
MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2012

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.

COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on January 3, 2012.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012

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.

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Donald Hellman, 4232 Hughes Bay Road spoke about concerns regarding a Lakeshore Permit issued to his neighbor on Flathead Lake. He presented pictures to the commission of structures built by his neighbor. He then spoke about concerns regarding a 10 foot variance issued to his neighbor by the county. Hellman was advised by the commission they would follow up with the Planning and Zoning Office with his concerns.

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

QUARTERLY MEETING W/ MARCIA SHEFFELS, SUPT. OF SCHOOLS

[9:00:38 AM](#)

Chairman James R. Dupont, Commissioner Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Superintendent of Schools Marcia Sheffels, Clerk Kile

Sheffels presented and reviewed the Flathead County Schools Statistical Report with the commission. The following are enrollment statistics and a ten-year enrollment comparison as of October 3, 2011.

**FLATHEAD COUNTY SCHOOLS
ENROLLMENT
AS OF OCTOBER 3, 2011**

PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICTS	UN- GRADED	K	PRE								TOTAL	
			FIRST	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH		8TH
Bigfork		49		50	61	53	54	59	56	57	56	495
Cayuse Prairie		28		24	27	19	18	19	17	22	24	198
Columbia Falls		128		152	150	152	150	147	161	177	159	1376
Creston		15		11	13	11	17	9	11	0	0	87
Deer Park		14		3	7	7	8	10	6	7	4	66
Evergreen		77		79	79	77	98	84	89	72	84	739
Fair-Mont-Egan		16		21	17	16	16	20	18	24	21	169
Helena Flats		19		18	21	26	20	30	23	28	27	212
Kalispell		358		333	317	309	293	295	335	337	373	2950
Kila		20		13	19	23	16	20	17	12	15	155
Marion		10		8	13	14	17	9	10	13	11	105
Olney/Bissell		11		11	13	10	15	11	8	9	6	94
Pleasant Valley		2		0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	6
Somers		69		65	53	72	63	77	48	67	69	583
Smith Valley		36		22	22	19	28	24	19	14	14	198
Swan River		14		18	21	14	26	15	17	14	21	160
West Glacier		10		9	3	2	2	3	2	0	0	31
West Valley		62		57	56	53	54	61	54	42	46	485
Whitefish		128		117	130	111	119	97	120	152	136	1110
TOTAL	0	1066	0	1011	1023	988	1014	991	1011	1048	1067	9219
PRIVATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS												
Glacier Waldorf												0
Individual Education Center												0
Kalispell Montessori		0		12	11	8	14	14	8	0	0	67
St. Matthew's		19		15	18	26	20	24	17	17	20	176
Stillwater Christian (Flathead Christian)		13		13	13	18	20	27	20	17	30	171
Trinity Lutheran		22		13	14	17	18	17	13	8	14	136
Valley Adventist		0		0	1	0	0	2	2	0	1	6
Whitefish Christian Academy		6		15	8	9	10	8	8	1	2	67
Woodland Montessori		6		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Home Schools	108	13		16	33	23	32	38	37	29	35	364
TOTAL	108	79	0	84	98	101	114	130	105	72	102	993
TOTAL COUNTY ELEMENTARY	108	1145	0	1095	1121	1089	1128	1121	1116	1120	1169	10212
PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS												
				GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12	TOTAL				
Bigfork				71	60	65	63	259				
Columbia Falls				230	163	166	162	721				
Kalispell				702	676	715	654	2747				
Whitefish				130	133	108	130	501				
TOTAL	0			1133	1032	1054	1009	4228				
PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOLS												
Montana Academy				11	20	28	35	94				
Star Meadows Academy (formerly Hope Ranch)								0				
Stillwater Christian (formerly Flathead Christian)				27	26	24	20	97				
Summit Preparatory School				2	4	15	17	38				
Home Schools	10			21	22	10	3	66				
TOTAL	10			61	72	77	75	295				
TOTAL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL	10			1194	1104	1131	1084	4523				
TOTAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:								13447				
TOTAL COUNTY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:								14735				

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**FLATHEAD COUNTY SCHOOLS
10 YEAR COMPARISON OF ENROLLMENT
2002 to 2011**

<u>PUBLIC ELEMENTARY</u>											<u>ENROLL.</u>		<u>10 YEAR</u>	
<u>DISTRICTS</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>INC/(DEC)</u>	<u>INC/(DEC)</u>	<u>INC/(DEC)</u>	<u>INC/(DEC)</u>
Bigfork	468	477	498	492	490	473	474	486	469	495	26	6%	27	6%
Cayuse Prairie	176	171	166	173	179	180	201	184	195	198	3	2%	22	13%
Columbia Falls	1666	1671	1640	1596	1594	1594	1563	1518	1519	1376	-143	-9%	-290	-17%
Creston	73	78	66	66	65	74	86	87	84	87	3	3%	14	19%
Deer Park	112	104	107	113	107	88	88	64	57	66	9	14%	-46	-41%
Evergreen	748	726	760	769	774	780	749	750	747	739	-8	-1%	-9	-1%
Fair-Mont-Egan	149	155	144	128	143	174	176	171	164	169	5	3%	20	13%
Helena Flats	210	212	194	202	232	236	224	210	211	212	1	0%	2	1%
Kalispell	2427	2484	2476	2518	2497	2678	2773	2730	2840	2950	110	4%	523	22%
Kila	118	117	140	141	144	164	152	160	140	155	15	9%	37	31%
Marion	114	111	114	112	118	123	123	118	123	105	-18	-15%	-9	-8%
Olney/Bissell	66	53	79	73	68	81	91	83	92	94	2	2%	28	42%
Pleasant Valley	0	4	5	4	6	4	6	11	8	6	-2	-18%	6	NA
Somers	519	509	526	531	586	572	571	583	555	583	28	5%	64	12%
Smith Valley	146	180	180	173	196	208	205	183	188	198	10	5%	52	36%
Swan River	148	169	172	167	173	169	142	147	151	160	9	6%	12	8%
West Glacier	45	33	32	29	30	31	22	28	29	31	2	7%	-14	-31%
West Valley	312	338	357	369	360	390	403	436	462	485	23	5%	173	55%
Whitefish	1183	1185	1199	1197	1123	1141	1130	1096	1122	1110	-12	-1%	-73	-6%
TOTAL	8680	8777	8855	8853	8885	9160	9179	9045	9156	9219	63	1%	539	6%
<u>PRIVATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS</u>														
Kalispell Montessori	110	113	116	111	104	110	100	79	69	67	-2	-3%	-43	-39%
St. Matthew's	197	202	198	232	253	244	250	262	197	176	-21	-8%	-21	-11%
Stillwater Christian	202	185	208	216	213	202	207	198	151	171	20	10%	-31	-15%
Trinity Lutheran	207	198	197	202	203	191	187	162	148	136	-12	-7%	-71	-34%
Valley Adventist	23	20	17	20	18	18	10	4	6	6	0	0%	-17	-74%
Whitefish Christ. Acad	135	86	71	85	80	75	82	74	72	67	-5	-7%	-68	-50%
Woodland Montessori					31	27	13	13	12	6	-6	-46%	6	NA
Home Schools	497	491	430	484	447	404	313	350	374	364	-10	-3%	-133	-27%
TOTAL	1371	1295	1237	1350	1349	1271	1162	1142	1029	993	-36	-3%	-378	-28%
Total Elem Schools	10051	10072	10092	10203	10234	10431	10341	10187	10185	10212	27	0%	161	2%
<u>PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL</u>														
<u>DISTRICTS</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>				
Bigfork	391	375	366	375	367	337	312	288	257	259	2	1%	-132	-34%
Columbia Falls	877	845	863	862	878	876	830	782	727	721	-6	-1%	-156	-18%
Kalispell	2452	2495	2466	2494	2537	2550	2608	2655	2699	2747	48	2%	295	12%
Whitefish	697	674	742	725	705	644	551	511	492	501	9	2%	-196	-28%
TOTAL	4417	4389	4437	4456	4487	4407	4301	4236	4175	4228	53	1%	-189	-4%
<u>PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOLS</u>														
Montana Academy	59	74	66	77	72	72	85	81	87	94	7	9%	35	59%
Star Meadows Acad	18	6	23	28	25	22	20	13	0	0	0	0%	-18	-100%
Stillwater Christian	108	113	108	95	100	86	96	95	87	97	10	11%	-11	-10%
Summit Preparatory		23	59	52	41	59	41	42	36	38	2	5%	38	NA
Home Schools	118	137	129	120	110	73	62	48	75	66	-9	-19%	-52	-44%
TOTAL	303	353	385	372	348	312	304	279	285	295	10	4%	-8	-3%
Total High Schools	4720	4742	4822	4828	4835	4719	4605	4515	4460	4523	63	1%	-197	-4%
Total Public Schools	13097	13166	13292	13309	13372	13567	13480	13281	13331	13447	116	1%	350	3%
GRAND TOTAL	14771	14814	14914	15031	15069	15150	14946	14702	14645	14735	90	1%	-36	0%

OPEN BIDS: RECABLING COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

[9:15:35 AM](#)

Chairman James R. Dupont, Commissioner Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Peter Steele, I.T. Director Vicki Saxby, Clerk Kile

One bid received from DCS with bid bond enclosed for \$2,003.31.

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to take the bid under consideration for recabling of the County Attorney's Office. Commissioner Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman, Dupont and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD BID: LEGAL ADVERTISING 2012

[9:17:52 AM](#)

Chairman James R. Dupont, Commissioner Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Peter Steele, Clerk Kile

Steele reported the Daily Inter Lake bid price is significantly more economical than the Flathead Beacon, and they also have more flexibility with publishing dates being a daily newspaper.

Commissioner Lauman made a **motion** to award the legal advertising bid for 2012 to the Daily Inter Lake. Commissioner Holmquist **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman, Dupont and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

[9:30:07 AM](#)

Chairman James R. Dupont, Commissioner Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Clerk Kile

Chairman Dupont made a **motion** to appoint Commissioner Lauman to act as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the ensuing year 2012. Commissioner Holmquist **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman, Dupont and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO VARIOUS BOARDS

[9:31:31 AM](#)

Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner James R. Dupont, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** for the commissioners to remain on the boards they presently are on. Commissioner Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman, Dupont and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

OLNEY FIRE DISTRICT FINANCIAL REVIEW REPORT W/ JOSEPH EVE CPA FIRM & SANDY CARLSON, FINANCE DEPT.

[9:45:17 AM](#)

Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner James R. Dupont, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Finance Director Sandra Carlson, Rochelle Nicholson, Joseph Eve, Clerk Kile

Joseph Eve presented details regarding the Olney Rural Fire District Audit. He reviewed the procedures they followed in conducting the audit.

Commissioner Dupont made a **motion** to accept the Olney Rural Fire District report from Joseph Eve CPA Firm. Commissioner Holmquist **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman, Dupont and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY UPDATE WITH HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICE

[10:00:41 AM](#)

Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner James R. Dupont, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, H. R. Assistant Tammy Skramovsky, Clerk Kile

Skramovsky presented December personnel transactions for approval.

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to approve December personnel transactions as presented. Commissioner Dupont **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman, Dupont and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: 457 PLAN DOCUMENT AMENDMENT

[10:06:57 AM](#)

Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner James R. Dupont, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, H. R. Assistant Tammy Skramovsky, Clerk Kile

Skramovsky reviewed changes to the 457 plan document regarding active and inactive duty military personnel.

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to approve signature of the 457 document plan amendment. Commissioner Dupont **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman, Dupont and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN RFP: PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES/ MONTANA BORDER INTEROPERABILITY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

[10:16:06 AM](#)

Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner James R. Dupont, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Peter Steele, Clerk Kile

Steele recommended to the commission that due to the inconsistency in regards to the time set for opening of the RFP today, that opening be delayed until the next scheduled meeting.

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to postpone opening of the request for proposals to January 10, 2012. Commissioner Dupont **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman, Dupont and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: FLATHEAD COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD BY-LAWS

[10:17:24 AM](#)

Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner James R. Dupont, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Peter Steele, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Dupont made a **motion** to approve the Museum Board by-laws as presented. Commissioner Holmquist **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman, Dupont and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF TAX REFUND: EVANS

[10:18:23 AM](#)

Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner James R. Dupont, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Clerk Kile

Pence explained the Department of Revenue's recommendation is to deny the refund until it can be established if there is a new owner for the mobile home, or where the mobile home is currently located.

Commissioner Dupont made a **motion** to deny the tax refund request. Commissioner Holmquist **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman, Dupont and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

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CONSIDERATION OF PRELIMINARY PLAT EXTENSION AGREEMENT: THE ROCK/RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1 & 2

[10:19:42 AM](#)

Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner James R. Dupont, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Planner Alex Hogle, Clerk Kile

Hogle reviewed the one-year extension request for The Rock Subdivision, Lots 1 and 2. He noted preliminary plat was granted on January 24, 2008, and the first extension was granted on October 28, 2010, which extended preliminary plat approval to January 24, 2012. This agreement would extend their preliminary plat approval to January 24, 2013.

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to approve the extension agreement for The Rock Subdivision to January 24, 2013. Commissioner Dupont **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman, Dupont and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR 2011 MONTANA AIR & CONGESTION INITIATIVE (MACI) PROGRAM EQUIPMENT

[10:30:52 AM](#)

Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner James R. Dupont, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Public Works Director Dave Prunty, Fleet & Shop Supervisor Corey Pilsch, Clerk Kile

Pilsch reviewed with the commission the 2011 Montana Air and Congestion Initiative funding agreement between Montana Department of Transportation and Flathead County. He noted the county will be receiving one broom bear sweeper and two combination sanders/ deicer units with saddle tanks.

Commissioner Dupont made a **motion** to approve and sign the funding agreement document. Commissioner Holmquist **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman, Dupont and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF PRINT BIDS: SUPT. OF SCHOOLS

[10:34:15 AM](#)

Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner James R. Dupont, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Clerk Kile

The following bids were read for approval.

- Trippet's Printing / 1,000 gold seals with black ink for \$99.50
- Insty Prints / 2,000 #10 envelopes for \$140.16 and 500 matte business cards for \$29.95
- Eagle Printing/ 1,000 return address labels for \$58.20

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to approve the print bids read. Commissioner Dupont **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman, Dupont and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY MEETING W/ DAVE PRUNTY, ROAD DEPT.

[11:00:25 AM](#)

Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner James R. Dupont, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Public Works Director Dave Prunty, Clerk Kile

Prunty reported the Road Departments two-year work plan for both gravel and paved roads has run its course and is ready to be revised. He reviewed the history of the work plan prepared by Peccia & Associates and asked for commissioner guidance in regards to them preparing the two-year document again, with an estimated cost of \$7,900.

Discussion was held relative to the process involved in soliciting proposals for the work plan.

In other business, Prunty reported employees have been catching up on cutting brush during the mild winter we are having so far, and have been hauling gravel to aprons around the valley. He spoke about finalizing stream bank mitigation projects, pending work on the Bigfork stormwater system, and the yearly dust cost share program. It was reported the county received roughly \$48,700 for paving work done by the county on Grayling Road a couple years ago.

Discussion was held relative to concerns regarding the need for bank stabilization off Whitefish Stage.

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on January 4, 2012.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012

The Board of County Commissioners met in continued session at 8:00 o'clock A.M. Chairman Lauman, Commissioners Dupont 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 January 5, 2012.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012

The Board of County Commissioners met in continued session at 8:00 o'clock A.M. Chairman Lauman, Commissioners Dupont 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 January 6, 2012.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2012

The Board of County Commissioners met in continued session at 8:00 o'clock A.M. Chairman Lauman, Commissioners Dupont 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 January 9, 2012.
