
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012

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

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

8:45:45 AM

Present: Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Bob Herron, Brad Dykes, Clerk Kile

Bob Herron, 249 White Pine, Kalispell stated he had comments to make regarding the appointment of an interim commissioner later this morning. He said as he understands this, they have received three names from the Republican Central Committee with two of the names being candidates on the ballot this June. Herron said he has spoken to citizens who believe it is not fair to appoint a candidate when there is going to be an election within 50 days. He stated one of the names they received is not a candidate, and if they need to appoint someone today, he recommended it not be someone who is a candidate. He added public opinion is that it is very unfair to appoint one person out of eight that are running for the office. He further stated his recommendation is that they appoint the non-candidate, or send back to the Republican Central Committee a request for three other names; better yet wait 50 days, and see who wins the election in Commissioner District #1 in the primary election, and have his name come down from the central committee along with two other names.

Brad Dykes, 626 Lower Lost Prairie Road, Marion said he has spoken to Ovila Byrd at the Road Department regarding his road and the shape it is in. He stated looking at the population growth in the area along with all the recreational use their road needs some attention. He explained the road is impassable and vehicles are being damaged because of the condition of the road.

Chairman Lauman stated the commission would look at the road within the next week and get back to him.

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

MONTHLY MEETING W/ MARK CAMPBELL, INTERIM DIRECTOR, AOA

9:00:45 AM

Present: Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Interim AOA Director Mark Campbell, Clerk Kile

Campbell presented the following update on AOA activities.

AOA Administration

- Submitted FY 2013 budget for review. Adjustments still needs to occur in some minor areas as information from State and Federal Grants continues to change. Working with Finance to finalize these changes and CIP input.
- Attended M4A and State meetings in Helena March 28 - 29. Reviewed Missoula AOA operational structure on March 30.
- Reviewing applicants for three positions that are currently vacant. Office Administrator, Office Assistant II with I&R, and a Bus Driver for Eagle Transit. Plan to have selections for these positions within 2 weeks.
- Group planning for Older American's Day Picnic lunch to be held at Fairgrounds Expo Building 11:30 am – 1 pm on Friday, June 8. Would enjoy your participation.
- County IT is conducting a review of computers, software, and communication needs in each section of AOA office.
- Advisory Board meeting was held April 12.
- Beginning assessment of current operations/facilities and future needs.

Eagle Transit

- New transit route is working well with minor adjustments being made for efficiency and schedule. With this change, ridership is especially strong to/from FVCC.
- Working closely with County IT on Ride Match installation. Technology has been ordered with program expected to go live about July 1.
- Reviewing options and insurance needs/coverage for Van Pool program. Potential of 4 vans consisting of 8 riders each at start-up. Grant funds available with a match requirement.
- Glacier National Park program coordination is beginning to peak. Training in late May and first of June.

Nutrition

- March numbers: Total delivered 3,514 with 9 new senior clients. Total congregate service of 3,389 with 79 new clients. Total March meals served = 6,903.
- JR visited all sites in April and is working with Lakeside to support them with equipment and general operations.

I & R

- Staffing vacancies are primary concern in April. Working closely with HR for solutions and completing process to fulfill these.
- Understanding Medicare series are being conducted in Bigfork. Part 3 will be held April 21. Attendance has been 25+ per session.
- Attending Governor's Conference on Aging May 1 & 2.

RSVP

- Completing Federal Financial report due end of this month.
- Preparing application to United Way for annual support of RSVP.
- Volunteer count has grown! Ended 2011 with 346 volunteers. April 1 count was 415 volunteers. A gain of 69 members or 20 percent.
- Completed first quarter recognition of volunteers.

Senior Mobile Home Repair

- Completed 4 separate repairs including roof sealant, bath room repairs, plumbing, and a kitchen window for a total of \$7,540.
- Advisory Board meeting scheduled for last week was postponed until April 17.

Upcoming Dates:

RSVP Advisory meeting – April 18
Eagle Transit Advisory meeting – May 3
RSVP Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (celebrate Senior Corp Week) – May 7
Senior Mobile Home Repair – May 8
AOA Advisory Council meeting – May 10
Nutrition Advisory meeting – May 16

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012
(Continued)

MONTHLY MEETING W/ MARK CAMPBELL, FAIRGROUNDS

[9:07:13 AM](#)

Present: Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Fairgrounds Operations Manager Mark Campbell, Clerk Kile

Campbell presented the following update on Fairground activities.

Current Projects

- Replacing the 4 sets of Grandstand entry doors. Includes automatic door operators, half-light glass, transoms, and all finish work. Project to be completed by end of this month. ADA ramp at south end will be added after weather clears.
- Beginning work on back flow prevention in final water pit at south end of race track. This pit also has to be expanded. Additional outlets will be installed for irrigation of landscaping and lawn in this area.

NW Montana Fair & Rodeo

- Marketing for 2012 begins April 16th with first press release announcing the Fair theme. Entertainment release follows on April 25th. Fair Books are scheduled for release about May 15.
- Fair web-site is being finalized by staff and should "go-live" the week of April 23.
- Continuing work on Fair & Rodeo sponsorships. Recent confirmations include CHS, McDonald's, Murdoch's, Les Schwab Tires, Penco, Cabin Creek Landing and the Marion Grill.
- Met with Fair Superintendents for review of their departments, fair processes, concerns and ideas.

Fairgrounds

- Have worked and reviewed recently the FY 2013 budget and CIP plans. These have come together easier with trends and account separation history from this past year.
- Continuing community outreach with radio interviews, Chamber activities, and a few business group presentations.
- Focus continues to be on fairground activities and preparation for annual fair.

Upcoming Events and Activities

- Cross Town Smoker – Boxing Event – April 19
- Flood awareness program – April 19
- Antique Flea Market – April 21-22
- Sherwin Williams Pro Event – April 23
- Crime Stoppers Concert – April 27
- Alert Banquet – April 28
- Flathead Rabbit Show – April 28
- Burton Boxing – May 4
- Artist and Craftsmen of the Flathead – May 5-6
- Gold Prospectors Show – May 5
- Horse Camp – May 11-12
- FVCC Graduation – May 11

BI-MONTHLY MEETING W/ JED FISHER, WEED/ PARKS/ MAINTENANCE

[9:30:51 AM](#)

Present: Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Weed/ Parks & Maintenance Director Jed Fisher, Clerk Kile

Fisher reviewed ongoing concerns regarding maintenance at the Kalispell Senior Citizens Center and asked for commissioner guidance in dealing with their maintenance costs. Following discussion it was agreed the AOA Interim Director, Mark Campbell should bring a recommendation before the commission. In other business, he spoke about installing carbon monoxide monitors in the Courthouse, the need for janitorial support for the Eagle Transit Bus Barn, future courthouse campus site plans, Sliter Park restroom improvements, approval of functional county park memorials, upcoming extreme sporting event to be held this summer, rental fees for use of park facilities, use of illegal baseball bats at the Conrad Complex, treatment of aquatic invasive weeds and concern with weed control along B.N. Railroad.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: OHIO FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY CONTRACT STATUS INQUIRY/ BIGFORK STORMWATER PROJECT-GRAND DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS

[10:00:56 AM](#)

Present: Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Grant Writer Debbie Pierson, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to approve signature of the insurance document for Ohio Farmers Insurance Company. Chairman Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman and Holmquist. Motion carried by quorum.

TAX REFUND: ROGNEY

[10:01:22 AM](#) & [10:01:22 AM](#)

Present: Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Clerk Kile

Pence explained the property owner did not notify the Department of Revenue in 2006 or 2009 of any inaccuracies in their assessment. He noted a timely AB-26 was filed for a review for tax year 2012 with appropriate changes made by the DOR in their square footage.

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to deny the tax refund request for Rogney. Chairman Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman and Holmquist. Motion carried by quorum.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: ADG AGREEMENT/ COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE REMODEL

[10:01:57 AM](#)

Present: Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Clerk Kile

Pence explained the document is the official contract for the County Attorney's Office remodel project.

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012
(Continued)

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to approve signature of the ADG Agreement for the County Attorney's Office remodel. Chairman Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman and Holmquist. Motion carried by quorum.

CONSIDERATION OF LAKESHORE PERMIT: EDWARDS

[10:14:41 AM](#)

Present: Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Planner Bailey Minnich, Clerk Kile

Minnich entered into record Lakeshore Permit FLP 12-08; a standard permit application submitted by Stephan and Kathryn Edwards to construct a stone headwall, and to place ¾ inch gravel behind the wall within the Lakeshore Protection Zone of Flathead Lake off Angel Point Road.

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to approve Lakeshore Permit FLP 12-08/ Edwards with attached conditions. Chairman Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman and Holmquist. Motion carried by quorum.

CONSIDERATION OF LAKESHORE PERMIT: ROCKMAN

[10:16:06 AM](#)

Present: Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Planner Bailey Minnich, Clerk Kile

Minnich entered into record Lakeshore Permit FLP 12-09; a standard permit application submitted by Eugene and Sheila Rockman to construct two new stone retaining walls next to existing walls within the Lakeshore Protection Zone on Swan River. The applicant will place the new walls directly in front of the existing walls to prevent the lawn and wall from slumping into the lake.

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to approve Lakeshore Permit FLP 12-09/ Rockman with attached conditions. Chairman Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman and Holmquist. Motion carried by quorum.

CONSIDERATION OF LAKESHORE PERMIT: RAFFEL

[10:17:22 AM](#)

Present: Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Planner Bailey Minnich, Clerk Kile

Minnich entered into record Lakeshore Permit FLP 12-11; a standard permit application submitted by Wesley and Elizabeth Raffel to re-distribute accumulated washed in lake bottom material adjacent to an existing residential dock on Flathead Lake.

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to approve Lakeshore Permit FLP 12-11/ Raffel with attached conditions. Chairman Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman and Holmquist. Motion carried by quorum.

CONSIDERATION OF H.R. TRANSMITTALS: HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST & HEALTH PROGRAM ASSISTANT I/ HEALTH DEPT.

[10:33:34 AM](#)

Present: Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to approve the H.R. Transmittal for a Health Promotion Specialist. Chairman Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman and Holmquist. Motion carried by quorum.

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to approve the H.R. Transmittal for a Health Program Assistant. Chairman Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman and Holmquist. Motion carried by quorum.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF FIRING RANGE/ BOWEN

[10:34:57 AM](#)

Present: Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to approve the firing range application for Bowen. Chairman Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman and Holmquist. Motion carried by quorum.

DISCUSSION AND APPOINTMENT: INTERIM COMMISSIONER FOR COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #1

[10:45:58 AM](#)

Present: Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Peter Steele, Treasurer Adele Krantz, Sue Waggner, Clerk & Recorder Paula Robinson, Lyle Phillips, Ben Stormes, Jennifer Stormes, Jeff Larsen, Mickie Lapp, Duane Dierenfield, Bob Herron, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Holmquist encouraged all the individuals who have been involved in the process to continue to be involved in Flathead County no matter who is appointed today.

Chairman Lauman said we have three very good qualified applicants for the position and thanked those who took interest in applying for the position. He stated this is a difficult choice and not a pleasant thing to appoint someone to an elected position, yet we need to move on.

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012
(Continued)

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to appoint Cal Scott as Interim Commissioner for District No. 1. Chairman Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman and Holmquist. Motion carried by quorum.

Ben Stormes thanked the commission for taking the time and effort to interview him and said it was an honor and privilege.

Lyle Phillips said he appreciated the opportunity and honor he was afforded to apply for the interim position.

7:00 a.m. Commissioner Holmquist: River Commission meeting @ Earl Bennett Bldg.

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on April, 17 2012.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012

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

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

MEETING W/ KELLIE DANIELSON, PRESIDENT/CEO MONTANA WEST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RE: UPDATE

[9:32:58 AM](#)

Present: Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, MWED President/CEO Kellie Danielson, Clerk Kile

Danielson met with the commission and presented a statement of revenue and expenditures from Flathead County Economic Development Authority. In other business, she spoke about future work at the recently acquired industrial park, Tele-Tech jobs, their obligation as an Economic Development entity to provide a five year economic development strategy plan, work with the Airport Authority Board regarding air service/ air fare issues, upcoming Whitefish Chamber of Commerce mission trip to California, enhancements made to their web-site, financial training classes at FVCC, a change in leadership at Applied Materials, creation of new manufacturing jobs with SmartLam, work force training, an RFQ for engineering services for a conceptual design along the railroad tracks and the need to hire additional staff for membership development and marketing communications. Also reported was financing has been procured from the Department of Commerce for micro-businesses.

QUARTERLY MEETING W/ CHUCK CURRY, SHERIFF

This meeting was not held.

MEETING W/ KIM CROWLEY RE: LIBRARY HVAC SYSTEM

[10:30:01 AM](#)

Present: Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Library Director Kim Crowley, Weed/Parks & Maintenance Director Jed Fisher, Clerk Kile

Crowley explained she met previously with the commissioners regarding the need for a HVAC system in the library. She said a meeting was held with the engineer Morrison & Maierle, and the school district who has agreed to pay \$66,950 of Option 1, which by the lease is all they are required to do. She noted the Library Board has decided Option 4 would make the most sense and be the best option for the library; although it's the most expensive up front, it would save more dollars in the long run. The original proposal I brought to you two weeks ago for PILT funding was approximately \$115,625 and the new proposal now is for \$153,050 which would upgrade to Option 4 and include the contingency. She explained an additional \$46,000 for an air handler will come out of their library depreciation reserve fund. Crowley then explained the library is funded at approximately \$16 per capita, the national average is \$46 per capita and Montana's average is \$24.90. She stated they have been diligent in spending their dollars wisely to best serve the citizens. She said studies across the United States show that the return on investment from one library dollar ranges anywhere from \$3 to \$12 on every dollar spent, with a huge return coming from children who have gained necessary early literacy skills at the library so they are ready to read when entering kindergarten. She reported over 700 people enter the Main Library each day and 1,110 visit system wide each day. Crowley said she feels the proposal to use PILT funding for a one-time expense is a good business decision, and will make staff and customers comfortable, safe and well in the Main Library.

Discussion was held relative to their depreciation fund balance, and proposed improvements to the library this next fiscal year were reviewed.

Commissioner Holmquist said the library definitely is a large part of our community which I support it in many ways. She stated she feels Option 4 is the way to go and wouldn't want to see them go any other direction. Holmquist said we need to watch our spending with funding possibly being cut or going away we need to make sure we keep our reserves up. She stated she is leaning towards not the full amount and said you have a healthy CIP fund, and think the majority of the money should come out of that.

Commissioner Scott said the library is a revered resource in our community and asked when the HVAC system would go to bid and be up and running.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012
(Continued)**

Crowley said they would go to bid as soon as possible, yet it wouldn't be up and running before probably August. She explained there will still be a need to bring some sort of mobile units on site to provide air conditioning through the months of July and August which the school district should pay for since according to the lease they have to make the library livable.

Commissioner Scott asked if the school district has budgeted for the expenditure.

Crowley stated she was not certain if they had or not.

Commissioner Scott asked what the cost to them might be.

Fisher explained an estimate would be around \$1,500 to \$2,000 a week if they brought in larger units; if they choose to use smaller units it may be around \$50 per unit per week.

Commissioner Scott said being a businessman and understanding what they as the commission are up against in looking at the potential loss of PILT funds, and looking at the general fund and what we have to live with; we are in the same boat you are. He added he is trying to figure out a compromise, and doesn't quite know where to go with it yet.

Chairman Lauman said he agreed with his fellow commissioners in that they need to look at their funding and future of it or non-future of PILT funds. He stated the senate passed this a couple weeks ago and the house is now sitting on the transportation so they do not know if or when it may come through. He added having said that a dollar amount should be set for the HVAC system.

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to contribute \$40,000 to Option 4 to help the Library out. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion.

Commissioner Scott said \$40,000 against a proposed \$153,000 would mean a \$113,000 balance plus an additional \$46,310 would be \$159,000; given the circumstances where we are at that is appropriate. He stated personally it hurts him to make that decision, but our voters and taxpayers have to cut back too, we all do. Scott said he agreed with Commissioner Holmquist, and said his personal thought is if it essential, and has to do with health and safety and arguably some of this does, then it is a different matter.

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to contribute \$40,000 to Option 4 to help the Library out. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion.

Aye - Lauman, Scott and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

Pence asked what the Library Board would do now.

Crowley said they would have to do Option 1 now, which is unfortunate.

AWARD BID: EXCAVATOR/ ROAD DEPT.

[10:48:07 AM](#)

Present: Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Fleet & Shop Supervisor Corey Pilsch, Clerk Kile

Pilsch noted the recommendation is to award the excavator bid to Triple W Equipment for \$93,000.

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to award the excavator bid to Triple W Equipment for \$93,000. Chairman Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman and Holmquist. Motion carried by quorum.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN AMENDMENT #1

[10:49:09 AM](#)

Present: Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Clerk Kile

Pence noted the Health Department has lowered the amount for blood draw screening to \$60.00.

Commissioner Holmquist made a **motion** to approve the Health Benefit Plan amendment. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman, Scott and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: DESERT MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS SITE LEASE/ HUNGRY HORSE RANGER DISTRICT

[10:50:14 AM](#)

Present: Chairman Dale W. Lauman, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Pamela J. Holmquist, Assistant Mike Pence, Clerk Kile

Pence explained the document for signature is an amendment to an agreement with the Forest Service on a radio and communications site on Desert Mountain. The agreement will allow a tower to be a part of the agreement.

Commissioner Scott made a **motion** to approve the document for signature. Commissioner Holmquist **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Lauman, Scott and Holmquist. Motion carried unanimously.

8:15 a.m. Swearing in of Interim Commissioner Cal Scott, District #1 @ District Courtroom No. 2
2:00 p.m. Commissioner Holmquist: Flathead Regional Wastewater Management meeting @ EBB

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on April 18, 2012.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012

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

- 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Lauman: RSVP Board meeting @ Heritage Place**
- 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Lauman: Flathead Basin Commission meeting @ Pablo Tribal Headquarters**
- 11:00 a.m. County Attorney meeting @ Co. Atty's Office**
- 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Lauman: Kalispell Chamber of Commerce UNWIND @ Nemo**

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on April 19, 2012.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012

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

- 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Holmquist: Health Board Retreat @ Vista Linda**
- 12:00 p.m. Committee for a Better Bigfork meeting @ Methodist Church**
- 6:30 p.m. Fair Board meeting @ Fair Office**

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on April 20, 2012.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012

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

- 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Holmquist: Mental Health Council & CDC meetings in Missoula**

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on April 23, 2012.
