
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2011

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

Chairman Dupont opened public comment on matters within the Commissions' Jurisdiction, no one present to speak, Chairman Dupont closed the public comment period.

MONTHLY MEETING W/ JIM ATKINSON, AOA

[9:00:15 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman
Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, AOA Director Jim Atkinson, Clerk Kile

Atkinson reviewed monthly statistics for ridership, home delivered meals and independent living services. He reported RSVP funding was reduced by 20 percent, so necessary cuts will be made and their budget resubmitted to meet the constraints. Discussion was held relative to Margie's Café and J.R.'s at Gateway West Mall. Atkinson then spoke about preparing a proposal for a new building and explained if the commission would dedicate the price they are currently paying for rent and commit to a piece of land, entities feel they could raise additional funds locally in the next few years to pay for the building. He then reviewed incidents related to accidents and explained procedures were not followed in a timely manner.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: EXTENSION OF BUS WRAP CONTRACT/ CHANDLER

[9:24:46 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman
Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Eagle Transit Director Dave Polansky, Gary Walrack, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Lauman made a **motion** to approve extending the contract for bus wraps with Chandler. Commissioner Holmquist **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Dupont, Lauman and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: FAIR COMMISSION BY-LAWS

[9:25:53 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman
Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Fairground Operations Manager Mark Campbell, Mike Mower, Mike McAlpin, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to authorize chair to sign the by-laws. Commissioner Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Dupont, Lauman and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: DPHHS CONTRACT #12-07-301-005-0

[9:27:49 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman
Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Lauman made a **motion** to approve DPHHS Contract #12-07-301-005-0. Commissioner Holmquist **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Dupont, Lauman and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF PRINT BID: SHERIFF'S OFFICE

[9:28:49 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman
Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Lauman made a **motion** to award the print bid to O'Neil Printers for 1,500 evidence recovery logs on NCR paper for \$194.00. Commissioner Holmquist **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Dupont, Lauman and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

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FY10 AUDIT REPORT SUMMARY

[9:30:02 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman
Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Clerk & Recorder Paula Robinson, Treasurer Adele Krantz, Finance Director Sandra Carlson, I.T. Director Vicki Saxby, Finance Technician Lora Burger, Stefani Freese, Clerk Kile

Stefani Freese, External Auditor with Anderson Zurmuehlen & Company summarized the 2010 Audit Report prepared for Flathead County. She reported the overall audit opinion on financial statements for the county was an unqualified opinion, and explained there were a couple of findings on the financial statement with a significant deficiency. Other findings were in the single audit area regarding compliance with federal requirements governing grants.

MEETING W/ ALEX HOGLE, PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE RE: CTEP UPDATE

[9:54:59 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Members absent:

Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Planning & Zoning Director B. J. Grieve, Planner Alex Hogle, Weed & Parks Director Jed Fisher, Rick Trembath, Allen Sieler, Jim Watson, Anna Stene, Barry Conger, Clerk Kile

Hogle briefed the commission on the status of Sam Bibler Willow Glen, Lakeside Blacktail Road, Bigfork Swan River Road and Old Red Bridge CTEP projects. He explained there are concerns regarding Sam Bibler Willow Glen that is nearing completion, yet is short \$8,041.00 of their local match and in order for the project to close out the amount of match must be paid into the program. He stated the Lakeside Blacktail Road application has been received by MDOT and they have questioned a federal requirement to recapture (IDC) indirect costs, which was explained, will come out of the \$300,000 of CTEP money allocated. Status of the Bigfork Swan River Road was reviewed and Hogle stated he anticipated the application would come before them for consideration in approximately 3 to 4 weeks. The Columbia Falls Old Red Bridge project was also reviewed along with concerns regarding the estimated cost for the project starting out at \$850,000 and the most recent estimate at \$1.9 million. Hogle asked for direction from the commission regarding the Columbia Falls Red Bridge project.

General discussion was held relative to current funds available for the Columbia Falls Red Bridge project, in which Barry Conger stated \$50,000 has been set aside, not counting the commitment from the City of Columbia Falls. He reviewed other funding options available once a decision is made to move forward with the application.

Hogle pointed out amenities proposed for the project could be scaled back at this point in order to move forward with their application.

Chairman Dupont stated he is looking at reality in that they have \$50,000 in funds; CTEP is another \$500,000, which leaves an incredibly large gap.

Anne Stene, Grant Coordinator for the project spoke about various potential funding options being looked at.

Discussion continued regarding work that will be done by the City of Columbia Falls that is not included in the \$50,000 and other pending CTEP projects.

Chairman Dupont stated a pledge is a pledge, and would like something more firm than a pledge from funding sources. He said if you have a commitment I will go along with it, but a pledge is not good.

Discussion continued and a timeline of four months was given to First Best Place Task Force to come up with firm figures for the proposed Red Bridge Project.

CONSIDERATION OF MILL LEVY: MONTANA WEST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (PORT AUTHORITY)

[10:37:31 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Members absent:

Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Director Montana West Economic Development Kellie Danielson, Clerk Kile

Danielson briefly summarized their proposed budget and explained the request is to levy two (2) mills again this year to further economic development in Flathead County.

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to approve the two (2) mill levy request for Port Authority. Chairman Dupont **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Dupont and Holmquist. Motion carried by quorum.

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CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION REQUEST: LAKESHORE PERMIT/ FLATHEAD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

[10:42:02 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Members absent:

Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Planning & Zoning Director B. J. Grieve, Planner Bailey Minnich, Clerk Kile

Minnich reviewed the request from Flathead Electric for a one year extension for Lakeshore Permit FLP 10-72; a project located at 5379 Hwy 93 in Somers. The one-year extension would extend to December 22, 2012.

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to approve the extension request. Chairman Dupont **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Dupont and Holmquist. Motion carried by quorum.

CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION REQUEST: LAKESHORE PERMIT/ MENEGAZZI

[10:43:51 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Members absent:

Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Planning & Zoning Director B. J. Grieve, Planner Bailey Minnich, Clerk Kile

Minnich reviewed the request from Menegazzi for a one-year extension for Lakeshore Permit FLP 10-43; a project located at 585 Blaine Lakeshore Drive on Lake Blaine. The one-year extension would extend to June 22, 2012.

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to approve the extension request for Menegazzi. Chairman Dupont **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Dupont and Holmquist. Motion carried by quorum.

CONSIDERATION OF LAKESHORE PERMIT: THOMPSON

[10:43:42 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Members absent:

Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Planning & Zoning Director B. J. Grieve, Planner Bailey Minnich, Clerk Kile

Minnich entered into record Lakeshore Permit FLP 11-20; an application submitted by Mike Thompson to install a retaining wall and patio above the high water mark on Echo Lake. The retaining wall is proposed to be a dry stacked stonewall approximately 3 feet tall by 30 feet long. The patio proposed is to be dry laid stone approximately 12 feet wide by 18 feet long.

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to approve Lakeshore Permit FLP 11-20 with attached conditions. Chairman Dupont **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Dupont and Holmquist. Motion carried by quorum.

BOARD APPOINTMENT: RSVP BOARD

[10:45:16 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Members absent: -

Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to appoint Cindy Slyh-Curtis to RSVP. Chairman Dupont **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Dupont and Holmquist. Motion carried by quorum.

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DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: ABELIN TRAFFIC, INC. AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES/ MONEGAN ROAD

[10:45:53 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Members absent:

Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Public Works Director Dave Prunty, Clerk Kile

Prunty explained the request is for a traffic study for a potential RSID on Monegan Road in Whitefish. He noted the scope of work would help to identify the percentage of traffic that is local, and which is thru-traffic to determine the RSID cost.

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to approve the traffic study agreement with Abelin Traffic, Inc. Chairman Dupont **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Dupont and Holmquist. Motion carried by quorum.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: JACKOLA ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES/ RSID #152 (BERNE ROAD)

[10:47:19 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Members absent:

Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Public Works Director Dave Prunty, Toby McIntosh, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to approve the engineering agreement with Jackola Engineering for RSID #152. Chairman Dupont **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Dupont and Holmquist. Motion carried by quorum.

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on May 17, 2011.

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011

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

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

Jim Clark said he came to ask for copies of meeting minutes from meetings the commissioners have been holding with the Lakeside Community Council. He stated they will not give him any minutes, so would like to know where these meetings are being held so he can attend them.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: NOONAN, ET AL (B-2HG GENERAL BUSINESS HIGHWAY GREENBELT) TEXT AMENDMENT/ FLATHEAD COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS

[9:30:32 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman
Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Planning & Zoning Director B. J. Grieve, Deputy County Attorney Peter Steele, Bryce Mideke, Darlene Jump-Rauthe, Sharon DeMeester, Marilyn Noonan, Rick Myers, Mayre Flowers, Clerk Kile

Grieve detailed the text amendment proposal to create a new zoning district classification known as B-2HG General Business Highway Greenbelt, which would be a zoning district intended to provide for impact-mitigated sales and service functions to be applied along major highway corridors. History of the application and the planning board's actions he reviewed in detail.

Chairman Dupont opened the public hearing to anyone wishing to speak in regards to the text amendment.

Marilyn Noonan, the applicant for the proposed zoning district reviewed the reasoning behind the new zoning district that she stated would address issues that have come up with other highway corridor zones and larger setbacks. She explained they were open to changes regarding permitted uses, building restrictions, highway access and abutting neighbors. She stated any changes they could make to the document in order to make it work out for everyone they would agree to.

Darlene Jump-Rauthe, 687 Scenic Drive spoke in support of the text amendment.

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Sharon DeMeester, 415 Chestnut Drive spoke about concerns related to density, setbacks, arterial access, frontage roads, nodule development and compatibility with zoning in the City of Kalispell. She submitted a copy of comments presented to the planning board earlier.

Bryce Mideke stated he is a proponent of bike trails and said he personally likes strip development. He said he feels the greenbelt-zoning district offers a nice mix.

Mayre Flowers, Citizens for a Better Flathead spoke in support of the planning board's denial recommendation. She stated the comments submitted by the City of Kalispell detail the significant issues with the plan. Flowers spoke about concerns with the findings of facts 1, 2, and 8 and urged the proposal be sent back to the planning board.

Rick Myers, 15 Miranda Drive stated he supported the proposed text amendment. He said there are many residential properties along Hwy. 93 that are limited to what they can do with their property.

No one else rising to speak, Chairman Dupont closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Holmquist stated she appreciated the comments made today which will be taken under consideration. She said as a business owner she feels highways are for businesses, and added she has ideas she would like to run by planning staff.

Commissioner Lauman said issues expressed to them need addressed. He spoke about concern regarding which public roads would be affected, and stated he supports the idea of meeting with planning staff to work out concerns.

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to take under consideration the proposed text amendment. Commissioner Lauman **seconded** the motion.

Chairman Dupont asked if the commission or planning board would address the concerns expressed.

General discussion was held relative to tweaking the version brought before them.

Aye – Dupont, Lauman and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on May 18, 2011.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2011

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

- 9:15 a.m. RSVP Board meeting @ Heritage Place**
- 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Holmquist: Flathead Basin Commission meeting**
- 11:00 a.m. County Attorney meeting @ Co. Atty's Office**
- 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Holmquist: Klemmer Seminar @ RWR Contractors Bldg.**

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on May 19, 2011.

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011

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

- 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Holmquist: Community Health Center Coordinating Committee meeting @ Earl Bennett Bldg.**
- 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Dupont & Holmquist: Governor Schweitzer flood briefing @ OES**

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on May 20, 2011.

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2011

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

- 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Holmquist: Flathead Regional Wastewater Mgmt. Group meeting @ EBB**

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on May 23, 2011.
