REVIEW 2003/6 MONTHS

Present at the February 11, 2003 9:15 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Gipe and Hall, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Avery reviewed an encapsulation of the 2002-2003 budgets. Any shortage of the intrafund will come out of the building fund.

9:30 A.M. Quarterly Juvenile Detention Facility Tour

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: DPHHS CONTRACT #03-07-3-01-009-0

Present at the February 11, 2003 10:00 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Gipe and Hall, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Acting Chairman Gipe reviewed Task Order No. 03-07-3-01-009-0 to the Flathead County Master Contract that Covers the Period July 1, 1998, through June 30, 2005 (Flathead County and the Montana Obesity Prevention Program).

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve Contract #03-07-3-01-009-0 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Gipe **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Gipe and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

BOARD APPOINTMENT: EAGLE TRANSIT

Present at the February 11, 2003 10:00 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Gipe and Hall, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve the appointment of Donna R. Maddux to the Transportation Advisory Board. Commissioner Gipe **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Gipe and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR CLOSURE OF COURTHOUSE WEST PARK ROAD 7-10-03/ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN OF THE FLATHEAD

Present at the February 11, 2003 10:00 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Gipe and Hall, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Acting Chairman Gipe reviewed a letter from Joan Hula requesting closure of the curved drive through the park July 10, 11, 12, and 13 for the Artists and Craftsmen of the Flathead show.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve closure of the curved drive through the park July 10, 11, 12, and 13, 2003. Commissioner Gipe **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Gipe and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR EXTENDED COMP TIME/D. MURER

Present at the February 11, 2003 10:00 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Gipe and Hall, Election Administrator Dianne Murer, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Acting Chairman Gipe reviewed a letter from Dianne M. Murer requesting an extension request for use of comp time to the end of May, 2003.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve an extension request to May 31, 2003. Commissioner Gipe **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Gipe and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

10:00 A.M. Commissioner Gipe is to travel to Helena

3:00 P.M. Commissioner Gipe is to attend the Legislature in Helena.

At 5:00 P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on February 12, 2003.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 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.

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

3:00 P.M. Commissioner Hall is to attend the Legislative Meeting at Commissioners Meeting Room

At 5:00 P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on February 13, 2003.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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.

MONTHLY MEETING W/FORREST SANDERSON, PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE

Present at the February 13, 2003 9:00 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Gipe and Hall, Planning and Zoning Director, Forrest Sanderson, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

General discussion was held relative to Kalispell Chamber luncheon; request from Northwest Montana Resources request for support; grants needs assessment public hearing at City Hall; projects; legislative session.

AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: WHITEFISH HILLS ZONE CHANGE/BLANCHARD LAKE AND HIGHWAY 93 NORTH ZONING DISTRICT

Present at the February 13, 2003 9:00 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Gipe and Hall, Tom Sands of Sands Surveying, Deputy County Attorney Jonathan Smith, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Smith advised that this was a substantive change and the Flathead County Planning Board recommended denial of the zone change. Sands suggested the public hearing be held. Smith responded that since the county has not adopted a growth policy there really was no point as this would be a substantive change.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to continue consideration of the publication until the growth policy issue has been resolved. Commissioner Gipe **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Gipe and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

CONSIDERATION OF LIGHTING CONTRACT/JUSTICE CENTER

Present at the February 13, 2003 9:00 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Gipe and Hall, Deputy County Attorney Jonathan Smith, Deputy County Attorney Deputy County Attorney, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Acting Chairman Gipe reviewed a lighting replacement agreement for the Justice Center.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve the Electrical Systems, Inc. and Flathead Electric Cooperative, Inc. Commercial Lighting Rebate Application Form and Agreement and Municipal Lease Agreement. Commissioner Gipe **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Gipe and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT W/PATTY ARNOLD

Present at the February 13, 2003 9:30 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Gipe and Hall, Treasurer Patty Arnold, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Arnold reviewed the pooled investment program report noting that interest is still low and if the US goes to war it will go even lower.

Arnold discussed Evergreen Sewer assessments. Denning and Downing did an audit. A majority of the adjustments were made on the 2001 – 2002 tax bills, however, 23 properties needed refunds due to either prepayment or excessive overcharges and one tax abatement request was received. Arnold was requesting a directive from the Commissioners relative to the refunds.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to prepare and distribute the 23 refunds as proposed. Commissioner Gipe **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Watne and Gipe. Motion carried unanimously.

Arnold presented the Commissioners with a list of the top taxpayers in Flathead County, marketable taxable real estate, number of notices, dollar amount charged since 1975, spread sheet on real estate taxes and delinquencies on a five year basis and overall; and the same for personal properties.

FINAL PLAT: BLAINE MOUNTAIN ESTATES

Present at the February 13, 2003 9:45 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Gipe and Hall, Planner Johna Morrison, Susan Gendreau, Jim Burton of Jackola Engineering, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Morrison reviewed the Staff Report for Blaine Mountain Estates Subdivision which will create a one lot minor subdivision along Creston Road, approximately 10 miles east of Kalispell. The subject property is 2.00 acres in size and is located in an unzoned portion of Flathead County. Preliminary plat approval was waived on July 31, 2002,

subject to seven conditions. All conditions have been met or otherwise addressed by the applicant, Sandra Lynn Babich. Staff recommends approval of Final Plat of Blaine Mountain Estates Subdivision.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to adopt staff report FWP-03-05 as Findings of Fact. Commissioner Gipe seconded the motion. **Aye** – Gipe and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve Final Plat for Blaine Mountain Estates Subdivision. Commissioner Gipe seconded the motion. **Aye** – Gipe and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

CONSIDERATION OF INSERTION IN PAYROLL

Present at the February 13, 2003 9:45 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Gipe and Hall, David Wojciechowski, Assistant Avery, and Clerk Eggum.

Wojciechowski requested permission to insert information relative to FamilyLife presents a Weekend to Remember a seminar presented by FamilyLife.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve insertion of FamilyLife information into paycheck distribution. Commissioner Gipe seconded the motion. **Aye** – Gipe and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

- 10:00 A.M. Commissioner Hall is to travel to Helena**
- 2:00 P.M. AOA Board Meeting at Kalispell Senior Center**
- 3:00 P.M. Commissioner Hall is to attend the Legislature in Helena**
- 7:30 P.M. Fair Board Meeting at Fair Office**

At 5:00 P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on February 14, 2003.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 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.

No meeting scheduled.

At 5:00 P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on February 17, 2003.
