
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2004

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

8:00 a.m. Weed & Parks Board Meeting at Weed & Parks Office

PUBLIC HEARING: ROAD NAMES/LOG CABIN LANE & ELDER RIDGE ROAD

Present at the April 5, 2004 9:30 A.M. duly advertised public hearing were Chairman Gipe, Commissioners Watne and Hall, Karen Yerian, Lucie Foster, and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Chairman Gipe opened the public hearing to anyone wishing to speak in favor of the naming of Log Cabin Lane & Elder Ridge Road.

No one else rising to speak, Chairman Gipe asked for anyone wishing to speak in opposition to the naming of Log Cabin Lane & Elder Ridge Road.

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

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to adopt Resolution No. 1702 naming Log Cabin Lane. Commissioner Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Watne, Hall and Gipe. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 1702

WHEREAS, Flathead County has proposed to name a private road generally **running westerly then northerly off Brown's Meadow Road and located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and in the West Half of the West Half of Section 1, Township 26 North, Range 23 West, P.M.M., Flathead County, Montana.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, held a public hearing on April 5, 2004, concerning the proposal, after publication and mailing of notice thereof on March 25, 2004, and April 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, has determined that the road should be named Log Cabin Lane.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, that the private road generally **running westerly then northerly off Brown's Meadow Road and located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and in the West Half of the West Half of Section 1, Township 26 North, Range 23 West, P.M.M., Flathead County, Montana**, should be, and it hereby is, named Log Cabin Lane.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the naming of Log Cabin Lane, shall be effective on April 5, 2004.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Flathead County, Montana

By /s/Howard W. Gipe
Howard W. Gipe, Chairman

By /s/Robert W. Watne
Robert W. Watne, Member

By /s/ Gary D. Hall
Gary D. Hall, Member

ATTEST:
Paula Robinson, Clerk

By /s/ Monica R. Eisenzimer
Monica R. Eisenzimer, Deputy

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to adopt Resolution No. 1703 naming Elder Ridge Road. Commissioner Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Watne, Hall and Gipe. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 1703

WHEREAS, Flathead County has proposed to name a private road generally **running southerly and westerly off Truman Heights and located in the north half of the northeast quarter, Section 29, Township 27 North Range 22 West, P.M.M., Flathead County, Montana.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, held a public hearing on April 5, 2004, concerning the proposal, after publication and mailing of notice thereof on March 25, 2004, and April 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, has determined that the road should be named Elder Ridge Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, that the private road generally **running southerly and westerly off Truman Heights and located in the north**

half of the northeast quarter, Section 29, Township 27 North Range 22 West, P.M.M., Flathead County, Montana, should be, and it hereby is, named Elder Ridge Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the naming of Elder Ridge Road shall be effective on April 5, 2004.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Flathead County, Montana

By /s/Howard W. Gipe
Howard W. Gipe, Chairman

By /s/Robert W. Watne
Robert W. Watne, Member

By /s/ Gary D. Hall
Gary D. Hall, Member

ATTEST:
Paula Robinson, Clerk

By /s/ Monica R. Eisenzimer
Monica R. Eisenzimer, Deputy

AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF VACATION TIME: DIANNE MURER

Present at the April 5, 2004 9:45 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Gipe, Commissioners Hall and Watne, and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Commissioner Watne made a **motion** to approve extension of vacation time use for Dianne Murer. Chairman Gipe **seconded** the motion. **Aye-** Watne and Gipe. Motion carried by quorum.

AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: WGTS, LLC ZONE CHANGE/HOLT ZONING DISTRICT

Present at the April 5, 2004 9:45 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Gipe, Commissioners Hall and Watne, and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to authorize the publication of the Notice of Public Hearing and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Watne, Gipe and Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, hereby gives notice pursuant to Section 76-2-205(1), M.C.A., that it will hold a public hearing to consider a request by WGTS, LLC and Richard Whitaker to change the zoning designation in a portion of the Holt Zoning District from R-1 (Suburban Residential) with a PUD overlay to RC-1 (Residential Cluster).

The boundaries of the area proposed to be amended from R-1, with a PUD overlay, to RC-1 are set forth on Exhibit "A".

The proposed change would change the character of the zoning regulations applicable to the property from providing for a residential district for estate type development in rural areas, away from concentrated urban development, or in areas where it is desirable to permit only low density development, e.g., extreme topography, areas adjacent to flood plains, airport runway alignment extension, etc. to providing for a residential theme in a rural environment in order to encourage a master planned community with a central recreational focus, and generally requiring a full range of public services, such as public water supplies and sewage treatment, to serve the district, with a gross density for units to be clustered at one (1) unit per acre. Although minimum lot area would decrease to 2,500 square feet, allowed density would remain at one unit per acre.

The regulations defining the R-1, PUD and RC-1 Zones are contained in the Flathead County Zoning Regulations, on file for public inspection at the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Courthouse, Kalispell, Montana, in Permanent File No. 93270 13500.

The public hearing will be held on the 21st day of April, 2004, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., in the Office of the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Courthouse, West Annex, Kalispell, Montana. At the public hearing, the Board of Commissioners will give the public an opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed change in the regulations for the described portion of the Holt Zoning District.

DATED this 5th day of April, 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Flathead County, Montana

By /s/Howard W. Gipe
Howard W. Gipe, Chairman

Paula Robinson, Clerk

By /s/ Monica R. Eisenzimer
Monica R. Eisenzimer, Deputy

Publish on April 8 and April 15, 2004.

Exhibit A
WGTS, LLC and Whitaker
Amendment to the Bigfork Zoning District Map/Holt Zoning District
STAFF REPORT #FZC-04-01

The property proposed for rezoning is located just south of Eagle Bend North off of the West side of Chapman Hill Road. The property may be described as Assessor's Tracts 11 and 11C, in Section 26, Township 27 North, Range 20 West, P.M.M., Flathead County, Montana.

OPEN BID FOR WELL/AOA

Present at the April 5, 2004 9:45 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Gipe, Commissioners Hall and Watne, and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Liberty Drilling \$11,500

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to take the bids under advisement and refer them to Agency on Aging for a recommendation. Commissioner Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Watne, Hall and Gipe. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: ROAD NAMING OF NARROW WAY

Present at the April 5, 2004 9:45 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Gipe, Commissioners Hall and Watne, and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Commissioner Watne made a **motion** to authorize the publication of the Notice of Public Hearing for Narrow Way and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Hall **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Watne, Gipe and Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, hereby gives notice that it will hold a public hearing to consider a proposal to name a road as **NARROW WAY**.

Road generally running southerly and easterly off LaSalle Road and located in the NW1/4 of the SW1/4 and in the NE1/4 of the SW1/4, all in Section 25, Township 30 North, Range 21 West, P.M.M., Flathead County, Montana.

The public hearing will be held on the **21ST day of April, 2004, at 10:00 A.M.**, in the Office of the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Courthouse, West Annex, Kalispell, Montana. At the public hearing, the Board of Commissioners will give the public an opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed naming of **NARROW WAY**.

This notice shall be mailed to each landowner who has access off of the proposed **Narrow Way**, who has an address assignment on the proposed **Narrow Way** or who owns property along the proposed **Narrow Way**.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Flathead County, Montana

By: /s/Howard W. Gipe
Howard W. Gipe, Chairman

ATTEST:
Paula Robinson, Clerk

By: /s/ Monica R. Eisenzimer
Monica R. Eisenzimer, Deputy

Publish on April 8th, 2004 and April 15th, 2004.

MEETING WITH SHIRLEY ANDERSON RE: NORTH HELENA FLATS SUBDIVISION

Present at the April 5, 2004 10:00 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Gipe, Commissioners Hall and Watne, Dave Heine, Steve Cummings, and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Discussion was held relative to precedence of minor subdivision plats and historic proposals for Helena Flats area.

PRELIMINARY PLAT: MACKINAW ESTATES SUBDIVISION

Present at the April 5, 2004 10:15 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Gipe, Commissioners Hall and Watne, Planner Johna Morrison, Dave Heine, Steve Cummings, Bob Kienas, Amy Waller, Bob Lincoln, Dennis Carver, Bill Lincoln, Nick Cosentino, Marilyn Noonan, William Paullin, Chance Barrett, and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Morrison reviewed the preliminary plat for Macinaw Estates Subdivision filed by William, Robert and Grace Lincoln. Macinaw Estates creates a fifty-five (55) lot residential subdivision on approximately 24.56 acres. The property is located in the Somers area off Somers Road just south of the intersection of Highway 82 and Somers Road. All lots in the subdivision are to be served by Somers Municipal Sewer and Water. Staff recommends denial of the Preliminary Plat.

Discussion continued regarding development of parkland and placing bike path in development.

Commissioner Watne made a **motion** to adopt Staff Report #FPP-04-02 as Findings of Fact. Commissioner Hall **seconded** the motion. **Aye** –Watne, Hall and Gipe. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to the Preliminary Plat for Macinaw Estates Subdivision subject to 14 conditions. Commissioner Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** –Watne and Hall. Chairman Gipe abstained from the vote and the motion carried by decision.

PRELIMINARY PLAT: FARMLAND ACRES

Present at the April 5, 2004 10:30 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Gipe, Commissioners Hall and Watne, Planner Johna Morrison, Dave Heine, Steve Cummings, Amy Waller, Wally Massie, Rick Breckenridge and Peggy Mathiason of Montana Mapping Associates, and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Morrison reviewed the preliminary plat for Farmland Acres filed by Kenneth Kramer Trust, a major subdivision that will create 15 residential lots on approximately 77.81 acres. The property is located in the Somers area on the south east side of the intersection of North Somers Road and Manning Road. Staff recommends approval of the Preliminary Plat.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to adopt Staff Report #FPP-04-01 as Findings of Fact. Commissioner Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne, Hall and Gipe. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watne made a **motion** to approve the Preliminary Plat for Farmland Acres subject to 13 conditions. Commissioner Hall **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne, Hall and Gipe. Motion carried unanimously.

PRELIMINARY PLAT: PHEASANT HAVEN

Present at the April 5, 2004 10:45 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Gipe, Commissioners Hall and Watne, Amy Waller, Tom Sands of Sands Surveying, and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Morrison reviewed the preliminary plat for Pheasant Haven filed by Dan Brosten-Brosten Farms. Pheasant Haven Subdivision creates a twenty four lot residential subdivision on 122.203 acres. The property is located in the Somers area on Manning Road, just southeast of the intersection of Farm and Manning Roads. Staff recommends approval of the Preliminary Plat.

Commissioner Watne made a **motion** to adopt Staff Report #FPP-04-03 as Findings of Fact. Commissioner Hall **seconded** the motion. **Aye** –Watne, Hall and Gipe. Motion carried unanimously.

Condition 6e is amended to read "The property owners of this subdivision shall waive the right to protest any RSID formed for the paving of Manning and Farm Roads and Condition 9 is amended to read "The developer shall submit a letter from Somers Fire Chief stating that all reasonable conditions for fire suppression have been met.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve the Preliminary Plat for Pheasant Haven as amended subject to 12 conditions. Commissioner Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne, Hall and Gipe. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF LAKESHORE PERMIT: HOLLINGER

Present at the April 5, 2004 11:00 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Gipe, Commissioners Hall and Watne, Planner Traci Tull, and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Tull reviewed Lake and Lakeshore Construction Permit filed by Scott Hollinger on Echo Lake to install electrical service line within a buried conduit along lakebed to island. Construct landing ramp on shore for a construction barge. Ramp will be used for next 10 years. Build an I-shaped 8-foot x 40 –foot floating dock. General discussion was held Board recommends approval of permit as presented.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve Lakeshore Permit #FLP-04-24 with 32 conditions and authorize Chairman to sign. Commissioner Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye-** Watne, Hall and Gipe. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF LAKESHORE PERMIT: MCCARTHY

Present at the April 5, 2004 11:00 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Gipe, Commissioners Hall and Watne, Planner Traci Tull, and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Tull reviewed Lake and Lakeshore Construction Permit filed by Don McCarthy on Flathead Lake to replace two existing docks with an F-shaped piling dock. New dock will measure 60 feet in length with two breakwater wings, each measuring 25 feet in length. Relocate two shore stations and one boat shelter currently located on existing dock. Construct new boat shelter over second shore station. General discussion was held Board recommends approval of permit as presented.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve Lakeshore Permit #FLP-04-26 with 25 conditions and authorize Chairman to sign. Commissioner Watne **seconded** the motion. **Aye-** Watne, Hall and Gipe. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF LAKESHORE PERMIT: NICHOLS

Present at the April 5, 2004 11:00 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Gipe, Commissioners Hall and Watne, Planner Traci Tull and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Tull reviewed Lake and Lakeshore Construction Permit filed by Marcus Nichols on Flathead Lake to remove accumulated sediment from north side of existing Fshaped dock. Replace rip-rap along approximately 189 feet of shoreline to prevent further erosion. General discussion was held Board recommends approval of permit as presented.

Commissioner Watne made a **motion** to approve Lakeshore Permit #FLP-04-31 with 27 conditions and authorize Chairman to sign. Commissioner Hall **seconded** the motion. **Aye-** Watne, Hall and Gipe. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF LAKESHORE PERMIT: STEINBERG & BIRKY

Present at the April 5, 2004 11:00 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Gipe, Commissioners Hall and Watne, Planner Tull and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Tull reviewed Lake and Lakeshore Construction Permit filed by Mitch Steinberg and Perry Birky on Flathead Lake to replace existing U-shaped dock. Base of "U" will measure approximately 60 feet in length and will be parallel to shoreline; piers are proposed to be 8 feet in length. Replace dilapidating retaining wall and steps to dock. General discussion was held Board recommends approval of permit as presented. Tull presented the Commissioners with documentation of a civil matter that is not yet resolved concerning easements.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to continue decision on Lakeshore Permit #FLP-04-25 until issue has been discussed thoroughly with County Attorney. Commissioner Watne **seconded** the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF LAKESHORE PERMIT: WOLSTEIN

Present at the April 5, 2004 11:00 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Gipe, Commissioners Hall and Watne, and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Beck reviewed Lake and Lakeshore Construction Permit filed by Mike Wolstein on Flathead Lake to restack approximately 200 feet of existing rip-rap. Install steel rail system over a concrete access ramp. Boat rails will be constructed of untreated steel and secured to a 10-foot x 20-foot concrete pad. Rails will extend approximately 40 feet from mean annual high water elevation out into the lake. General discussion was held Board recommends approval of permit as presented.

Commissioner Watne made a **motion** to approve Lakeshore Permit #FLP-04-32 with 29 conditions and authorize Chairman to sign. Commissioner Hall **seconded** the motion. **Aye-** Watne, Hall and Gipe. Motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUATION OF PRELIMINARY PLAT: NORTH HELENA FLATS

Present at the April 5, 2004 11:45 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Gipe, Commissioners Hall and Watne, Planner BJ Grieve, and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Grieve reviewed the preliminary plat for North Helena Flats Subdivision filed by Susan Panton and Jackola Engineering. North Helena Flats Subdivision creates a four lot residential subdivision on 6.566 acres. The subdivision is located on the east side of Helena Flats Road, and is in an unzoned portion of the county. Staff recommends approval of the Preliminary Plat.

Chairman Gipe responded saying I looked at this property this morning and I strongly believe it's too dense on that acreage and I can not support this preliminary plat. Commissioner Watne agreed saying I feel the same way.

Commissioner Watne made a **motion** to deny the Preliminary Plat for North Helena Flats. Commissioner Hall **seconded** the motion with discussion. Commissioner Hall continued, when I viewed the property, I felt that it was compatible and not just because of Panton Acres. Panton Acres is a real nice development and they didn't look like more than a couple of acres, but now I understand they are larger than that and I got a new map with a description of what's going on in the neighborhood and I feel that of the several comments that we received, I was glad to hear that one person said that they know there's an issue with property rights and a need for housing out in that area but we were accused of rubber stamping and I just want to go on the record as saying that's not true. That will be reflected in the vote that we have today. I also received a letter from a professional on fancy stationary that did some pretty serious name calling and said some pretty negative things about us as commissioners so I just go on record as saying that that's not the way to work with us on issues that we have. We're trying to do the right thing for each neighborhood in each developing area, so that said; I'm ready to vote against this. **Aye** – Watne, Hall and Gipe. Motion carried unanimously.

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on April 6, 2004.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2004

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

MONTHLY MEETING W/DONNA MADDUX, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

THIS MEETING WAS CANCELLED

MONTHLY MEETING W/NORM CALVERT, COMPUTER SERVICES

THIS MEETING WAS CANCELLED

MEETING W/RICHARD STOCKDALE, JED FISHER & DAVE PRUNTY

THIS MEETING WAS CANCELLED

MONTHLY MEETING w/RAEANN CAMPBELL, HUMAN RESOURCES

THIS MEETING WAS CANCELLED

MEETING W/RHONDA LINDNER & JIM ATKINSON/AOA RE: SENIOR HOME REPAIR

THIS MEETING WAS CANCELLED

MEETING W/JEAN CURTISS/MISSOULA COUNTY COMMISSIONER & ROSALIE CATES RE: ECONOMIC ISSUES

THIS MEETING WAS CANCELLED

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on April 7, 2004.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2004

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

MEETING W/SAFETY COMMITTEE

Present at the April 7, 2004 9:00 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Hall and Watne, Human Resources Director Raeann Campbell, Solid Waste Director Dave Prunty, Animal Control Superintendent Richard Stockdale, Robin Boon, and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Discussion was held relative to resistance by Department heads to safety committee participation, request to give 5% credit to participating departments, committee will make presentation to department heads at budget meeting informing them of upcoming incentives and reductions for next year; commendation to Jed Fisher for responding to accident and taking charge and completing investigation.

MEETING W/JANAE SCHMAUTZ RE: YOUTH SHELTER

Present at the April 7, 2004 9:30 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Hall and Watne, Janae Schmutz, Geoff Birnbaum, Barbara McConnell, Susan Keller and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Discussion was held relative to possible auctioning or leasing of homestead place, need for appraisal.

MEETING W/GLEN CAMERON/MDOT RE: FOYS LAKE ROAD SPEED STUDY

Present at the April 7, 2004 10:00 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Hall and Watne, Glen Cameron and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Discussion was held relative to supplemental study of 35 mph speed limit, possible seasonal speed limit change.

10:00 a.m. Auction: 1146 S. Main House at the Justice Center

11:00 a.m. County Attorney meeting at the County Attorney's Office

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on April 8, 2004.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2004

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

MONTHLY MEETING W/FORREST SANDERSON, PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE

Present at the April 8, 2004 9:00 A.M. Meeting were Chairman Gipe, Commissioners Hall and Watne, and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Discussion was held relative to hiring another staff member and revenues to cover additional payroll; activity reports presented to Commissioners; Whitefish taking armory building and moving it into Urban Renewal District; Spruce Park violation by Seattle Corps of Engineers.

CONSIDERATION OF HRO TRANSMITTAL FORM: BLDG. MAINTENANCE WORKER 2/SOLID WASTE

Present at the April 8, 2004 9:30 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Hall and Watne, Human Resources Director Raeann Campbell, Solid Waste Superintendent Dave Prunty, and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Commissioner Watne reviewed a HR Transmittal form requesting reclassification of building maintenance worker 1 to building maintenance worker 2.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve transmittal form and authorize Chairman to sign. Commissioner Watne P.T. **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

MONTHLY MEETING W/RAEANN CAMPBELL, HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER

THIS MEETING DID NOT TAKE PLACE

OPEN BIDS: HELENA FLATS BIKE PATH & FARM TO MARKET BIKE PATH

Present at the April 8, 2004 10:00 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Hall and Watne, Planning & Zoning Director Forrest Sanderson, Deputy County Attorney Dennis Hester, Jeff Schmidt of Neil Consultants, Planner Peggy Goodrich, Michael Eichner of JTL Group, Terri Siefke and Steve Settle from Settle Service, Bob Warren from Schellinger Construction, and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Jeff Schmidt of Neil Consultants opened Bids for Farm to Market Bike path and secondly the Helena Flats Bike Path:

Farm to Market Bike Path

Schellinger Construction- \$129,753.
Settle Services- \$110,984.20
JTL Group- \$173,914.50

Helena Flats Bike Path

Settle Services-\$285,026.01
JTL Group- \$337,397.30
Sandon Construction-\$335,901.56

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to take the bids under advisement and refer them to the CTEP Committee for a recommendation. Commissioner Watne P.T. **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

MEETING W/KIRSTEN MILLER/GRANT WRITER CHARLIE JOHNSON/ROAD DEPT. RE: TSEP

Present at the April 8, 2004 10:15 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Hall and Watne, Grant Writer Kirsten Miller, Road Superintendent Charlie Johnson, Planning & Zoning Director Forrest Sanderson, and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Discussion was held relative to updates on being prepared for applications for grants and having engineering in place; consideration of establishing Capital Improvement plans; Conrad Connector request for grants; concern about Red Bridge replacement;

CONSIDERATION OF POSITION OPENINGS: MOWER/OPERATOR AND CUSTODIAN/WEED-PARKS-MAINTENANCE

Present at the April 8, 2004 10:45 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Hall and Watne, and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Commissioner Watne presented a letter from Weeds & Parks requesting A seasonal Mower/Operator for May-September and another Mower/Operator for May-August.

Commissioner Watne presented a memo from Weeds & Parks Director Jed Fisher requesting to let the Building Maintenance/Weed Workers begin working 4 ten-hour days and to open a seasonal Building Maintenance/Weed Worker from May-August.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve mower operator and custodian for the Weeds, Parks & Maintenance Department. Commissioner Watne P.T. **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve request from Weeds & Parks for 4 ten hours days and opening of seasonal Bldg. Maintenance/Weed Worker. Commissioner Watne P.T. **seconded** the motion. **Aye**- Watne and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

CONSIDERATION OF LIFTING LOAD LIMITS

Present at the April 8, 2004 10:45 A.M. Meeting were Commissioners Hall and Watne, and Clerk Eisenzimer.

Commissioner Watne reviewed a letter from the Road Department requesting that all load limits previously placed on county roads be lifted.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve the letter as presented. Commissioner Watne P.T. **seconded** the motion. **Aye** – Watne and Hall. Motion carried by quorum.

- 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Hall attended Republican Central Committee Meeting at Perkins**
- 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Hall attended AOA Board Meeting at Kalispell Senior Center**
- 4:00 p.m. Commissioner Hall attended Port Authority Meeting at First Citizens Bank**
- 7:30 p.m. Fair Board meeting at Fair Office.**

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on April 9, 2004.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2004

The Board of County Commissioners met in continued session at 8:00 o'clock A.M. Chairman Gipe, Commissioners Hall and Watne, 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 April 12, 2004.
