
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 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.

NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on October 25, 2011.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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. Quarterly Jail Facility Tour
5:00 p.m. Commissioner Dupont: Refuse Board meeting @ Solid Waste District Office
7:00 p.m. Commissioner Holmquist: River Commission meeting @ Earl Bennett Building

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on October 26, 2011.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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.

MEETING W/ CHIP WEBER, FOREST SERVICE RE: UPDATE

[9:00:27 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Members absent:

Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Sheriff Chuck Curry, Undersheriff Jordan White, Radio System Administrator Jack Spillman, Forest Service Supervisor Chip Weber, Forest Service Representatives: Rob Carlin, Melissa Wilson, Gary Danczyk, Clerk Kile

General discussion was held relative to emergency communications coverage in the Lakeside and Somers area.

Weber explained the Forest Service would continue to coordinate with the county regarding coverage and work towards a solution that meets everyone's needs.

Sheriff Curry said his department has pretty much explored every option available to them, and stated any help from the Forest Service would be appreciated.

Weber presented an update to the commission regarding fuel reduction treatment, wildlife habitat, secure rural schools, expenditure of stimulus funds, avalanche awareness programs, economic opportunities, aquatic invasive species, forest service roads, marketing of bio-mass, the importance of conservation strategy planning and concerns related to the historical statue on Big Mountain.

MONTHLY MEETING W/ DAVE PRUNTY, SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

[9:37:55 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Members absent:

Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Public Works Director Dave Prunty, Solid Waste Operations Manager Jim Chilton, Clerk Kile

Prunty reported the Solid Waste Board passed a motion recommending the commission proceed forward with the acquisition of three acres for the Canyon green box site.

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Commissioner Lauman made a motion to proceed forward with making an offer on the Canyon container site currently owned by Martin Marietta Materials. Chairman Dupont **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Dupont and Lauman. Motion carried by quorum.

Prunty then reported a 25.66-acre parcel next to the landfill is currently in foreclosure, which the district is interested in acquiring. He stated the Solid Waste Board also passed a motion to proceed forward with the purchase of the home and property.

Commissioner Lauman made a **motion** to authorize Dave Prunty to negotiate on the potential purchase of the T. B. Gray property adjacent to the county landfill to the appraised value as allowed by state law. Chairman Dupont **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Dupont and Lauman. Motion carried by quorum.

In other business, he reported on landfill operations, litter issues and renewal of a ground water monitoring contract.

BI-MONTHLY MEETING W/ KIM CROWLEY, LIBRARY

[10:00:18 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Members absent:

Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Library Director Kim Crowley, Clerk Kile

Crowley reviewed with the commission the following FY11 Public Library Data Services Statistical Report.

**FY 11 Public Library Data Service Statistical Report
FCLS service population, the population of Flathead County, is 90,028
Output Characteristics per \$1,000 of Expenditures by Population Category 49,999 – 100,000**

| | Nationwide | FCLS | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------|--|--|--|
| Library Visits | 153.05 | 275.96 | | | |
| Circulation | 252.43 | 414.05 | | | |
| Program Attendance | 8.71 | 9.91 | | | |
| Library Cardholders | 17.84 | 29.48 | | | |
| Expenditures per capita | 48.64 | 15.99 | | | |
| Revenue per capita | 49.08 | 16.61 | | | |

MEETING W/ KELLIE DANIELSON, MWED RE: UPDATE

[10:15:51 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Members absent:

Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, MWED Executive Director Kellie Danielson, Clerk Kile

Danielson met with the commission and summarized work with potential new businesses and spoke about new jobs created.

QUARTERLY MEETING W/ BIGFORK STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

[10:30:58 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Members absent:

Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Grant Writer Debbie Pierson, BSAC Chairperson Sue Hanson, Clerk Kile

Hanson reviewed the following Bigfork Stormwater Quarterly Report with the commission.

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Sue Hanson
Chairman
837-5323
David Christensen
Vice Chairman
837-4565
Harry Hyatt
982-3428



Bob Keenan
250-4111
Paul Rana
837-1102
Mike Koopal
Whitefish Lake Institute
862-4327

220 Swan River Road, Bigfork, MT 59911

A. Grand Drive Project: The project nears completion. All that remains is the installation of the slip lining at the public dock discharge.

B. Sample Analysis Program: Post Construction Sample Analysis funding has been secured (pending approval by DEQ) for testing of the two discharges with treatment devices installed by Phase I, Phase II and Phase III.

C. RSID Process: The survey mailing was completed last week with a deadline of November 15, 2011. Tabulation will be completed "in house". The Chairman has received several phone calls and emails with various questions regarding the survey. All communications stated the information included in the letter and brochure was useful and well done.

D. River Street: Construction began September 19, 2011 and nears completion of both Phase II (Electric Avenue North) & Phase III (River Street alley between Electric Avenue Gifts and The Bigfork Theatre for the Performing Arts). Rain delayed the schedule somewhat, however, we have received many positive comments on the job done by the Contractor and 48-North.

E. Bridge Street North and South Engineering: Construction Engineering has begun on the southern portion of the project which includes the South portion of Electric Avenue, Bridge Street north of the bridge and Bridge Street on the south end of the Bigfork Bay. Monitoring wells have been installed to collect readings on ground water levels.

F. Grant Funding: The decision was made to withdraw our grant request for DEQ 319 funds. Existing grant funds have been reallocated to allow for the Post Construction Sample Analysis and Education & Outreach funding.

G. Education & Outreach: The process has been initiated to establish the "Educating Future Flathead Watershed Citizens" in the Bigfork Elementary Schools. The program was implemented in the Polson schools several years ago and has been quite successful.

AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST/ TOTAL LABEL USA

[10:45:56 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Members absent:

Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Peter Steele, Clerk Kile

Pence noted Total Label invested an additional \$1.4 million in new production and peripheral equipment.

Commissioner Lauman made a **motion** to authorize chair to sign the Notice of Public Hearing for Total Label. Chairman Dupont **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Dupont and Lauman. Motion carried by quorum.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, hereby gives notice, pursuant to Sections 15-24-1402 and 76-15-103, M.C.A., that it will hold a public hearing to consider the application of Total Label USA, LLC, located at 500 Label Lane in Whitefish, Montana, seeking the application of tax reducing benefits for the additional \$1,421,537.00 worth of new equipment and improvements added to the current facility. If the application is granted, the increased value will be taxed at fifty percent of its taxable value in the first five years after approval; in each year thereafter, the percentage will be increased by 10 percent until the full taxable value is attained in the tenth year.

The public hearing will be held on the **21st day of November, 2011, at 9:30 o'clock a.m.**, in the Office of the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, Courthouse, West Annex, 800 South Main Street, Kalispell, Montana. At the public hearing, the Board of Commissioners will give members of the public an opportunity to be heard regarding the application for tax reduction of the Total Label USA, LLC facility.

DATED this 26th day of October, 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Flathead County, Montana

ATTEST:
Paula Robinson, Clerk

By/s/Diana Kile

By/s/James R. Dupont
James, R. Dupont, Chairman

Publish on October 31 and November 14, 2011.

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QUITCLAIM DEEDS: SCHRAEDER AND CAVERLY (MC CAFFERY ROAD)

[10:46:46 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Members absent:

Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Peter Steele, Clerk Kile

Steele explained the quitclaim deed will allow them to correct the positioning of a road currently not in the right place. He noted both landowners would give an easement back to the county to have the county road in the proper place.

Commissioner Lauman made a **motion** to authorize chair to sign the quitclaims deeds. Chairman Dupont **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Dupont and Lauman. Motion carried by quorum.

DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURE: TIGER GRANT SUPPORT LETTERS

[10:51:18 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Members absent:

Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Peter Steele, Planning & Zoning Director B. J. Grieve, Clerk Kile

Pence explained the support letter request is for the Port of Northern Montana Multimodal Hub Center, for which the Northern Express Transportation Authority has requested \$9,998,910 in TIGER III federal grant funding.

Commissioner Lauman made a **motion** to approve the document for signature. Chairman Dupont **seconded** the motion.

Chairman Dupont said this is a \$10 million dollar grant and questioned where the spending would stop; we are all concerned about the federal government spending money yet we keep asking for more.

Nay – Dupont and Lauman. Motion failed.

Pence explained the next support letter pertains to the Highway 93 by-pass.

Commissioner Lauman made a **motion** to approve sending a support letter for the Montana Department of Transportation's TIGER grant application for completion of the Highway 93 by-pass.

Chairman Dupont explained the Highway 93 bypass project has been in the works for several years, and is a project that needs to be finalized. He noted back in 1985 he starting attending Highway 93 by-pass meetings.

Chairman Dupont **seconded** the motion.

Commissioner Lauman stated he supported completing the project that benefits local citizens.

Aye – Dupont and Lauman. Motion carried by quorum.

Pence explained the next request is a grant application for Montana Multimodal Connector Corridor for FVCC for \$10 million in TIGER discretionary grant funding to implement transportation improvements.

Commissioner Lauman made a **motion** to approve the FVCC TIGER Grant application. Chairman Dupont **seconded** the motion.

Chairman Dupont said again it is not the county asking for money; it's the State of Montana asking for discretionary funds. **Aye** – Dupont and Lauman. Motion carried by quorum.

CONSIDERATION OF WESTERN STATES INSURANCE WORKERS' COMPENSATION QUOTE

[10:56:07 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Members absent:

Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Clerk Kile

Pence stated his recommendation is to go with the guaranteed plan and step out of the retrospective plan at this point of time.

Commissioner Lauman stated he agreed as well to go with the guaranteed plan.

Commissioner Lauman made a **motion** to go with the guaranteed plan with Liberty Northwest. Chairman Dupont **seconded** the motion.

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Chairman Dupont said the county has been successful with the retro plan, yet does not see any benefit in taking the risk now.

Aye – Dupont and Lauman. Motion carried by quorum.

AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH CALL FOR BIDS: RUBBER TIRE HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR

10:45:35 AM

Members present:

Chairman James R. Dupont
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Members absent:

Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist

Others present:

Assistant Mike Pence, Fleet & Shop Supervisor Corey Pilsch, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Lauman made a **motion** to authorize publication of the call for bids request for a Rubber Tire Hydraulic Excavator. Chairman Dupont **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Dupont and Lauman. Motion carried by quorum.

CALL FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, will receive bids on one rubber tire hydraulic excavator for purchase. Bidder may submit bids on several machines. Individual price for each unit must be stated.

County may choose any unit in each bid package.

The specifications for said rubber tire hydraulic excavator may be obtained at the County Clerk and Records Office, 800 South Main, Kalispell, MT 59901, or may be requested by calling (406)758-5537

Bidder shall submit a bid as per the specifications.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, a bid security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of his bid to secure the bidder's express covenant that if the bidder is awarded the contract, the bidder will, within ten (10) days, enter into a formal contract for the purchase and sale of said unit. Bid security shall be payable to Flathead County and shall be in the form of lawful money of the United States; a cashier's check, certified check, bank money- order or bank draft issued by a Montana bank, or a bid bond executed by a surety corporation authorized to do business in Montana.

Each bidder shall include with the bid, the form of contract to be signed. Bidder must be able to deliver the machine within 30 days of bid award letter date. Flathead County reserves the right to negotiate the terms of said proposed contract (excluding prices contained therein). In awarding the bid, the age, mileage, condition of the vehicle and tires, and the terms of any warranty the bidder is willing to offer, as well as the bid price, will be taken into account in order that the department can select the best overall vehicle from the bids submitted.

All sealed bids, **plainly marked as such**, must be in the hands of the County Clerk and Recorder, 800 South Main, Kalispell, MT 59901, on or before November 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Bids will be opened and read immediately thereafter in the Commissioners' Chambers at 800 South Main, Kalispell, Montana.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Flathead County.

The award of a bid will be made solely by the issuance of a letter of award to the successful bidder by the Office of the Flathead County Clerk and Recorder.

Dated this 26th day of October, 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Flathead County, Montana

ATTEST:

Paula Robinson, Clerk

By/s/James R. Dupont
James R. Dupont, Chairman

By/s/Diana Kile
Diana Kile, Deputy

Publish on October 31 and November 7, 2011.

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

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on October 27, 2011.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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.

NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on October 28, 2011.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 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.

NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on October 31, 2011.
