
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2007

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

COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED – PRESIDENTS' DAY

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock February 20, 2007.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2007

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

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

MONTHLY MEETING W/ JIM ATKINSON, AOA

[9:05:10 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman
Commissioner Gary D. Hall
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Others present:

Assistant Michael Pence, AOA Director Jim Atkinson, Clerk Diana Kile

Discussion was held relative to the armory, the development of the area plan for the state that is required every 4 years, car purchase and the electrical situation that is needs to be addressed at Meals on Wheels. It was reported that Burt Houser has been hired as the Eagle Operations lead manager. The parks operations lead position is currently being advertised.

MONTHLY MEETING W/ DEBBIE PIERSON, GRANT WRITER

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Members present:

Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman

Commissioner Gary D. Hall

Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Others present:

Assistant Michael Pence, Grant Writer Debbie Pierson, Clerk Diana Kile

Debbie Pierson reported that she has submitted her first federal grant for MOIA (Montana Land Information Act) through GIS. The request is for \$192,000 for the Montana State Address and Transportation Data Model, which will create a statewide master repository. It was stated that she has spent a great deal of time locating sources. Debbie then spoke about applying for The Assistance to Firefighters grant as well as a CAD grant that would be for \$800,000 to one million. Debbie then stated that she will be attending an AFG grant workshop in Missoula in March.

Discussion was then held in regards to the county being a regional dispatch center.

QUARTERLY JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY TOUR

Commissioner Brenneman and Lauman attended a tour of the Juvenile Detention Facility.

OPEN BIDS; PUP TRAILER & DIESEL PLOW TRUCK/ ROAD DEPT.

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Members present:

Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman

Commissioner Gary D. Hall

Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Others present:

Assistant Michael Pence, Clerk Diana Kile

No bids received.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT/ PROVIDE DISPATCH FOR WHITEFISH EMERGENCY SERVICES BETWEEN 3 A.M. AND 7 A.M.

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Members present:

Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman

Commissioner Gary D. Hall

Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Others present:

Assistant Michael Pence, County Attorney Jonathan Smith, Debbie Boreson, Clerk Diana Kile

Commissioner Lauman made a **motion** to approve the Interlocal Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Hall **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: HELENA FLATS NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN BYLAWS

[10:15:59 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman

Commissioner Gary D. Hall

Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Others present:

Assistant Michael Pence, County Attorney Jonathan Smith, Pat Wagner, Craig Wagner, Shirley Anderson, Pete Burkett, Clerk Diana Kile

Discussion was held relative to a statue that was taken out that did not apply and language was added to bylaws.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve the changes to Helena Flats Neighborhood Plan Bylaws. Commissioner Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: BIGFORK LAND USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS

[10:18:02 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman

Commissioner Gary D. Hall
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Others present:

Assistant Michael Pence, County Attorney Jonathan Smith, Planning & Zoning Director Jeff Harris, Pat Wagner, Craig Wagner, John Bourquin, Clerk Diana Kile

Discussion was held in regards to a statue that was taken out and the election deadline being changed.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve the document for the Bigfork Land Use Advisory Committee Bylaws. Commissioner Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: MISCELLANEOUS

[10:21:43 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman
Commissioner Gary D. Hall
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Others present:

Assistant Michael Pence, County Attorney Jonathan Smith, Clerk Diana Kile

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to appoint Patrick Mills to the Ashley Lake Land Use Advisory Committee. Commissioner Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lauman made a **motion** to appoint Mark W Norley to the Conrad Mansion Museum Board. Commissioner Hall **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to appoint Frank Sweeney to the Whitefish City County Planning Board. Commissioner Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY MEETING W/ MARK PECK, OES

This meeting was not held.

MEETING W/ JAMES FREYHOLTZ/ MDOT RE: SPEED STUDY REPORT ON U.S. 2

[10:26:22 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman
Commissioner Gary D. Hall
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Others present:

Assistant Michael Pence, James Freyholtz, Clerk Diana Kile

Discussion was held relative to the speed study done on U.S. Hwy 2, starting at the intersection of MT 35 and continuing north to the intersection of MT 40 in Columbia Falls. MDOT suggestion is to have the speed limit 45 MPH north of reserve to the tracks and to then have 55 MPH for a mile and a quarter, which would be north of Rose Crossing for the next half of mile and then to increase it back to 70 MPH. It was stated that the only one that can change the speed limit is the Transportation Commission.

MEETING W/ DAVE PRUNTY, SOLID WASTE DISTRICT RE: WEST GLACIER LANDFILL

[11:38:00 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman
Commissioner Gary D. Hall
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Others present:

Assistant Michael Pence, County Attorney Jonathan Smith, Solid Waste Director Dave Prunty, Weed & Parks Director Jed Fisher, Clerk Diana Kile

Discussion was held relative to the closure of the West Glacier landfill. The site was hydro-seeded last fall and is expected to need minimal clean up this spring. In November, 2006, the Solid Waste District Board passed a recommendation to the Commission that they would like to see the property remain county owned and have the Weed & Parks Department put in a low maintenance rest area, cross county ski area or picnic area.

Jed Fisher stated that the Weed & Parks Board does support turning the West Glacier landfill into a low maintenance park.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to keep the property under county ownership to be managed by the Weed & Parks Board in conjunction with Solid Waste. Commissioner Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hall amended his motion to keep the former West Glacier landfill site in county ownership to be managed initially by the Solid Waste Board in conjunction with the Weed & Parks Board for a couple of years and then to be managed by the Weed & Parks Board. Commissioner Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

12:30 a.m. Commissioner Brenneman to Flathead City-County Health Dept. Preview Tour of North Valley Hospital

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock February 21, 2007

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2007

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

MEETING W/ PAUL WILKENS, SENATOR BAUCUS' OFFICE RE: FUNDING FOR SECURE SCHOOL ACT

[9:49:07 AM](#)

Members present:

- Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman
- Commissioner Gary D. Hall

Members absent:

- Commissioner Dale W. Lauman

Others present:

- Assistant Michael Pence, Paul Wilkens, Kirby Campbell-Rierson, Clerk Diana Kile

Discussion was held relative to the Secure Rural School Act. Paul Wilkens reported that there will be a war supplemental bill coming sometime in March where there will be an immediate one year extension of the Secure Rural Schools Program attached to it that will be paid for with emergency funding. It was stated that many states want to re-work the funding distribution formula with Oregon getting a large share of the money. Montana receives approximately 13 million a year now for this program and if the formula is changed Montana would receive approximately 32 million. Also discussed was a Water Resources Development Act that possibly could authorize a study for a county wide waste water study.

PERSONNEL MATTER

[10:34:57 AM](#)

Members present:

- Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman
- Commissioner Dale W. Lauman
- Commissioner Gary D. Hall

Others present:

- Assistant Michael Pence, HR Supervisor Raeann Campbell, Clerk Diana Kile

Raeann Campbell spoke in regards to her contract with Flathead County.

MEETING W/ CHARLIE JOHNSON

[10:48:24 AM](#)

Members present:

- Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman
- Commissioner Dale W. Lauman
- Commissioner Gary D. Hall

Others present:

- Assistant Michael Pence, HR Supervisor Raeann Campbell, Road Department Superintendent Charlie Johnson, Clerk Diana Kile

Charlie Johnson spoke in regards to the mutual agreement between both parties.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to adopt a letter to Charlie Johnson not renewing his contract. Commissioner Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Lauman to RSVP Board meeting @ Heritage Place**
- 11:00 a.m. County Attorney meeting @ Co. Atty's Office**
- 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Brenneman to DUI Task Force meeting @ The Summit**

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock February 22, 2007

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2007

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

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

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

This meeting was not held.

PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDERATION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

9:15 AM

Members present:

Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman
Commissioner Gary D. Hall

Others present:

Assistant Michael Pence, Miral Gambradt, Sheriff Mike Meehan, Undersheriff Pete Wingert, 4-H Director Karole Sommerfield, Solid Waste Director Dave Prunty, Weed & Parks Directors Jed Fisher, Road & Bridge Department Ted Gilbertson and Guy Foy, IT Director Vicki Saxby, County Attorney Jonathan Smith, Treasurer Adele Krantz, Library Director Kim Crowley, AOA Director Jim Atkinson, Finance Director Laurel Raymond, Clerk & Recorder Paula Robinson, Planning & Zoning Director Jeff Harris, Vicki Eggum, Clerk Diana Kile

Miral Gambradt presented a power point presentation in regards to a Capital Improvement Plan for the county. The CIP that is being proposed is operational in nature and is intended to be a blueprint for capital spending for the next five years. It was stated that it is a plan and not an appropriations document.

Chairman Brenneman opened the Public Hearing to anyone wishing to speak in favor or opposition. No one rising to speak Chairman Brenneman closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to adopt Resolution #2017. Commissioner Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017

WHEREAS, Section 7-6-616, M.C.A., allows the Board of Commissioners to adopt capital improvement programs and funds;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, secured a grant to contract with a consultant to aid the County in the preparation of a Capital Improvement Plan;

WHEREAS, the various department heads and their staff members have worked with the contracted consultant to prepare a Capital Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the proposed Capital Improvement Plan, has conducted a public hearing concerning the proposed Capital Improvement Plan, has considered the information presented to it at that public hearing and has determined that the Capital Improvement Plan should be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, that the Capital Improvement Plan attached hereto is hereby adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Capital Improvement Plan will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Flathead County, Montana

By/s/Joseph D. Brenneman
Joseph D. Brenneman, Chairman

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

By/s/Dale W. Lauman
Dale W. Lauman, Member

ATTEST:

Paula Robinson, Clerk

By/s/Diana Kile
Deputy

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: CONTRACT FOR INVESTMENT GRADE ENERGY AUDIT/ JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC.

9:40:59 AM

Members present:

Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman
Commissioner Gary D. Hall

Others present:

Assistant Michael Pence, County Attorney Jonathan Smith, Weed & Parks Director Jed Fisher
Clerk Diana Kile

Discussion was held in regards to Johnson Controls doing an energy audit on county buildings to see if over a period of time they would save enough money on utilities to upgrade equipment.

Jed Fisher stated that there would be no funding requirement needed up front.

Commissioners Hall made a **motion** to approve the contract with Johnson Controls, Inc and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING W/ RIVERDALE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN GROUP

[9:43:26 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman
Commissioner Gary D. Hall

Others present:

Assistant Michael Pence, Planning & Zoning Director Jeff Harris, Planner Nicole Lopez-Stickney, Wally Coglin, Hank Galpin, Bob Parker, Jan Seller, Herb Koenig, Vonnie Koenig, Gary Krueger, R. Scott Hedstrom, Charles Jacquette, Clerk Diana Kile

Wally Coglín spoke in regards to the Riverdale Neighborhood Plan project that was started in January or February of 2005 and stated it is now February of 2007, with the application being turned in to the Planning Department in June of 2005. He spoke of his frustration after 2 years and would like to sit down and talk about some of the re-draft work that has been done. Coglín then spoke of putting the plan through with other subdivisions that came through at the same time under the existing 1987 Comprehensive Plan; that didn't happen so it was decided they would work under the new Growth Policy. It was then determined that they could not do it under the new Growth Policy, which put them in a time jam. When they brought it forth last summer to the commission with recommendations from the Planning Board they were told to take it back and have the Planning Board reconsider it and redraft parts of it before October 15, 2007. The date became impossible because of the Growth Policy issue and he then stated that from there the target kept moving. The first draft that was done privately at great expense was too specific in the sense that the document looked like a subdivision proposal or a subdivision and zoning proposal than a Growth Policy. After that was re-done the idea came back that it was not specific enough and they were told not to be so general in the policy to change it again. Basically what they have come up with after staff worked it over was a draft which the neighborhood has had a chance to go through and make changes, to get rid of specific things to make it more general. He then said there have been no public meetings or public hearing from the Planning Board as of yet.

Commissioner Brenneman stated that he feels that a lot of things that have happened in the process have to do with the timing.

Hank Galpin spoke of his concern in that the commission probably didn't know what was going on so it was decided that they would come directly to them. He stated that the definition of what a plan is has been difficult to pin down. After meeting with planning staff they were convinced to revise the plan and bring it back, and after working through it they have come up with a very generic plan. Galpin spoke about not being willing to give away open space and public access as landowners.

Bob Parker spoke in regards to his frustration being that they have just been trying to get a neighborhood plan that they are not trying to get any zoning or subdivisions through. He spoke of his responsibility to the county and community by bringing forth a good plan and hopes to set a standard by doing so and would like to keep going with the plan.

Hank Galpin stated that he is a farmer and has said over and over again at each hearing that he attends; farming is extremely difficult and most farmers are looking for an exit strategy with it being a mega economic trend that is over whelming them. He then spoke of his 5 neighbors that were farmers that have sold out or now operate gravel pits. He then stated that you sell your real estate, operate gravel pits or have deep pockets with farmers facing the end of farming in the valley. A plan that converts farm land to residential land is the way most of them are going and to have a plan from his stand point to enable him to position his family for the transition is what he would like to be able to have.

Charles Jacquette a farmer in the Creston area spoke about retiring and questioned what he would do with his land in terms of someone taking it over. He then stated that obviously most farmers do not have any one to take over or that would want to take over because of financial considerations with few having the knowledge, experience or financial backing to allow them to lease land and continue farming. It was then stated that agriculture is dead in the valley and going away. He spoke about not wanting to give land away for public access with set asides.

Herb Koenig spoke about a group of pictures that he has in his home that includes 5 generations of farming in this family. He spoke about agriculture being good to his family over the years and then stated it is a sad story when you see agriculture going out. It was then stated that part of his farm that he sold has now been subdivided and is part of the city.

Bonnie Koenig spoke of the hard time it has been for them to sell their land and stated that we have to work together. She also spoke of others not working together and feels that the process has been going on to long. She spoke of her hurt in not being able to plan for the future and is asking that the plan move ahead.

Scott Hedstrom spoke of a story about a dairy man that wanted to build a new milking barn. He decided he needed a new one since the old one was falling down, so he went to the people that should help him with the new milking parlor; the dairy planner, utter board and finally he would need permission from the dairy commissioners to make his whole plan work. Along the way he was told his parlor was too small that he should build it to milk elephants and there was even a time when they talked about milking 3 legged cows. Two years later he still is in the old parlor with nothing done and all he wanted was a plan. He wasn't building a parlor, he just wanted a plan. He then stated that all they want is a plan that nothing is being built yet.

Wally Coglín stated that the thoughts he feels the commission should have in light of what people are saying is the only positive thought left for agriculture. He then stated that he teaches sustainable natural resource management for the under graduate program at the University of Montana and has taught land use regulations also. The key to the equation is what you are hearing from them is that you are not going to save agriculture, but what you can probably save is agricultural opportunity in one shape or form, which is why he gave them subdivision regulations that were written for 4 other counties. He then also stated that when you subdivide land you save the opportunity to use the land for agriculture; don't save just the land that is a hollow promise, saving the land does not save the opportunity to produce with it. You have to save the opportunity and that is the key to the equation.

Jeff Harris spoke in regards to the Neighborhood Plan being an unfortunate situation where in they paid to have their plan put together, that the county staff should have offered as an incentive to develop a plan or program for a geographic area. He spoke of everyone's frustration in the timing and stated that in this situation it happened to back into a lot of other timing issues in the county. When the plan was first reviewed the plan was super specific in terms of providing details that contradicted zoning. On one hand what the plan had was zoning requirements overlaid on a zoning document that had its own set of regulations and that is not something that can be done in the planning world. He then stated that the neighbors are right, that he did asks them to remove that information and to deal with the plan from a planning context and let the implementation be through the zoning. They agreed to do that and that was one of the reasons the level of specificity was removed. In the terms of process it was an irregular Neighborhood Plan, but that it was their attempt to give them a plan to review and that step didn't happen. What the planning department is trying to do is to set them up in a better position, so that when they do transition out of farming they will have something to go to in addition to what they already have zoned. The details on the buffer area need to be discussed again and it was then stated that they would like the opportunity to meet with them again.

Nicole Lopez-Stickney stated that they met with the neighborhood group several times to take what had already been submitted and processed and turn that into the same document format that was being outlined in the growth policy draft. It was a draft that was at the planning board and they were trying to fit it into the goals, policies and guidelines that were in there. The goals and policies that are in the updated draft come from the original draft, public comment and the growth policy with them all being middle ground between a lot of it. Some of the goals and policies that have been removed in what they didn't like from this draft were in the original so some of that does need to be discussed. As far as the plan there is a large misunderstanding on whether this is a regulatory document and it was then stated this is a guidance document and that the map and policies included are just for guidance; for writing any implementation. It was then stated that there needs to be more discussion so that it is understood that whatever is in this plan is just for guidance, goals and policies.

Commissioner Hall spoke about things not being clear to others when it seems clear to us. It was stated that the timing issue has been off with it being a sensitive area and that it was unfortunate that the plan didn't go through and would like to see the process completed.

Jeff Harris stated that he would never push forward or support a plan that is not supported by the neighbors. He spoke of the scheduling that is needed to get the plan going and stated that they do need a draft that everyone agrees on and when they get to that point they can schedule the public workshop and public hearing.

Commissioner Lauman stated that he is a firm believer in Neighborhood Plans that work from the ground up with them having a basic good plan.

Commissioner Brenneman spoke about the timing of the plan with Flathead County going through a different administrator, commissioner and planning staff.

MEETING W/ CHARLIE JOHNSON RE: SIGNAGE

[10:38:53 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman
Commissioner Gary D. Hall

Others present:

Assistant Michael Pence, Ted Gilbertson, Guy Foy, Dianne Sande, Jim Mohn, Clerk Diana Kile

Discussion was held relative to the stop sign at the bottom of Springhill Road and the rationale as to why the sign was put up.

CONSIDERATION OF TRANSMITTAL: DEPUTY EMERGENCY COORDINATOR/OES

[11:02:33 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman
Commissioner Gary D. Hall

Others present:

Assistant Michael Pence, Myron Boulden, Clerk Diana Kile

Discussion was held relative to a Deputy OES Director.

Commissioner Lauman made a **motion** to approve the HR Transmittal for the addition of a new position and for re-classification of a job description. Commissioner Hall **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF FORMATION OF COUNTY INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

[11:28:33 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman
Commissioner Gary D. Hall

Others present:

Assistant Michael Pence, OES Director Mike Peck, County Attorney Jonathan Smith, Myron Boulden, Clerk Diana Kile

Commissioner Lauman made a **motion** to adopt resolution #1741A . Commissioner Hall **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

WHEREAS, at the direction of the President, the federal government, through the Department of Homeland Security, has promulgated the National Incident Management System (NIMS);

WHEREAS, State and local agencies must adopt the NIMS to receive Federal preparedness assistance (through grants, contracts and other activities).

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, adopted the National Incident Management System as promulgated by the Department of Homeland Security on August 26, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that Flathead County should develop a Flathead County Interagency Incident Management Team (IMT), that will meet the recommended Department of Homeland Security, National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidelines and standards for training and performance.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, that the Office of Emergency Services of Flathead County shall develop a Flathead County Interagency Incident Management Team (IMT), that will meet the recommended Department of Homeland Security, National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidelines and standards for training and performance, by 1 July, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the team may consist of both county and city officials, city and county law enforcement officials, rural and city fire departments, EMS responders, citizens at large, as well as state and federal responders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the team will be developed in partnership with Montana State University's Fire Services Training School, Department of Homeland Security and emergency response organizations from throughout Flathead County.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Flathead County, Montana

By /s/Joseph D. Brenneman
Joseph D. Brenneman, Chairman

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

By /s/Dale W. Lauman
Dale W. Lauman, Member

ATTEST:
Paula Robinson, Clerk

By /s/Diana Kile
Deputy

FINAL PLAT: ORPHAN ANNER SUBDIVISION

[11:14:56 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman
Commissioner Gary D. Hall

Others present:

Assistant Michael Pence, Planner Annie Thompson, Joe Kauffman, Clerk Diana Kile

Lopez-Stickney reviewed the application submitted by Roger and Marilyn Williams with technical assistance from Big Sky Surveying for Final Plat approval of Orphan Anner Subdivision, a subdivision creating 2 residential lots. This property is located at 3059 Trumble Creek Road, just west of US Hwy 2. Preliminary Plat approval was granted October 10, 2006, subject to 13 conditions. Staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve Final Plat of Orphan Anner Subdivision. Commissioner Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF DRAFT SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS ADOPTION SCHEDULE

[11:33:06 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman
Commissioner Gary D. Hall

Others present:

Planning & Zoning Director Jeff Harris, Assistant Planning & Zoning Director B J Grieve, County Attorney Peter Steele, Clerk Diana Kile

Discussion was held relative to the Flathead County Subdivision Regulations tentative adoption schedule. According to Montana state law when a growth policy has been adopted, the subdivision regulations must be made in accordance with that document. If there is a delay the planning department will not be able to process subdivision applications.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to adopt the schedule. Commissioner Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS 2007

[11:52:17 AM](#)

Members present:

- Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman
- Commissioner Dale W. Lauman
- Commissioner Gary D. Hall

Others present:

- Planning & Zoning Director Jeff Harris, Assistant Planning & Zoning Director B J Grieve, County Attorney Peter Steele, Clerk Diana Kile

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to authorize the publication of the Notice of Public Hearing for subdivision regulations and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FLATHEAD COUNTY SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

The Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, hereby gives notice, in accordance with Section 76-3-503, M.C.A., that the Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed revision of the Flathead County Subdivision Regulations, adopted pursuant to Section 76-3-501, et seq., M.C.A.

The proposed Flathead County Subdivision Regulations are available for public inspection at the Office of the Clerk and Recorder, Courthouse, 800 South Main, Kalispell, Montana, and at the Flathead County Planning and Zoning Office, 1035 1st Avenue West, Kalispell, Montana. It is also available on-line at the Flathead County Planning and Zoning Department's page on the Flathead County website.

The public hearing will be held on the 28th day of March, 2007, at 3:00 o'clock, p.m., at the Earl Bennett Conference Room, 1035 1st Avenue West, Kalispell, Montana. At the hearing the Board of Commissioners will give members of the public an opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed revision to the Flathead County Subdivision Regulations.

DATED this 22 day of February, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Flathead County, Montana

By /s/Joseph D. Brenneman
Joseph D. Brenneman, Chairman

ATTEST:
Paula Robinson, Clerk

By /s/Diana Kile
Deputy

Publish on March 4 and March 11, 2007.

4:00 p.m. Long Range Planning Task Force Land Use Committee meeting @ Solid Waste District Office
5:00 p.m. Commissioner Hall to 2005 Travel Rules for Spotted Bear Ranger District @ North Valley Community Center

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock February 23, 2007

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2007

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

8:00 a.m. Commissioner Brenneman to Tour of Kalispell Water Tower/ NTIP Radio Site

PRESENTATION OF RECORDING SOFTWARE SELECTION W/ PAULA ROBINSON

[10:07:37 AM](#)

Members present:

- Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman
- Commissioner Dale W. Lauman
- Commissioner Gary D. Hall

Others present:

- Assistant Michael Pence, Clerk & Recorder Paula Robinson, Recorders Preservation Manager Jan Hardesty, I.T.

Director Vicki Saxby, Treasurer Adele Krantz, Finance Director Laurel Raymond, Larry Johnson, Megan Hall, Ashley Bradford, Clerk Diana Kile

Discussion was held in regards to the software needs for the Clerk & Records Office and the process in making the decision in which software company would be best for the county. It was stated that the software committee has made the decision to go with CSA.

PERSONNEL MATTER

[10:28:01 AM](#)

Members present:

Chairman Joseph D. Brenneman
Commissioner Dale W. Lauman
Commissioner Gary D. Hall

Others present:

Assistant Michael Pence, Weed & Parks Director Jed Fisher, Solid Waste Director Dave Prunty, Fairgrounds Jay Scott, HR Director Raeann Campbell, RSVP Director Bobbie Kelly, Animal Control Director Richard Stockdale, AOA Director Jim Atkinson, Clerk Diana Kile

Commissioner Lauman made a **motion** to approve Jed Fisher's contract. Commissioner Hall **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve Dave Prunty's contract. Commissioner Lauman seconded the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lauman made a **motion** to approve Jay Scott's contract. Commissioner Hall **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hall made a **motion** to approve Raeann Campbell's contract. Commissioner Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held in regards to Bobbie Kelly's contract with the intentions to move her position to a program manager under AOA.

Commissioner Lauman made a **motion** to sign the letter today that would not approve Bobbie Kelly's contract. Commissioner Hall **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lauman made a **motion** to approve Jim Atkinson's contract. Commissioner Hall **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman, Hall and Lauman. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Brenneman made a **motion** stating that Richard Stockdale's contract will not be renewed. Commissioner Lauman **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Brenneman and Lauman **Opposed** - Hall Motion carried by quorum.

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock February 26, 2007
